



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Re: Public hearing: 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan Amendment #2 (Case #144-2024)

Executive Summary

At the April 16, 2024 Council meeting a resolution was approved setting a public hearing for the second amendment to the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan. Pursuant to plan amendment procedures, a public hearing must be conducted to ensure sufficient opportunity has been given to receive public comments on proposed plan revisions. Concurrent with this public hearing, under separate cover, is introduction of legislation that would authorize formal amendments of the 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan. These amendments include a citizen requested addition of sidewalk along the north side of Mills Drive from Forum Boulevard to Highridge Drive and four (4) sidewalk projects that would potentially be implemented as part of Interstate 70/US 63 interchange reconstruction project offered by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission. The proposed amendments were considered by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission at their February 21 and March 20, 2024 meetings.

Discussion

Mills Drive sidewalk

At their February 21, 2024 meeting, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission received a request from a citizen to add a sidewalk project on the north side of Mills Drive to the Sidewalk Master Plan. The Commission discussed this item briefly before tabling a decision on the matter to their March 20 meeting.

At their March 20, 2024 meeting, the Commission discussed the potential addition of Mills Drive to the Plan. After discussion, the Commission specified the section of Mills Drive from Forum Boulevard to Highridge Drive (north side) for addition to the Plan, as opposed to the entire length of Mills Drive.

Mills Drive scores two points on the priority ratings matrix which places it in the lower priority category. While it would connect to the crosswalk on the north side of Forum Boulevard and Mills Drive, it does not provide a connection to a sidewalk on the north side of Mills Drive, south of Highridge Drive. There is an existing sidewalk along the south side of Mills Drive in this immediate area. There is a wide pavement where Mills, Highridge Drive, and Highridge Circle converge that pedestrians must cross to access the existing sidewalk.

Sidewalk connections related to Improve I-70 plans

In their discussions about the MoDOT Interstate 70/US 63 interchange portion of the Improve Interstate 70 project, the Commission considered sidewalk connections that would be needed. The Commission passed a motion to add to the Sidewalk Master Plan the following



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sidewalks associated with the I-70/US Highway 63 interchange portion of the MoDOT Interstate 70 project.

1. Fill the sidewalk gap on north side of Clark Lane, east of the Connector, to the planned roundabout on Clark Lane and planned underpass from Hanover Boulevard to Interstate 70 Drive SE.
2. Fill the sidewalk gap on the south side of East Business Loop 70 near the planned roundabout and distributor collector for eastbound I-70.
3. Fill the sidewalk gap on the north side of Clark Lane, west of the Connector, near the planned roundabout by Lambeth Drive and the future Hinkson Creek Trail connection.
4. Add a sidewalk on the east side of the 63 Connector across I-70 from Clark Lane to I-70 Drive SE.

Given that these four projects are within the operational area of the MoDOT I-70/US Highway 63 interchange, they have not been rated individually as part of the priority ratings matrix. The interchange project in its entirety is a high priority and these project recommendations are related elements. Since the I-70/US 63 project is a current project, the recommended sidewalk additions would be best incorporated into the Improve I-70 project scope. The Sidewalk Master Plan typically functions as a long-term plan for sidewalk projects.

If this amendment is approved, the amendment will become an update to the adopted 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (previously amended in March, 2023) and be incorporated by reference. No further amendments to the approved 2022 Master Plan are proposed.

A copy of the draft revision to the Sidewalk Master Plan Project Ratings Matrix (April 2024), a draft revised Sidewalk Master Plan Map (April 2024), Sidewalk Master Plan revision correspondence, and approved February 21 and March 20, 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission meeting minutes are attached for review.

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



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Legislative History

Date	Action
4/16/24	Set Public Hearing on Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan Amendment (R81-24)
3/20/23	Adopted Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (B40-23)
3/6/23	Held Public Hearing on Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (PH 8-23)
2/6/23	Set Public Hearing on Amendment to 2022 Sidewalk Master Plan (R12-23)
12/19/22	Adopted 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (B339-22)
12/5/22	Held Public Hearing on 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (PH38-22)
12/5/22	Introduction and First Reading (B339-22)
11/21/22	Set Public Hearing on 2022 Columbia Sidewalk Master Plan (R180-22)

Suggested Council Action

Hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Sidewalk Master Plan.