



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 21, 2022

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

Executive Summary

Approval of this request would set December 5, 2022, as the date for a public hearing on the 2022 update to the Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP). The intent of the SMP is to prioritize potential sidewalk projects where sidewalks do not exist and aids in identifying and applying for grant-eligible projects as well as in making capital budgeting decisions by identifying the most critical sidewalk improvements and construction locations throughout the City. The Plan was previously updated in 2013 and contained 41 total projects.

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 aids the staff and City Council in identifying and applying for grant-eligible projects as well as 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.

Given the Sidewalk Master Plan is similar to other master plans (i.e. the Comprehensive Plan, Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Integrated Resources Master Plan, etc.) for infrastructure within the City for which public hearings are held and given prior practice, a public hearing before the final adoption of the updated plan is appropriate.

The preparation of the plan has engaged several boards and commissions throughout 2022. Of the boards and commissions engaged, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission took the lead in discussing the contents of the document as is outlined in their Duties and Responsibilities. Additionally, the Disabilities Commission, Public Transit Advisory Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the updated plan offering comments at their June 9, May 17, and August 4 & 18 meetings, respectively. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed plan at their October 20, 2022 meeting as has been past practice.

The updated plan includes a total of 40 projects (31 from the 2013 SMP and 9 new). The estimated cost to implement those projects is \$24,670,080. Ten projects from the 2013 SMP have been completed or are funded/in process. Another 2013 SMP project was rejected by the City Council and is no longer listed.



A copy of the proposed Sidewalk Master Plan is attached for review. The appendices to the Plan include 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.

The full Planning and Zoning Commission staff report and meeting minute excerpts will be provided with the Council Report accompanying the December 5, 2022 public hearing documents.

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
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

Set December 5, 2022 as the date for a public hearing on the adoption of the 2022 updated Sidewalk Master Plan for the City of Columbia.