



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 20, 2023

Re: Setting a public hearing for the construction of the Greek Town Sidewalk Improvement project.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution setting a public hearing for July 17, 2023 for the construction of new sidewalk, repair of existing sidewalk, and replacement of curb ramps in Greek Town along Rollins Street, Burnam Avenue, Kentucky Boulevard, Curtis Avenue, Richmond Avenue, and Tiger Avenue near the University of Missouri campus. The Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held on August 10, 2022. The total construction cost estimate for this project is \$334,200 with 50% of funding coming from property owners. The City's match of \$167,100 comes from the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program tax.

Discussion

At the November 1, 2021 Council meeting, representatives from the University of Missouri Fraternity & Sorority Life's Panhellenic Association Accessibility Committee presented a cost-share proposal to complete the construction of new sidewalk, repair of existing sidewalk, and replacement of curb ramps along Rollins Street, Burnam Avenue, Kentucky Boulevard, Curtis Avenue, Richmond Avenue, and Tiger Avenue.

The Panhellenic Association Accessibility Committee strives to make student life more inclusive by increasing accessibility for students with disabilities. Consisting of 18 liaisons from 13 chapters, the committee meets biweekly to promote accessibility within the 15 PHA-member sororities at MU. This Council presentation was a follow-up to previous conversations between the City and MU's Department of Campus Facilities. This area is adjacent to the University of Missouri campus and is known as Greek Town due to the properties mainly consisting of fraternities and sororities.

The project will include the following:

- Constructing new sidewalk along Curtis Avenue where there are sidewalk gaps.
- Repairing existing sidewalk sections and curb ramps that are not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act along Rollins Street, Burnam Avenue, Kentucky Boulevard, Curtis Avenue, Richmond Avenue, and Tiger Avenue.
- All new sidewalks will be 5-ft wide with those at back-of-curb being 6-ft wide.

The interested parties meeting was held on August 10, 2022. Nineteen citizens signed in as attending the meeting and two written comments were received. Comments were generally in favor of the project. Six permanent sidewalk easements and two temporary construction easements have been donated to complete the construction of the project. Construction for the project is anticipated to be completed during the summer of 2024.



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The construction estimate for the improvements is \$334,200. The project will be funded through a 50% cost share between the City and the University of Missouri. The City will fund its portion of the cost share from the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City's estimated contribution for the project cost share is \$167,100 and will be funded from the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program (CIP) sales tax.

Long-Term Impact: Per ordinance, sidewalk is to be maintained by the adjacent property owner.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
11/1/2021	Scheduled Public Comment. Alexis Stockwell and Malori Chrisman - Sidewalks in Mizzou's Greek Town in terms of accessibility barriers and a request for a plan of action for their repair. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5199165&GUID=734404E0-D5C3-48F8-92BA-3D6D584549B7&Options=ID Text &Search=Greek

Suggested Council Action

Adopt the resolution setting a public hearing for July 17, 2023 for the construction of new sidewalk, repair of existing sidewalk, and replacement of curb ramps along Rollins Street, Burnam Avenue, Kentucky Boulevard, Curtis Avenue, Richmond Avenue, and Tiger Avenue.