

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**
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Bidwell Sidewalk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City's 2011 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan shows proposed sidewalks along Bidwell Street (Marie Avenue to Crusader Avenue), Stryker Avenue (Marie to south cul-de-sac) and on Crusader Avenue (Bidwell Street to Robert Street) In 2017, when Bidwell Street was reconstructed, City Council voted to not add a sidewalk with the project. Instead, the decision was to narrow the road by 4 feet (pulling in the west curb line) to leave a wider boulevard for future sidewalk within the right-of-way. Bidwell Street is currently 30-feet wide and has *No Parking* posted on the west side. The intention was, when a future improvement project was adjacent to Bidwell Street the sidewalk installation would again be evaluated.

The 2022 Street Improvement Project is the reconstruction of Crusader Avenue from Bidwell Street to Robert Street. Staff is currently working with an engineering consultant on the feasibility report for Crusader Avenue. A recommendation for which side of Crusader Avenue to install sidewalk on will be an outcome of the report. Since the Crusader Avenue western project terminus is Bidwell Street, a discussion about constructing sidewalk along Bidwell Street seems appropriate at this time.

The attached map shows the existing and proposed trail and sidewalk in the surrounding area based on the 2011 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Adding sidewalk on Bidwell Street would require a topographic survey and design, around \$15,000. The construction cost of the sidewalk will vary depending on the amount of retaining walls needed to keep the walk within existing right-of-way. The estimated construction cost is \$100,000 and financing would come from the recently created Sidewalk Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is looking for feedback on whether or not to pursue the Bidwell Street sidewalk as part of the 2022 Street Improvements Project on Crusader Avenue.

Attachment: Map