

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Sidewalks - 2006 Priority Routes, Scope, and Process

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Paul Haines, Public Works Director
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BACKGROUND

In the February 27, 2006 staff report we said we would provide an update to Council on March 20 with more information about this program, the 2006 schedule, and the public involvement process. That report was postponed for two additional weeks so that we could provide you with more detailed information. That information includes the attachments to this report that are part of the public involvement program and the project webpage and conceptual design plans discussed below which are under development and will be shared with Council on April 3.

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT: In 2005, City Council authorized funding for the newly formed Sidewalk Program to construct pedestrian facilities in priority areas identified in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and other areas identified through public process. Staff is pursuing a strategy to meet the aggressive timeline and allow for summer construction of the 2006 priority. Surveyors are mapping the routes and the engineering firm of KPFF is preparing conceptual design plans and specifications for bid in April. This bid package will provide the details and estimated quantities necessary for contractors to bid the projects. Changes to the bid plans based on public input and the final design will continue while the projects are on ad and we will coordinate changes with the successful contractor. Staff will seek Council authorization to award the construction contract in May and work will begin in June with the goal of completing construction by September 1, 2006.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The "Sidewalks – Priority Routes" program in the 2006-2011 CIP sets aside \$5.4 million over the next six years to build pedestrian facilities in priority areas identified in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Constructing the entire list of projects identified in the Transportation Master Plan could cost as much as \$67 million for our standard sidewalks on both sides of the streets. Since the standard concrete gutter-curb-amenity zone-sidewalk configuration can be expensive and does not easily work in some areas, the City will utilize economical alternatives that will stretch budget dollars and provide more linear feet of pedestrian improvements.

The City CIP programmed \$900,000 to design and build the 2006 preliminary routes. This includes \$750,000 from the Roads Capital Fund and a \$150,000 TIB Grant. There are no TIB grants for 2006 so the available revenue is \$750,000. If necessary, surplus in the Roads Capital Fund could be used to supplement the \$150,000 difference. Staff will seek authorization to supplement the revenue at the same time we seek Council authorization to award the construction contact.

SCHEDULE (2006):

March	April	May	June
Develop conceptual plans and bid documents	Advertise for bids April 5	Council to award construction contract May 1	Begin construction
Develop webpage, exhibits, postcards and flyers	Public outreach and final design	Public outreach	Public outreach
July	August	September	October
Construction	Construction	Construction substantial completion September 1	Begin 2007 projects
Public outreach	Public outreach	Public outreach	Public outreach

The 2006 recommended routes and associated improvements in order of anticipated construction are: two by Einstein Middle School, one by Shorewood High School and St. Luke and one by Ridgecrest Elementary School.

Road	Segment	Improvements
10th Ave NE	NE 175th St – NE 170 th St	Concrete curb adjacent a 6'-8' wide asphalt pathway
	NE 170 th St – NE 167th St	Concrete curb, 2' to 3' green strip, and 5' to 6' wide asphalt pathway
3rd Ave NW	NW Richmond Bch Road - N 193rd St	Concrete curb, 2' to 3' green strip, and 5' to 6' wide asphalt pathway
Dayton Ave N	Carlyle Hall Rd N - N 172nd St	Concrete curb, 2' to 3' green strip, and 5' to 6' wide asphalt pathway
8th Ave NW	NW Richmond Bch Road - N 195th St	6' wide separated asphalt pathway

Potential additive routes may also be built in 2006 if the construction bids and schedule are favorable. These include Echo Lake Elementary School and Shorewood High School.

Road	Segment	Improvements
N 195th St	Wallingford Ave N - Meridian Ave N	Concrete curb with 4' amenity zone and 6' wide asphalt pathway.
Fremont Ave N	N 165th St - N 170th St	Concrete curb, 2' to 3' green strip, and

		5' to 6' wide asphalt pathway
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More on Public Involvement: Over the past several weeks, Paul Haines the Public Works Director, and Jesus Sanchez the Operations Manager, met with the School Superintendent, Principals, and PTA's regarding the 2006 Preliminary Pedestrian Projects to obtain their concerns and input.

Staff is implementing a public outreach program for the citizens of Shoreline potentially affected by these pedestrian improvements. The program is based on the development of informed consent and citizen participation by objectives. This approach, which is summarized in Attachments A, B, and C, will let the community know a) there is a problem; b) it is our responsibility to address it; c) the approach is sensible; and d) we will listen. Staff will work with individual property owners to address special design needs and minimize impacts. Staff has identified the following citizen participation techniques to facilitate information exchange and successfully implement this project.

These are:

1. Open exhibits in nearby schools and libraries
2. Producing and releasing materials to Potentially Affected Interests (PAI's) and the media
3. Working with the public in the city offices, respective homes, and or other public facilities.
4. Use existing: newsletters, other publications, media, etc.
5. Use existing: school systems; other institutions
6. Use a Responsiveness Summary/Listening Log to share input and responses
7. Using the telephone, the FAX, and E-mail
8. Creating, and using, a webpage on the City's internet website

The outreach program will include the project mission or overview, the problem solving/decision making process, a matrix of the potentially affected interests, maps and drawings of the planned improvements, and a responsiveness summary/listening log all available on the project webpage, at open exhibits in schools near the projects, and here at City Hall. The webpage for this project is ready for viewing now. It is a work in progress and new and updated information will be added as it becomes available.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Sidewalks - 2006 Priority Routes, Scope, and Process and is seeking Council concurrence on this recommendation.

Approved By: City Manager ____ City Attorney ____

- Attachments:
- A Sidewalk Priority Routes Mission / Overview
 - B Problem Solving/Decision Making Process
 - C Potentially Affected Interests
 - D Alternative Pathway Concepts
 - E All Priority Projects Map
 - F 2006 Preliminary Routes Map
 - G Existing Sidewalk and Pathways Map

Note: On March 30, this information will be viewable on the project webpage at the following address: <http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/sidewalks/index.cfm>