Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 5, 2017

Re: Public Hearing-Constructing a Sidewalk on Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road to Edris Drive

Executive Summary

A public hearing for the construction of a 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk located along the back of the curb on the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive. An Interested Parties (IP) meeting was held on June 14, 2017. The total project cost estimate is $311,500.

Discussion

Currently there is a sidewalk gap along the west side Oakland Gravel Road between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive. Staff is proposing to construct approximately 680 linear feet of a 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk along the back of the curb. A location map is attached as Exhibit A. In order to reduce impact on trees and yards, a short retaining wall will be constructed along some of the properties at the back of the sidewalk. Portions of several residential driveways will be reconstructed and one fence will be removed and relocated with this design. Permanent sidewalk easements (PSE) and temporary construction easements (TCE’s) from several property owners will be necessary for construction of the project. A copy of the concept design is attached as Exhibit B.

An IP meeting was held on June 14, 2017. Two residents from the same household attended the meeting and no written comments have been received. In contacting the property owners, three stated they were agreeable to the project and two preferred that the sidewalk not be constructed. The property owner contact log is attached as Exhibit C.

Construction is planned for spring of 2018. The total estimated project cost (including design, easement acquisition, utility relocation, and construction) for the proposed sidewalk project is $311,500, and will be funded by the 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The estimated total project cost for the sidewalk is $311,500 and will be funded by the 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: Routine maintenance as needed.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

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

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[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: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

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| Date | Action |
| 06/14/201708/07/2017 | Interested Parties meetingR105-17-Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a six-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road, between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive |

Suggested Council Action

After public input and Council discussion, direct staff to move forward with final plans and specifications for the construction of the Oakland Gravel Road sidewalk project.