



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

Item No. _____

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Update on the Public Outreach and Construction Estimate for the Proposed Sidewalks along Ferguson Drive

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file update on the public outreach and construction estimate related to proposed sidewalks along Ferguson Drive and request City Council to direct Staff for further action.

BACKGROUND:

Based on inquiries from the community, the City of Commerce Council is considering the installation of new sidewalks along only the southern side of Ferguson Drive between Gerhart Avenue to Concourse Avenue. The installation of these sidewalks serves to promote compliance with the City's ADA master plan, provide connectivity, and to improve safety for pedestrians as they traverse along Ferguson Drive. Over the years, many households have encroached into the public right of way and extended their front yards to the edge of the street. The installation of these sidewalks will therefore involve the removal of some existing fences, walls, gardens, landscaping, walkways, etc. that were built by the homeowners within the public right-of-way. Any consideration of sidewalk installation would also require a consideration of the cost of the construction as well as these encroachments.

ANALYSIS

The City staff sent out a community survey (*see Attachment "A"*) to gather the opinions and sentiments of the residents. This survey is distributed to those who reside along and within the vicinity of Ferguson Drive, from Gerhart Avenue to Concourse Avenue.

Improvements proposed by the City staff as shown below:

- Do NOT install any sidewalks along Ferguson Drive. Maintain "AS-IS."

- INSTALL new sidewalks along the southern side of Ferguson Drive between Gerhart Avenue and Concourse Avenue.
- Any other actions specified by the survey taker

Staff mailed the survey to all the residents living in the aforementioned streets in late August 2018 with an initial deadline of September 7, 2018 that was extended to September 14, 2018. Of the 150 surveys, fifty-two (52) households answered the mail-in survey. The results are shown in Attachment “B”.

The results from survey activity produced the following results, also shown in Attachment “B”:

- 6 households responded “Do NOT install any sidewalks along Ferguson Drive. Maintain “AS-IS.””
→ 12% of respondents
- 46 households responded “INSTALL new sidewalks along the southern side of Ferguson Drive between Gerhart Avenue and Concourse Avenue”
→ 88% of respondents
- 0 responded “other action”

City staff carefully tabulated and assessed these results and is shown comprehensively in Attachment “B”.

DISCUSSION

Staff assessed the feasibility of constructing sidewalks along the southern side of Ferguson Drive, including the cul-de-sac areas that are adjacent to Ferguson Drive. Separate analyses have been made to assess the construction of these sidewalks along Ferguson Drive, with or without the construction of sidewalks inside the cul-de-sac areas.

1. Ferguson Drive between Gerhart Avenue and vicinity of Elton Avenue:

This section of Ferguson Drive leads up to the industrial or commercial zone. It is important to note that this industrial zone from the vicinity of Elton Avenue to Saybrook Avenue has already in-place constructed sidewalks. *See Attachment 2A.*

This stretch of Ferguson Drive has currently *no* sidewalks and essentially *no* improvements built that encroach into the public right-of-way, except for a few trees and power poles or streetlight poles.

The construction cost of sidewalk, driveways, and curb ramps along this stretch of Ferguson Drive is shown in *Attachment 1A* and is estimated to be \$412,200.

2. Ferguson Drive between Saybrook Avenue and Miracle Place:

This section of Ferguson Drive is completely a residential zone with single family homes on both the north and south sides of Ferguson Drive. Only the southern side of Ferguson Drive is within the City's jurisdiction. See *Attachment 2B*.

This stretch of Ferguson Drive has currently *no* sidewalks but there are some improvements that were built by a few of the residents that are encroaching inside the public right-of-way. *Approximately fifteen (15) residences are affected whereby improvements encroach into the right-of-way.*

The construction cost of sidewalk, driveways, and curb ramps along this stretch is shown in *Attachment 1B* and is estimated to be \$281,217. This assumes that all existing improvements that were built by the residents will *not* be replaced or reconstructed by the City.

3. Ferguson Drive between Garfield Avenue (Alley) and S. Concourse Avenue:

This section of Ferguson Drive is completely a residential zone with single family homes on both the north and south sides of Ferguson Drive. Only the southern side of Ferguson Drive is within the City's jurisdiction. See *Attachment 2C*.

This stretch of Ferguson Drive has currently *no* sidewalks but there are some improvements that were built by a few of the residents that are encroaching inside the public right-of-way. *Approximately seven (7) residences are affected whereby improvements encroach into the right-of-way.* Most of the impacted residences are east of Yates Avenue.

The construction cost of sidewalk, driveways, and curb ramps along this stretch is shown in *Attachment 1C* and is estimated to be \$215,676. This assumes that all existing improvements that were built by the residents will *not* be replaced or reconstructed by the City.

Sections 4 through 6 account for the cul-de-sac intersections along Ferguson Drive

4. Simmons Avenue Cul-de-Sac:

Simmons Avenue is a cul-de-sac east of Gerhart Avenue. See *Attachment 2A*.

This length of Simmons Avenue has currently *no* sidewalks but there are improvements that were built by the residents that are encroaching inside the

public right-of-way. *Approximately five (5) residences, two of which are apartment complexes, are affected whereby improvements encroach into the right-of-way.*

The construction cost of sidewalk, driveways, and curb ramps along this stretch is shown in *Attachment 1D* and is estimated to be \$98,280. This assumes that all existing improvements that were built by the residents will *not* be replaced or reconstructed by the City.

5. Burrard Avenue Cul-de-Sac:

Burrard Avenue is a cul-de-sac east of Saybrook Avenue. *See Attachment 2B.*

This length of Burrard Avenue has currently *no* sidewalks but there are improvements that were built by the residents that are encroaching inside the public right-of-way. *Approximately five (5) residences, one of which is an apartment complex, are affected whereby improvements encroach into the right-of-way.*

The construction cost of sidewalk, driveways, and curb ramps along this stretch is shown in *Attachment 1E* and is estimated to be \$83,160. This assumes that all existing improvements that were built by the residents will *not* be replaced or reconstructed by the City.

6. Tolmie Avenue Cul-de-Sac:

Tomie Avenue is a cul-de-sac east of Burrard Avenue. *See Attachment 2B.*

This length of Tolmie Avenue has currently *no* sidewalks but there are improvements that were built by the residents that are encroaching inside the public right-of-way. *Approximately five (5) residences are affected whereby improvements encroach into the right-of-way.*

The construction cost of sidewalk, driveways, and curb ramps along this stretch is shown in *Attachment 1F* and is estimated to be \$83,160. This assumes that all existing improvements that were built by the residents will *not* be replaced or reconstructed by the City.

7. Nicola Avenue Cul-de-Sac:

Nicola Avenue is a cul-de-sac east of Tolmie Avenue. *See Attachment 2B.*

This length of Nicola Avenue has currently *no* sidewalks but there are improvements that were built by the residents that are encroaching inside the public right-of-way. *Approximately five (5) residences are affected whereby improvements encroach into the right-of-way.*

The construction cost of sidewalk, driveways, and curb ramps along this stretch is shown in *Attachment 1G* and is estimated to be \$83,160. This assumes that all existing improvements that were built by the residents will *not* be replaced or reconstructed by the City.

8. Denman Avenue Cul-de-Sac:

Denman Avenue is a cul-de-sac east of Garfield Avenue alleyway. See *Attachment 2C*.

Sidewalks and driveways exist, and no improvements are necessary for this cul-de-sac.

9. Yates Avenue Cul-de-Sac:

Yates Avenue is a cul-de-sac east of Denman Avenue. See *Attachment 2C*.

Sidewalks and driveways exist, and no improvements are necessary for this cul-de-sac.

Below is the complete cost summary of the sidewalk, driveway, and curb ramp construction along Ferguson Drive:

- Along Ferguson Drive *only*, not including cul-de-sacs: **\$910,000**
- Along Ferguson Drive *and including* cul-de-sacs: **\$1,300,000**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approves staff Recommendation
2. Reject staff Recommendation
3. Provide staff with further direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact at this time. City staff is requesting direction for the next course of action. If City Council wishes for staff to proceed with installing sidewalks, an appropriation of approximately \$1,300,000 is required.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item relates to Council's 2016 Strategic Action Plan's:

Community Quality of Life

- Guiding Principle 4 to "support and evaluate community services, programs and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our residents. Enhance public safety and social services through innovative programs that meet the needs of the residential and business communities."

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Approved as to form: Noel Tapia, City Attorney
Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Ferguson Drive Sidewalk Installation Community Survey
- B. Ferguson Drive Sidewalk Installation Community Survey Results
- 1A. Cost Estimate for Ferguson Dr. between Gerhart Ave. and Vicinity of Elton Ave.
- 1B. Cost Estimate for Ferguson Dr. between Saybrook Ave. and Miracle Place
- 1C. Cost Estimate for Ferguson Dr. bet. Garfield Ave. (Alley) and S. Concourse Ave.
- 1D. Cost Estimate for Simmons Avenue Cul-de-Sac
- 1E. Cost Estimate for Burrard Avenue Cul-de-Sac
- 1F. Cost Estimate for Tomie Avenue Cul-de-Sac
- 1G. Cost Estimate for Nicola Avenue Cul-de-Sac
- 2A. Aerial Diagram: Ferguson Dr. between Gerhart Ave. and Vicinity of Elton Ave.
- 2B. Aerial Diagram: Ferguson Dr. between Saybrook Ave. and Garfield Ave.
- 2C. Aerial Diagram: Ferguson Dr. between Garfield Ave. and S. Concourse Ave.