

From: Roger Caffrey <rrcaffrey@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 3, 2021 at 10:46 AM
Subject: [PubW]: Re: sidewalk -- audubon
To: <pubw@como.gov>

Audubon Drive Sidewalk Project.

The proposed sidewalk would run along the west side of Audubon Drive on those Quail Park properties facing the street. I strongly oppose this project. It is not needed and a waste of taxpayer money....as well as something that will tear-up property along the west side of the street for no good reason. While this project may not directly affect your property, I encourage you to join us in fighting this project. My case....

It is not needed since a good sidewalk already exists along the east side of the street along the Sheppard School parking lot and grass area and extends southernly all the way to Stadium Blvd. . And the foot traffic on that sidewalk is very light most of the time. There are crosswalks on each end of the block that are manned by crossing guards at the beginning and end of each school day. Some cars use the east side of the street for the delivery and pickup of children as well as the south side of Sheppard Blvd. Very Rarely is the west side of the street used for that purpose. The current system is orderly and seems to work well. The addition of a sidewalk on the west side of Audubon Dr. may in fact encourage the dropping of children on the west side creating more a traffic jam than already exists by narrowing the amount of clear street space, reducing the turning capacity of school buses exiting the parking lot, and by increasing the potential of having children jaywalking rather than using the crossing points at each end of the street.

The major population area in our neighborhood is located west of Audubon Drive. The access areas (streets) to the School and Audubon Dr. are Meadowlark....Which does not have a sidewalk on either side of the street, The largest foot traffic street Sheppard Blvd. which has one sidewalk along the southern side of the street and no sidewalk on the northern side of that street.,,,,and for western few blocks of Sheppard Blvd, there is no sidewalk on either side of the street. As a comparison, if you drive around Columbia you will see that many major traffic streets either have no sidewalks,one sidewalk, or stretches that have a sidewalk broken-up with stretches without a sidewalk. In-short, there would seem to be better places to use the funds.

And as a personal....practical matter. The City requires that sidewalks be cleared (from snow) which increases the effort and cost of the property owner as well as increases the potential liability from someone slipping and falling.

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On Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 7:28 PM Harrison, Herman <HarrisonH@missouri.edu> wrote:

Roger Caffrey and myself were only folks at tonight's informal open house show and tell regarding proposed side walk along west side of Audubon.

I am sending this email to those on Audubon who are associated with Quail Park. Mail comments (questions, for, against, etc) to

Elizabeth Farr
Public Works – Engineering Division
City of Columbia
PO Box 6015
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Or Email to

pubw@como.gov (be sure to include “Audubon Drive Sidewalk Project” in the subject by October 12, 2021

Herman Harrison

From: Mary Alice <harley_sunshine@hotmail.com>

Date: Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 11:03 AM

Subject: [PubW]: Audubon Drive Sidewalk Project

To: <pubw@como.gov>

Attention: Elizabeth Farr
Public Works — Engineering Division

I am a property owner where the proposed sidewalk will be located. I strongly OPPOSE this sidewalk

1. We already have a sidewalk on the east side of Audubon from Shepard Blvd south. This additional sidewalk on the west side of Audubon will cause a traffic congestion problem involving Shepard Boulevard School pickup time for parents and Audubon Traffic passing through with no involvement of school students. And, school buses turning out of Shepard School parking lots onto Audubon

2 There are a number of streets running parallel to Audubon that have no sidewalks (such as Bob-O-Link, Pheasant Run, Falcon. etc)

3 Many citizens in this area walk for exercise and have to walk in the street for lack of sidewalks And this also involves the students of Shepard Boulevard School walking to and from school

4 The expense of this proposed sidewalk on Audubon Dr is not the best use of public money when so many streets in this area have no sidewalks

Please take the above into consideration and reevaluate the sense of the project. I feel whoever had this idea is not familiar or involved with this area

Thank you
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From: **John Besser** <jbesser1@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 10:51 AM
Subject: [PubW]: Audubon Drive sidewalk project
To: <pubw@gocolumbiamo.com>

Note to: Elizabeth Farr or Allison Anderson

We were unfortunately unable to attend the interested parties meeting for the Audubon Drive sidewalk project in September. The planned sidewalk will cross our front yard at 1305 Audubon Dr.

We have just a couple comments to share:

1. We are very supportive of this project and we think it is long overdue to improve pedestrian safety in our neighborhood
2. In looking at the preliminary designs, we were concerned about the fate of the large sycamore tree in our front yard. This tree was labeled with an 'X' in the figure, which seems to indicate that this tree may be removed. This is a very large and valuable tree and it would be costly to remove. I estimate the trunk of this tree is 12-13 feet from the curb and the sidewalk would extend 6 feet from the curb. I hope you can reassure us that removal of this tree will not be required.

Sincerely,

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From: **Paul Huesgen**, Phone number: (573)268-4754
Date: Frid, Oct 29, 2021 at 11:45 AM
Subject: [PubW]: Audubon Drive sidewalk project

Paul sent a message requesting a call with someone in regards to the Audubon Dr. sidewalk project. I, Elizabeth Farr, called Paul to discuss the project. Paul is a property owner who lives at 2515 Meadow Lark Lane, his driveway goes out into Audubon Dr. Paul is very against this project. He wanted to know how this project came about and why we would want to spend all this money when they already have a sidewalk on the east side of Audubon. He doesn't believe it is well thought out and won't be safe once it's all said and done. Right now, all the parents line up in their cars on the east side of Audubon, where there is sidewalk, and is afraid if we put a sidewalk on the west side, parents will also park there and cause congestion and have kids crossing the street all over the place. Paul also mentioned that some of his neighbors don't have a very deep yard and putting in this sidewalk will take up half they their yard. Paul believes it would be better do put some sort of traffic calming along this street and to put sidewalk around the school side where there is none. Paul said he plans to voice these concerns at the public hearing and will also encourage his neighbors, who are also against this project, to go to the public hearing to voice their opinions as well.