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Resolution to Prohibit On-Street Parking on the North side of Winchell Drive from Brockman Boulevard to 150 Feet East of Hall Avenue

..Memorandum

Attached for your review and approval, please find a resolution to approve the prohibition of on-street parking on Winchell Drive from Brockman Boulevard to 150 feet east of Hall Avenue.

As part of the City's water main and resurfacing project along Frieze Avenue and Winchell Drive, the City will construct sidewalks to fill existing gaps on these streets, as well as the segment of Brockman connecting them. Construction for this project is scheduled for 2022.

Filling gaps in the sidewalk system is consistent with both Ann Arbor's Moving Together Towards Vision Zero transportation plan and keeping in step with the City's goal of creating safe and walkable communities for all individuals. The sidewalks will be constructed within the public right-of-way using funds from the City's New Sidewalk Millage, approved by the voters in November 2020.

During design process, staff developed with two alternatives for installing sidewalk along Winchell Drive. Alternative 1 was to install sidewalk at the standard 6 inches from the property line, which would require removing at least six mature trees. Alternative 2 was to narrow the street by moving the curb inward and installing the sidewalk in the gained space, thus making the need for tree removal highly unlikely. See attached concept drawings for more information.

The different options for proposed street layout were presented to the public at a meeting on September 29, 2021 and an online feedback survey was posted for public input. More detailed information on this can be found at a2gov.org/winchell. Out of a total of one hundred (100) survey responses – 13 selected Alternative 1; 34 selected Alternative 2; and 53 selected other or neither. While many of the adjacent property owners are opposed to the installation of the new sidewalk, staff plans to proceed with the installation based on the benefit to the community as a whole.

Based on the results of the survey, City staff proposes Alternative 2; the removal of on-street parking on the north (westbound) side of Winchell Drive from Brockman Boulevard to Hall Avenue. On-street parking will be maintained on the south (eastbound) side of Winchell.

Chapter 10 of City Code requires Council approval for the permanent or temporary restriction of parking for more than one block. Therefore, the attached resolution is being submitted to City Council for consideration.

The removal of the on-street parking was presented to the Transportation Commission at their November 17, 2021 meeting, and the Commission _____ this action.

..Staff

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..Body

Whereas, Filling gaps in the sidewalk system is consistent with both Ann Arbor's Moving Together Towards Vision Zero transportation plan and keeping in step with the City's goal of creating safe and walkable communities for all individuals;

Whereas, Winchell Drive is an important residential street connecting the Brockman corridor to the nearby park, St. Francis property, and nearby schools;

Whereas, A survey of local residents indicated 34% support for removing the parking on north side of Winchell Drive in order to install sidewalk versus 13% support for keeping the parking lane and removing most of the existing street trees;

Whereas, the selected alternative (Alternative 2 on the attached drawings) will avoid the removal of multiple mature trees by moving the existing curb line to create space for the proposed sidewalk, and thus necessitate the removal of on-street parking on the north side of the street;

Whereas, Chapter 10 of City Code requires City Council approval for the permanent or temporary restriction of parking for more than one block; and

Whereas, The removal of the on-street parking was presented to the Transportation Commission at their November 17, 2021 meeting, and the Commission _____ this action.

RESOLVED, That City Council approves the prohibition of on-street parking on the north side of Winchell Drive from Brockman Boulevard to 150 Feet East of Hall Avenue; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.