



Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 21, 2022

Re: Authorizing a Cost Allocation Agreement with MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries for Construction of Accessible Parking Spaces along the West Side of Fourth Street, between Ash Street and the Alley.

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Cost Allocation Agreement with MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries for construction of accessible parking spaces along the west side of Fourth Street, between Ash Street and the alley. The project will follow the administrative public improvement process, unless Council prefers to follow the standard public improvement process.

Discussion

MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries (Goodwill) has requested assistance from the City to share the cost of constructing accessible parking spaces along the west side of Fourth Street between Ash Street and the alley. Two options were considered for the accessible parking spaces.

Option 1, Parallel Parking: The five existing parallel parking spaces between Ash Street and the alley will be replaced with four parallel accessible parking spaces. The accessible parking spaces will be 13-foot wide instead of the typical 8-foot wide parallel parking spaces. The existing sidewalk width will be reduced by 5 feet to allow for the increased width of the parking spaces. In addition, curb ramps will be constructed between the parking spaces to allow access to the sidewalk. The accessible parking spaces will be similar to accessible parallel parking spaces along Sixth Street and Seventh Street between Locust Street and Elm Street. Along the remainder of the block, parking will remain as existing standard parallel parking on both sides of the road in their existing locations. There will be 16 total parking spaces on Fourth Street between Ash Street and Walnut Street with this option.

Option 2, Angled Parking: The five existing parallel parking spaces between Ash Street and the alley will be replaced by six angled accessible parking spaces. The parking spaces will be 10-foot and 13-foot wide with curb ramps to access the sidewalk. The parallel parking along the remaining block on both sides of the road will be removed and will be replaced with angled parking along the west side of Fourth Street. There will be no parking spaces along the east side of Fourth Street. The traffic flow will be moved to the east side of Fourth Street (similar layout along Walnut Street behind the Courthouse). This option will require the parking meter locations to be adjusted to the new parking spaces and pavement marking along the street to be repainted to reflect the relocated parking spaces and traffic movement. There will be 15 total parking spaces on Fourth Street between Ash Street and Walnut Street with this option.



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The Parking Advisory Commission, the Downtown CID, Fourth Street Property Management, LLC, and the Tribune were contacted about the project. Responses were in support of providing accessible parking this location. The Parking Advisory Commission, the Downtown CID, Fourth Street Property Management, LLC, and Goodwill requested the parallel parking option be constructed for the accessible parking. The parallel parking was preferred because of the traffic flow remaining in the middle of the street, the parking spaces remaining along the east side of Fourth Street, and the large trucks better able to maneuver into the Tribune's loading dock. The Disabilities Commission preferred the angled parking option be constructed because of the ease of pulling into and out of the spaces with the larger vehicles equipped for accessibility.

Staff recommends construction of the parallel accessible parking and has obtained a bid from Watson Concrete using the City's existing sidewalk improvements term and supply contract. The cost to complete the project is \$38,987.22. Per the Cost Allocation Agreement, once the work is complete, the City will invoice Goodwill 50-percent of the cost associated with reconstruction of the sidewalk up to and not to exceed the amount of \$19,493.61. The funding source for the project will be the ¼% Capital Improvement Program sales tax. The project will follow the administrative public improvement process, unless directed by Council to follow the standard public improvement process.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City's contribution to the cost share of \$19,493.62 will be funded with the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Program sales tax.

Long-Term Impact: Routine maintenance.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
n/a	None



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Suggested Council Action

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