

Narrative: Sidewalk Master Plan Current State

The Sidewalk Master Plan represents a prioritized backlog of requests for the construction of new sidewalk projects to be built when funding is available. Repairs to existing sidewalks are not included in the Sidewalk Master Plan.

The most recent Sidewalk Master Plan is found at:

<https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/approved-2024-columbia-sidewalk-master-plan.pdf> See p. 21 for the concise summary of Sidewalk Master Plan project, including cost estimates and rating criteria.

1. Requests for amendments¹ to the Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP) are received from the following sources:
 - a. Citizen
 - b. City Council
 - c. Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission
 - d. City staff
 - e. Other Commissions
 - f. Homeowner associations (HOAs)
 - g. Neighborhood associations
2. Requests for amendments may be received in various ways:
 - a. Citizens may call 573-874-7243 to request to speak to a staff person about the Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP).
 - b. By using the City's "Report an Issue" tool found at: <https://www.como.gov/city-managers-office/report-an-issue/>
 - c. A citizen or City Council member attends a meeting of Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission (BPC) to request the BPC consider recommending a project addition. The BPC then adds the request to a future BPC meeting agenda for formal consideration. If the BPC votes to recommend to the City Council that the project be added to the SMP, Planning Division staff will prepare a City Council report on the request.
 - d. Citizen submits a request for an SMP amendment in writing to City Council member or Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission. Once received by the BPC, the membership considers the project and votes on whether to recommend to the City Council that the project be added.
3. Once the BPC completes their review:
 - a. The Planning Division of the Community Development Department does a rough cost estimate, including determining whether right-of-way is available.

¹ An amendment to the Sidewalk Master Plan may contain 1 or more sidewalk projects.

- b. The Planning Division sends an initial report to the City Council articulating the request for a proposed SMP amendment.
- c. The City Council votes whether to schedule a public hearing on the request, and if approved, a public hearing is scheduled for a future Council agenda.
- d. After the public hearing, if the SMP amendment is approved, the Planning Division of the Community Development Department adds the project to the SMP, including assigning a Priority Matrix Rating to the proposed project, and does any updates needed to the financial information and other elements of the SMP. At this point, the amendment process is complete.

Exception Processes:

1. Improvements for sidewalks on MODOT roads are the responsibility of the MODOT Central District rather than the City of Columbia.