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## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** March 23, 2020

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Earle M. Chesley, P.E., General Services Director  
David Cedarholm, P. E., City Engineer

**Subject:** 2020 Annual Neighborhood Street Construction Project/Borough Road

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report and provide direction regarding placing the final overlay on Borough Road presently scheduled to occur this construction season as it relates to potentially funding and constructing a new sidewalk and related improvements.

### **Background**

Borough Road, from just east of Blueberry Lane to River Rd., was reclaimed in 2006. It is scheduled to receive a final overlay this construction season at an estimated cost of \$ 125,000.

In recent past, some residents along Borough Road have expressed interest in having a sidewalk constructed along the street to fill in the gap in sidewalks between Primrose Lane and Alice Drive; however, consensus has not been developed to date and consequently City Council has not yet had opportunity to consider funding this project. A recent communication from a Primrose Lane resident was referred by the City Council to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation back to City Council to consider installing a sidewalk along the subject section of Borough Road. This potential future sidewalk is referred to as a High Priority Planned Sidewalk in the 2017 Pedestrian Master Plan.

The design process is expected to include and initial investigation phase followed by a design phase if there is support to move forward:

#### Investigative Phase:

- Development of conceptual sidewalks layout designs
- Evaluate the ability to extend the existing drainage system
- Identify potential right-of-way issues
- Estimate probable range of engineering and construction costs
- Public informational meeting to gage support
- This phase could be completed by December 4, 2020
- At the conclusion of this phase, Engineering Services would prepare a Report to Council including a supplemental appropriation for funding engineering, construction, and potential right-of-way acquisition costs, to build the project during the FY2022

#### Design Phase:

- Detailed survey of the City's right-of-way
- Develop engineered sidewalk construction documents
- Acquisition of right-of-way easements
- Estimate construction costs
- Procure construction contractor
- Proceed with the construction work during FY2022 including the final overlay of Borough Road

The Engineering Services Division is prepared to conduct the above investigative phase with in-house resources to show where it might be possible to construct a sidewalk along this section of Borough Road. The investigative phase would begin this summer with the public information meeting possibly occurring in late fall of 2020. All of the above would be more effectively implemented prior to the placement of the final overlay of pavement.

#### **Discussion**

Administration seeks guidance from the City Council on the direction to proceed. If there is support from the City Council for staff to initiate the investigative phase of this project, Engineering will utilize staff time including summer interns to develop the conceptual layout and cost estimates. A status report would then be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for the December 2020 meeting, and General Services would defer placing the pavement overlay scheduled for the 2020 construction season,

Options City Council could consider include:

1. Do not initiate the investigative phase, proceed with the pavement overlay this construction season, and have TPAC recommend next steps, or
2. Have staff proceed with the investigate phase and coordinate recommendations with TPAC following the public information meeting and defer the pavement overlay scheduled for the 2020 construction season

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