



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 18, 2024

Re: Report: Summary of costs for the Ash Street Improvement project, information and costs for improvements between Garth Ave and First St/Park Ave.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council information a report outlining the design and construction costs for the Ash Street improvements, costs to add the section of Ash St from Garth Ave to First St/Park Ave and information on why this section was removed from the project construction. This information was requested at the October 21, 2024 council meeting.

Discussion

The Ash Street improvement project was initiated following the passage of the quarter-cent sales tax proposition in August 2015 which allocated funds for capital improvement projects related to streets and sidewalks. The Ash Street improvement project was originally listed as a stop removal project at the intersections of Clinkscapes, Pershing, West, and Garth at a cost of \$2,600,000.

The public engagement process for this project included two interested parties meeting and two "walk-throughs". At each of these meetings, the potential project improvements considered were pedestrian/bicycle improvements or intersection improvements; with the acknowledgment that both cannot be completed within the budget. From comments received throughout the public engagement process, the pedestrian/bicycle improvement concept plans included an 8' wide continuous pedway along the north side of Ash Street, a 5' wide continuous sidewalk along the south side of Ash Street, a bike lane along the south side of Ash Street, and midblock pedestrian crossings at Redwood Rd, Anderson Ave, and Aldeah Ave. The intersection improvement concept plans included roundabouts or enhanced stop control at Garth Ave, at West Blvd and at Clinkscapes Rd. At the public hearing, staff recommended moving forward with the pedestrian/bicycle improvements based on public input from the public engagement process. It was noted at the public hearing that project budget constraints may limit the construction of the entire project at one time and part of the project may need to be constructed in a future phase. Council voted to move forward with the pedestrian/bicycle improvements as were proposed in the concept plans.

With the development of the preliminary plans and right-of-way plans, an updated cost estimate was completed for the project. At that time, it was determined that construction of the project for the entire length of Clinkscapes Rd to Providence Rd was out of the budget range for this project. Therefore, the design team decided to remove the section of improvements between Garth Ave and Providence Road. It was decided to remove this section from the project because there are existing continuous sidewalks and bike lanes on



both sides of this roadway section. The engineering consultant will complete the design for this section such that it can be completed as a future project.

It should be noted that \$970,428 (Ordinance #024247, Ordinance #025241) has been already transferred into this project from savings from other completed CIP projects resulting in an increase of the project budget to \$3,570,428. The engineering design for this project is \$547,700. The easement acquisition and construction cost estimate for the improvements between Clinkscates Rd and Garth Ave is \$2,961,600. Therefore, in solely completing the construction of improvements between Clinkscates Rd and Garth Ave, the total estimated project cost is \$3,509,300. The estimated easement acquisition and construction cost to complete the improvements between Garth Ave and First St/Park Ave would be an additional \$237,300.

Staff is currently working on the easement descriptions and diagrams for the improvements between Clinkscates Rd and Garth Ave. There are 143 properties that staff will need to acquire easements from and it has been a very time-consuming process to describe the easements and draft the diagrams. The improvements between Garth Ave and First St/Park Ave will require the drafting of easement descriptions and diagrams for 18 additional properties.

To include the Ash Street improvements between Garth Ave and First St/Park Ave in the project construction, an additional \$200,000 will need to be transferred into the project from other sources. If Council would like to add this section of the project, staff recommends first moving forward with the request for easement acquisition between Clinkscates Rd and Garth Ave and once that acquisition is underway, staff would bring forward the request for easement acquisition for the additional 18 properties.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Addition cost needed for easement acquisition and construction of project.

Long-Term Impact: Sidewalks to be maintained by adjacent property owners.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Legislative History

Date	Action
01/17/2023	REP3-23 Summary of Steps for the Design and Construction of the Ash Street Improvements.
12/19/2022	R200-22 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for professional engineering services with Bartlett & West, Inc. for Phase 2 design services relating to nonmotorized/pedestrian and intersection improvements along Ash Street, between Providence Road and Clinkscates Road.
10/17/2022	PH32-22 Proposed construction of improvements on Ash Street between Providence Road and Clinkscates Road.
09/19/2022	R133-22 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements on Ash Street between Providence Road and Clinkscates Road.
11/01/2021	R172-21 Authorizing an agreement for professional services with Barlett & West, Inc. for design services relating to nonmotorized/pedestrian and intersection improvements along Ash Street, between Providence Road and Clinkscates Road

Suggested Council Action

For information only.