

Council Memo

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 17, 2026

Re: Setting a public hearing for the proposed construction of the Providence Road and Blue Ridge Road Roundabout project.

Impacted Ward: Ward 2

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution setting a public hearing for September 21, 2026 for the proposed construction of the Providence Road and Blue Ridge Road Roundabout project. An interested parties meeting was held on June 17, 2026. The total project cost estimate for this project (design, easements, and construction) is \$1,160,000.

Discussion

The Providence Road and Blue Ridge Road Roundabout project will replace and improve the existing 4-way stop intersection of Providence Road and Blue Ridge road, located in north Columbia.

This project will include the following sidewalk improvements:

- Construction of a single lane, 124-foot diameter roundabout. The roundabout will improve safety by slowing the speed through the intersection and by removing the conflicting turning and left turning movements.
- Construction of 8-foot sidewalk, with grass strips, and splitter islands for safer alternatives for pedestrians to cross both Providence Road and Blue Ridge Road to the adjoining subdivision.
- Storm drainage and other utilities will be relocated/reconstructed.
- The roundabout will accommodate commercial vehicles and school buses.
- Street lights will be installed to illuminate pedestrians, bikes and vehicles.

Two permanent sidewalk easements and two temporary construction easements are expected to be needed on the southwest corner of the intersection to construct the proposed improvements. Right of ways on the other 3 corners are already available. An interested parties meeting was held on June 17, 2026. No applicable comments were received regarding the project. Thirteen citizens attended the meeting and the citizens were generally in favor of the project.



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The estimated total project cost (design, easements, and construction) is \$1,160,000. The project will be funded with the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in summer of 2028.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project estimate is \$1,160,000 and will be funded with the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Community, Tertiary Impact: Resilient Economy

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

Legislative History

Date	Action
06/17/2026	Interested Parties Meeting

Suggested Council Action

Adopt the resolution setting a public hearing September 21, 2026 for the proposed construction of the Providence Road and Blue Ridge Road Roundabout.