



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Establish the 2021 Sidewalk Gap Elimination Project Budget and Appropriate \$50,000.00 (8 Votes Required)

Attached for your review and approval, please find a resolution to approve the appropriation of \$50,000.00 from the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage to establish the 2021 Sidewalk Gap Elimination Project to interim finance the design and bidding phase of the project.

On November 3, 2020 voters approved the New Sidewalk Millage, which will provide a dedicated funding source for filling gaps in the City's sidewalk network. Following the approval of this millage, staff is working on revisions to City Code that would eliminate the need to specially assess property owners for new sidewalk construction.

Staff plans to begin construction on sidewalks in several locations in the latter half of 2021 utilizing funding from the New Sidewalk Construction Millage. In order to obtain better construction bid pricing and reduce administrative costs, staff is planning to construct sidewalk at several locations as part of this project. Those locations will include:

- Barton Drive (Brede to Pontiac)
- Stimson Street (State to end of gaps)
- Boardwalk (Eisenhower to Oakbrook)

However, since revenue from the New Sidewalk Millage will not be available until July 1, 2021, the cost to complete the design work and bid the project needs to be interim financed from the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage Fund so that construction can proceed in the summer/fall of 2021. Once the revenue from the new millage is available, the Street, Bridge and Sidewalk Millage Fund will be reimbursed.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: Since the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage Fund will be reimbursed at the start of FY 22, there will be no long-term unanticipated budget impacts. Reimbursement to the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage Fund will come from the New Sidewalk Construction Millage.

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Whereas, Sidewalk gap filling work at several locations was postponed in 2020, including Barton Drive (Brede to Pontiac), Stimson Street (State to end of gaps), Boardwalk (Eisenhower to Oakbrook);

Whereas, Construction of sidewalk at these locations is ready to proceed in late 2021;

Whereas, The New Sidewalk Construction Millage will be able to provide funding for such projects without the need to specially assess, however funding from the New Sidewalk Millage will not be available until July 1, 2021; and

Whereas, In order to construct sidewalks at these locations in 2021, funding from the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage Fund is needed to interim finance the design and bidding phase of the project until revenue from the New Sidewalk Construction Millage is available, at which time the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage Fund will be reimbursed;

RESOLVED, That \$50,000.00 be appropriated from the Street, Bridge, Sidewalk Millage Fund, fund balance, to a newly established 2021 Sidewalk Gap Elimination Project, increasing the expenditure and revenue budgets accordingly, to be reimbursed by the newly approved Sidewalk Construction Millage proceeds upon collection beginning in FY 2022; and

RESOLVED, That Council authorize the City Administrator to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.