

**AGENDA REPORT  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING  
October 20, 2022**

**SUMMARY**

Proposed 2022 Update to Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (**Case #290-2022**)

**DISCUSSION**

The City has maintained a Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP) since 1976, with updates in 1981, 1996, 1997 and 2007. The intent of the SMP 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 SMP have been completed or are funded/in process. Another SMP 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 has worked with the public, staff, and the Planning and Zoning Commission to prepare an updated draft for consideration by the Council. The proposed update contains 40 projects, including a number of them which have been carried over from the 2013 plan.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission began review of the SMP in early 2020. Due to COVID interruptions and the resulting canceled meetings, the Commission's review was delayed for some time. After numerous meetings reviewing the proposed revised project listing for the 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 SMP 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 Planning & Zoning Commission previously reviewed the SMP at their August 4 and August 18 work sessions. At their review, a Commission member suggested the addition of a sidewalk on the north side of Worley Street, from West Boulevard to Banks Avenue, and requested that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission (BPC) consider this project for addition.

At their September 21, 2022 meeting, the BPC reviewed the suggested project for addition. After consideration, the BPC voted on a motion to include a revised version of the project to the SMP. Specifically, to fill in additional sidewalk gaps, the BPC approved the suggested project but extended it further east to Garth Avenue. The proposed new project listed is Worley Street, north side, West Boulevard to Garth Avenue in the revised draft SMP.

The proposed Sidewalk Master Plan is attached. The appendices includes a map of the projects, along with a project listing. The project listing includes the ratings matrix used to determine the priority ranking of each project, as well as the scope of the project and the estimated cost of construction.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the proposed Sidewalk Master Plan update.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (ATTACHED)**

- Proposed 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan Update
- 2022 Draft Sidewalk Master Plan

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