



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 5, 2022

Re: Sidewalk Master Plan Update – Public Hearing (Case #290-2022)

Executive Summary

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission and staff have prepared an updated Sidewalk Master Plan for the City of Columbia. The Plan provides guidance and prioritization relating to the installation of public sidewalk improvements throughout the city. The Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission as well as the Planning and Zoning Commission. Per past practice, a public hearing is to be held to allow the public to offer additional comments not received to-date relating to the updated Master Plan. A separate agenda item, seeking to have the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan adopted by ordinance is being introduced concurrently on the December 5 Council agenda.

Discussion

The City has maintained a Sidewalk Master Plan since 1976, with updates in 1981, 1996, 1997 and 2007. The intent of the plan is to prioritize potential sidewalk projects where sidewalks do not exist. The Master Plan further assists the staff and City Council in identifying and applying for grant-eligible projects, and provides assistance in making capital budgeting decisions by identifying the most critical sidewalk improvements and construction locations throughout the City. The existing Plan was approved by the City Council in April, 2013. It contained 41 projects.

Ten projects from the 2013 Master Plan have been completed or are funded/in process. Another Master Plan project was rejected by the City Council and is no longer listed. The estimated total cost of implementation for the 2022 plan update project listing is \$24,670,080.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission conducted numerous meetings reviewing the proposed updated to the Sidewalk Master Plan. The Commission gave their approval to a revised project list for the Plan in April, 2022. A number of projects were added to the Plan at the Commission's request.

The Disabilities Commission reviewed the proposed Master Plan project listing at their June 9, 2022 meeting. While they had no specific requests for additions or edits, they did express an interest in being involved in setting project priorities for the Plan. The Public Transit and Advisory Commission also reviewed the Master Plan. They had no suggestions for additions, but did express their endorsement for those projects that are on the CoMO transit system routes.

The Sidewalk Master Plan was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their August 4 and August 18 work sessions. The Commission made one suggestion for a project



addition (Worley Street, West Blvd to Garth Avenue, north side) to the plan. This suggestion was reviewed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission at their September 21 meeting and following discussion a motion was made and approved unanimously to add the suggested project to the draft Plan.

At their October 20, 2022 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Sidewalk Master Plan update. No one from the public spoke at the hearing. After discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Plan update as presented.

The Sidewalk Master Plan and appendices are attached for review. The Sidewalk Master Plan appendices include a map of the projects and a project listing. The project listing includes the ratings matrix used to determine the priority ranking of each project, the scope of the project, and its estimated cost of construction. The Planning and Zoning Commission staff report and October 20, 2022 meeting minute excerpts will be attached to the Council's December 5 agenda under separate cover along with the request for formal adoption of the Master Plan by ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Inclusive Community

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
11/21/22	Set public hearing on Sidewalk Master Plan update (R180-22)
04/01/13	Approval of the Sidewalk Master Plan (Case 13-46 - Public Hearing Item C)
03/07/07	Approval of the 2007 Sidewalk Master Plan (Ord. 19439)

Suggested Council Action

Hold a public hearing on the updated Sidewalk Master Plan.