



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 5, 2024

Re: Public Hearing: proposed construction of the Richmond Avenue Private Common Collector Elimination Project (PCCE) #35 sanitary sewer improvement project.

Executive Summary

This is the public hearing concerning the construction of public sanitary sewers to serve the properties located within the PCCE #35 Sanitary Sewer Improvement area, located along on Richmond Avenue. The project location is shown on the attached Location Map. An interested parties meeting was held on October 11, 2023. The cost estimate for this project is \$300,000 to be paid from Sewer Utility enterprise revenue funds.

Discussion

In September of 2022, Council directed staff to proceed with the preliminary design of a sanitary sewer improvement project to address a petition associated with the private common collector located between Richmond Avenue and Tiger Avenue. Based upon site inspections and CCTV reports, three (3) properties in the area are currently connected to a private common collector sewer and eligible for improvement to public gravity sewers.

As shown on the attached Project Graphic, the PCCE #35 – Richmond Ave. Sanitary Sewer Improvement project will consist of constructing approximately 160 feet of new gravity sewer main and two (2) new sanitary sewer structures. The proposed project will also include new private service connections and replacement of service laterals as necessary to reconnect the existing laterals to the new sewer main. The proposed sanitary sewer improvement project will eliminate a private common collector sewer in the area that serves three (3) properties along Richmond Avenue.

In addition, consideration will be given to bringing into the public system an additional 170 feet of existing private gravity sewer and two (2) existing private sewer structures. These were constructed in 2019 to public sewer standards, and were inspected during construction, but were not accepted by the city at that time. This line is located in a platted utility easement.

Current policy requires that the temporary construction easements and permanent sewer easements necessary for the construction of the project be donated by the property owners of the parcels currently being served by the private common collector sewer. In addition, the proposed sewer will cross property owned by Mu Deutron Fraternal Corp (Alpha Epsilon Pi, 901 Tiger Avenue) whose parcel is served by public sewer, and therefore, not required to donate easements. The costs for easements from this parcel have been included in the resolution estimate.

Sewer Utility staff conducted an Interested Parties Meeting at City Hall on October 11, 2023.



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One stakeholder attended the meeting. No written comments were received during the subsequent comment period, the most recent Contact Log is attached. The resolution estimate for this project is \$300,000. In accordance with Section 22-253 of City Code, financing for this project will be through the Sewer Utility funds including enterprise revenue funds.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The cost estimate is \$300,000.
Long-Term Impact: Minimal impact on the Sewer Utility's annual operating cost.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/16/2024	R1-24 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Richmond Avenue Private Common Collector Elimination Project (PCCE) #35 sanitary sewer improvement project.
10/11/2023	Interested Parties Meeting
09/06/2022	R126-22 Authorizing staff to proceed with the preliminary design and expenditure of funds associated with the proposed construction of the Richmond Avenue Private Common Collector Elimination Project (PCCE) #35; directing that a public hearing be held upon completion of the preliminary plans.

Suggested Council Action

Direct staff to proceed with the final design of the proposed Richmond Avenue Private Common Collector Elimination Project (PCCE) #35 sanitary sewer improvement project.