

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Item No.: 14.a

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Receive public input and Approve the design and construction of an interim pedestrian pathway along County Road B west of Cleveland Ave

BACKGROUND

At the November 25th City Council meeting a number of residents from the County Road B neighborhood, in the area between Hwy 280 and Cleveland Ave, spoke to the Council about the lack of a safe pedestrian facility along County Road B and concerns regarding the existing speed limit. Staff updated the Council on the status of the discussions with Ramsey County regarding the transfer of jurisdiction of the roadway to the City of Roseville. Staff discussed the expected life of the existing pavement with the Council as well. Staff also proposed an interim pedestrian facility on a widened shoulder on the south side of the roadway as a shorter term solution to the neighborhood concerns.

Historically, County Road B once connected to Trunk Highway 280 prior to the fall of the 35W bridge. As a part of the changes to TH 280 to increase capacity and improve safety along the highway, a cul-de-sac was installed on County Road B which disconnected it from Highway 280. When that occurred, traffic volumes greatly reduced on County Road B, but no other changes were made to the roadway to reflect the new character and functional classification of this roadway. Staff met with Ramsey County staff several times since the change occurred to discuss the future jurisdiction of this segment since it no longer functions as a typical county road. Staff has not agreed on the terms of a jurisdictional transfer at this time. Ramsey County staff has agreed to work with the city and MnDOT to lower the speed limit to 30 MPH. We believe this can be accomplished in the next few weeks.

Staff, at the direction of Council, recently held a Public Meeting to meet with the neighborhood in order to discuss their concerns regarding traffic safety in this area and also to present a potential short term alternative for an enhanced pedestrian pathway along County Road B. Prior to this meeting, the neighborhood assembled on December 10th to discuss this issue as well as other concerns along County Road B. After that meeting, a list of Requested Features and Considerations was presented to staff. At the January 16th meeting, staff addressed each item and agreed to follow up on items that could be addressed at that time. Attached is the list of Requested Features and the response from staff.

Proposed Interim Pedestrian Pathway

At the January 16th meeting, staff presented a proposal to create a pedestrian pathway along the south side of County Road B by extending the shoulder. Staff also discussed possibly using RUMBLE STRIPS along the white shoulder line to physically delineate the travel lane from the pathway. The residents seemed open to this concept, but there would need to be more communication with the neighborhood before agreeing to this due to the concerns of additional noise related to the rumble strips. Additional treatments for delineation will be discussed with

the neighborhood prior to opening the pathway. The pathway will extend from Cleveland Ave west to the existing curb and gutter just east of the in place cul-de-sac on the west end of County Road B.

In order to provide a clear area for pedestrians, parking would need to be prohibited along the south side of County Road B. This could be an inconvenience for residents that have direct access to County Road B between Fairways Lane and Fulham Street. One resident from this area was present at the meeting and expressed concern over this possibility. There are three options to address this concern:

1. Maintain parking restriction along entire length of County Road B including area between Fairways Lane and Fulham St.
2. Allow parking in this area. This would force pedestrians to move around any parked vehicles in this area. Given the lower volume on the west end of this road segment, this may not be a significant issue.
3. Allow parking but also install a 5-6 foot sidewalk between Fairways and Fulham. This sidewalk construction would add \$23,000 to the project total. Also, this sidewalk may need to be removed and rebuilt when County Road B is reconstructed in the future depending on what the final section looks like at that time.

Near the intersection of County Road B and Cleveland the interim section will transition to a permanent section that will include a raised trail section behind a new curb and gutter. This new section will narrow the roadway up several feet to provide space for the trail. A traditional pedestrian ramp will be installed to line up with the exiting pedestrian crossing across Cleveland Ave on the south side of the intersection providing safe, convenient access to the pedestrian pushbutton on the existing signal pole.

PUBLIC INPUT

Attached are two comments received during/after the January 16th Neighborhood meeting. One comment mentioned working with residents on the issue of parking restrictions which staff will certainly do in the coming weeks as well as addressing the possibility of using a rumble strip to delineate the pathway from the travel lanes.

The other comment, received via email, asked about also extending the shoulder on the north side. Due to more driveways on the north side and also the issue of parking, it is unlikely we would be able to provide and protect a pathway on both sides of the roadway.

Staff will keep Council aware of any additional input provided as we survey the neighborhood further regarding this project.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

Roseville, with its current pathway system and the proposed additions to that system, strives to address the transportation needs of the pedestrian and cyclist. Through the development of these proposed sidewalks, we are expanding the pathway network into the larger community, allowing users safer linkages to the regional system.

This proposed pathway will connect this neighborhood to the exiting path along Cleveland Ave (going south) as well as the existing path along County Rd. B going east.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The contractual and material costs for this project are proposed to be funded by the Parks and Recreation Renewal Program. \$2 million of the renewal funding is identified for pathways and

sidewalks. Preliminary cost estimates have been developed, and are listed below. Additional costs may be incurred in order to address existing storm water issues and also to accommodate the additional runoff from the new impervious surfaces proposed under this project. Any storm water costs would be paid for from the Storm Water utility fund.

The majority of work proposed under this project would be conducted by City staff. A paving contractor would be hired to pave the shoulder. Any required soil or landscaping materials for the storm water features would constitute the greatest cost of those items outside of the City staff time.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimated Construction Cost</u>
Expanded Shoulder*	\$130,000
Optional Sidewalk between Fairways and Fulham	\$25,000
Storm water costs	\$5,000
Engineering for storm water treatment	\$3,000
Total Construction Cost without sidewalk:	\$138,000
Total Construction Cost with sidewalk:	\$168,000
Estimated Outside material/contractor costs shoulder only (portion of above costs)**	\$100,000

*Includes city staff and equipment costs

**Estimated outside material/contractor costs are total costs that would be incurred outside of City of Roseville staff time and equipment costs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive additional public comment on the proposed County Road B interim pedestrian interim project, and authorize staff to prepare final plans and construct the facility in 2014.

Authorize use of Park and Recreation Renewal Program funds for outside material and contractor costs, estimated at \$100,000.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Receive public comment on the proposed County Road B-2 and Victoria sidewalk project, and authorize staff to prepare final plans and specifications and advertise for bids.

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Attachments: A: Project Layout

B: Comment Card from January 16th Neighborhood Meeting

C: Resident email with project comment

D: Figure depicting optional sidewalk between Fairways Lane and Fulham Street

E: County Road B Pathway Meeting Suggested Features Resident Input

F: Staff response to Item E.