Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 7, 2017

Re: Public Hearing for Sidewalk Construction along Portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street and Sexton Road

Executive Summary

A public hearing is being held for the construction of sidewalks along portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street and Sexton Road, as shown on the attached location map. An Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held on November 15, 2016. The CIP cost estimate for the sidewalk project is $213,000.

Discussion

The City of Columbia is proposing to complete a sidewalk project in the central part of Columbia to fill in sidewalk gaps along Lynn Street, Oak Street, and Sexton Road. The project is being completed in conjunction with an affordable housing development, a stormwater project, and a sanitary sewer project. The attached location map shows the sidewalk improvement area which is located within the Central Strategic Plan Neighborhood. The project will consist of the following improvements:

* **Lynn Street:** A small section of a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with a 4-foot green space will be constructed along the north side of Lynn Street that will tie into the sidewalk, along that block, that is being constructed as part of the affordable housing development. This section of sidewalk is anticipated to be constructed during FY2018.
* **Oak Street:** A 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed along the east side of Oak Street between Lynn Street and Sexton Road. There is currently no sidewalk along this block of Oak Street, and because this section of street is fairly wide, staff proposes to remove the existing curb and reconstruct the sidewalk approximately 4-feet into the road. The sidewalk will be constructed along the back of the new curb line. Constructing the sidewalk with the curb in the new location is proposed in order to reduce the impact on trees and utilities in the yards and to promote traffic calming with narrower driving lanes. Several residential driveways and two stormwater structures would have to be relocated and replaced with this design. Construction is planned for the summer of 2019.
* **Sexton Road:** A 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with a 4-foot green space will be constructed on the south side of Sexton Road between Oak Street and Garth Avenue. Currently, there is a sidewalk along the north side of Sexton Road, and along the south side of Sexton Road for approximately 100 linear feet from the corner of Garth and Sexton. It is anticipated that the new sidewalk will tie into the existing sidewalk. Several residential driveways would have to be relocated and replaced with this design.

A copy of the preliminary plan is attached. The CIP budget for this sidewalk project is $213,000. Temporary construction easements (TCE) and Permanent street easements (PSE) from several property owners will be necessary for construction of the project. Staff has applied for a 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist with funding the project. Staff has appropriated $15,000 to the project for survey and design work.

An IP meeting was held on November 15, 2016. Nine (9) people signed in and staff received positive comments about the project. The property owner contact log is attached.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The CIP cost estimate for the project is $213,000. Staff has appropriated $15,000 to the project for survey and design work. Additional funding is anticipated from CDBG funds and/or 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: Routine maintenance is estimated at $800 per year.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Vision Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/vision/reports/visiongoals.php)

Primary Impact: Transportation, Secondary Impact: Community Facilities & Services, Tertiary Impact: Environment

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Economy

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

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

Legislative History

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| Date | Action |
| 11/15/2016  07/03/2017 | Interested Parties meeting  R85-17-Setting a public hearing for August 7, 2017 for construction of sidewalks along portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street and Sexton Road |

Suggested Council Action

After public comment and Council discussion, direct staff to proceed with final plans and specifications for construction of sidewalks along portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street and Sexton Road.