

To: **Mayor and City Council**
 Through: **Nathan Burkett, City Manager**
 From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**
 Date: **July 26, 2021**

Bidwell Street 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 not to add a sidewalk. 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. The west side would accommodate a 5-foot sidewalk with a 4-foot boulevard. Bidwell Street is currently 30-feet wide and has *No Parking* posted on the west side. The intention was to re-evaluate the installation of a sidewalk when a nearby public improvement project was in the works.

The 2022 Street Improvement Project is the reconstruction of Crusader Avenue from Bidwell Street to Robert Street. At the Public Hearing on June 14, 2021, City Council voted to move forward with plans for a 32-foot roadway with a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side between Bidwell Street and Livingston Avenue, plus sidewalks on both sides between Livingston Avenue and Robert Street. Since the Crusader Avenue western project terminus is Bidwell Street, a discussion about constructing sidewalk along Bidwell Street up to Marie Avenue seems appropriate at this time.

Staff recently completed a pedestrian survey along Bidwell Street as shown below:

Date	Time	Pedestrians on Bidwell
6/15/21	1:00pm to 3:00 pm	6
6/16/21	9:30am to 11:30am	22
6/17/21	11:00am to 1:00pm	10
6/21/21	9:30am to 11:45am	17
7/15/21	8:30am to 10:30am	15

On July 9, 2021, staff mailed out 131 letters to adjacent property owners asking for feedback on the proposed sidewalk and to invite them to the July 26, 2021 City Council meeting to provide comment on the matter. The attached map shows the existing and proposed trail and sidewalk in the surrounding area based on the 2011 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. This map was also included in the mailing to the residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated total cost of adding a 5-foot sidewalk with a 4-foot boulevard along Bidwell Street between Maire Avenue and Crusader Avenue is \$110,000. Financing would come from the 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