

Subject: Sunset Wildt Corridor project Why is the PC considering adding the old sidewalk only plan into the CIP?

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Hi Hank,

Responding to your last question, yes, we are asking that this entire email message/string be shared with the Planning Commission prior to tonight's meeting. We will attempt to attend the meeting to read this information aloud, but in case we are unable to attend, we do want the PC to see this background information and our direct request not to add the Sunset sidewalk to the CIP. Thank you.

Many thanks to you for this message, and to Nick H for his call to me this morning - explaining the origin of this proposed PC action to add the sidewalk-only concept from Newport to Brooks back into the CIP. This action appears to be one person's campaign to add the project back in.

This note is to explain to all Planning Commissioners that the truncated sidewalk concept was:

1. Soundly opposed by Sunset residents attending planning/engagement meetings in 2021 and in June of 2025,
2. Not supported by City Council members Briggs and Ramlawi in 2021, and led to the strong recommendation by Ms. Briggs to study any sidewalk changes along Sunset into a larger, future, more comprehensive Transportation Improvements study. That Study is now underway by the Engineering staff and its consultants.

Based on these facts and other details summarized in the following emails, we Sunset neighbors are directly and respectfully requesting that the Sunset North sidewalk project NOT be re-inserted into the CIP since that portion of the north side of Sunset is fully incorporated into the umbrella of the current Transportation Improvement Study. By adding the limited sidewalk-only project back into the CIP, it will create confusion and potential conflicts with the mission and goals of the ongoing Engineering work. In summary, this CIP addition is unnecessary, redundant, and could damage the solid public engagement work that is currently being conducted by the Engineering staff and its consultants.

Planning Commissioners, we appreciate your consideration of this background information and our request not to include this limited sidewalk project into the CIP. Sincerely, Sunset Neighbors

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Hello –

I do not have further insight than what has been introduced by some commissioners in public forums, which is that some commissioners would like to see the sidewalk project progress sooner without necessarily folding into a larger road study or project.

The Planning Commission is the owner of the CIP and has authority to make changes as they desire. This body is ultimately who approves the Capital Improvements Plan according to state statute, although City Council programs dollars for the plan. This is not a staff-driven change, nor does a change to the CIP mean immediate action by staff. Pending a final vote/outcome, staff will evaluate if a change in direction is required.

There are two public comment periods this evening, which can be participated in virtually or in person. There are *very occasionally* challenges with zoom participation, so to be certain you have the chance to make your comments heard, you may want to show up in person at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Would you like your below email to be included in tonight's packet for commissioners?

Thank you,

Hank Kelley, AICP ([they/them](#))

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Hi Hank, Nick, Chris, Mark,

We are Sunset Road neighbors writing to you key City officials about tonight's PC meeting and its consideration of adding the old/2021 plan to install sidewalk along the northside of Sunset Road between Newport and Brooks back into the CIP. That sidewalk-only plan was set aside in 2021, and we are now in the middle of the Engineer Department's new, more comprehensive **Transportation Improvements review** of the entire Sunset Wildt Corridor.

This proposed action by the PC **raises significant confusion and questions among neighbors**, including the following:

1. Has this idea to re-introduce the sidewalk-only plan into the CIP been **coordinated** with the Engineering Department?
2. Is there a clear understanding and support within Engineering to re-introduce the sidewalk-only plan into the CIP?
3. What are we to make of the ongoing Transportation Improvements study? Is this PC action intended to redefine or somehow alter that ongoing work?

The **following message** was sent to our neighborhood mailing list yesterday.

If you have any insights into this proposed PC action, we would be happy to pass it onto our neighbors. Also, please feel free to contact me today to discuss this matter. Many thanks for your consideration and help with this matter. Greg and neighbors

Dear Neighbors,

Hope you had an enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

*I am emailing to inform residents interested in the Sunset sidewalk issue of an important Planning Commission meeting taking place **Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm.***

*The Ann Arbor Planning Commission will be meeting to discuss adding a north side sidewalk to the city's Capital Improvement Plan. This is **contrary** to what neighbors were told at our June engagement meeting about the comprehensive Sunset/Wildt corridor plans.*

The planning commission will now place the "partial sidewalk only" portion to that bigger plan on the city's Capital Improvement Plan, which included a sidewalk between Newport and Brooks with a shorter timeline. This disregards all the engagement and feedback that over 50 residents had with staff in June working towards a full Sunset corridor plan.

I am including an attachment of the Planning Commission agenda, the Updated Capital Improvement Plan which includes a north Sunset sidewalk only from Brooks to Newport, and the Planning and Development Staff report.

We encourage you to speak at the meeting if you can. We understand this is short notice. We only found out about this today (Tuesday, Sept. 2).

Thank you for your continued interest in this matter.

Kind regards,

Your friendly Sunset neighbors