



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Re: 2023 Sidewalk Master Plan (Case #108-2023) - Public Hearing

Executive Summary

At the February 6, 2023 Council meeting, the Council passed a resolution setting a public hearing for consideration of the proposed 2023 Sidewalk Master Plan update.

Following Council direction, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission's reviewed the potential addition of Ballenger Lane to the Sidewalk Master Plan project list. After review, the Commission approved a motion to recommend that the Ballenger project be added to the Sidewalk Master Plan.

Discussion

At their meeting of January 18, 2023, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission reviewed the request by City Council to consider amending the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP) by adding Ballenger Lane (formerly State Route PP) to the project list.

The Commission held extensive discussion on the potential addition of the project. Staff reports provided included a 2007 Council report on the need for a sidewalk along Ballenger, as well as an estimated cost update for 2023. Ballenger Lane scores six points on the priority ratings matrix which places it in the higher priority category. Members had concerns with the high estimated project cost (more than \$5 million for both sides, based on a 2007 estimate adjusted for inflation), and noted that several smaller projects could be done for the funding needed for the Ballenger sidewalk project implementation. Staff noted that the Ballenger Lane area was underserved by sidewalks and a Ballenger Lane sidewalk would connect to existing sidewalks on Mexico Gravel and Clark Lane. Commissioners also considered that the inclusion of a street on the Sidewalk Master Plan would be an additional argument against granting future developer requests for sidewalk waivers.

After further discussion on potential options for their recommendation to City Council, the Commission passed a motion (8-1) to: Add Ballenger Lane (entire length, Clark Lane to Mexico Gravel Road) to the Sidewalk Master Plan project list, specifically as an 8' pedway on one side of the street only, and that a revised project cost estimate be prepared for the construction of that specific option. (The relatively high cost estimate was the reason cited by the commissioner voting "no.")

A new cost estimate was prepared by staff in February 2023 for the Ballenger Lane project and is included in the 2023 Plan update. Due to the physical constraints of the road corridor, the optimal way of addressing sidewalks is to reconstruct the entire roadway cross section.



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This would include turn lanes, bicycle lanes, curb and gutter, 8' pedway on one side, and 5' sidewalk on the other side. The estimated project cost for this treatment is \$8,232,980.

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
2/6/2023	Setting a public hearing: consider a proposed amendment to the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan to consider adding Ballenger Lane to the project list (R12-23)
12/19/2022	City Council adoption of the 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (B339-22)
12/5/2022	City Council Public Hearing on 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (PH38-22)
12/5/2022	City Council Introduction and First Reading (B339-22)
11/21/2022	Set Public Hearing on 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (R180-22)

Suggested Council Action

Hold a public hearing on the proposed 2023 Sidewalk Master Plan update.