



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 6, 2023

Re: Setting a public hearing: Amending the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (Case #290-22) to add Ballenger Lane as a project

## Executive Summary

Attached is a resolution setting a public hearing for March 6, 2023 to consider an amendment to the adopted 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan. Following Council direction, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission's reviewed the proposed addition of Ballenger Lane to the Sidewalk Master Plan project list. After review, the Commission did approve 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 give consideration to amending the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP) by adding Ballenger Lane (which is 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.")

## 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
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

Approval of the resolution setting the public hearing for March 6, 2022. (The ordinance amending the plan will be introduced on February 20, 2023 and the public hearing, second reading and vote would occur on March 6, 2023)