



STAFF REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Bryce Shearen, CPRP, Parks & Recreation/Community Services Director
DATE: April 6, 2023
RE: Labore Road Sidewalk Study

ACTION REQUESTED

None. Informational update to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

BACKGROUND

Labore Road is an important collector roadway that runs through the north-central portion of the City. It has been the subject of complaints from residents and property owners for many years; complaints have generally focused on pedestrian safety and perceived speeding. Due to the configuration of the roadway, solving these issues will require investment to reconfigure or add new infrastructure along Labore Road.

The 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes funding for a Labore Road Sidewalk Study. The intent of the programmed study is to:

1. Understand and document perceived problems through a City-wide engagement effort,
2. Analyze several possible improvements and document the associated costs and constraints,
3. Engage the community to share and discuss possible improvements,
4. Document a recommended or preferred alternative with high-level engineering and cost estimates,
5. Identify possible outside funding sources or grant opportunities to pursue.

At the March 22, 2023, City Council meeting, the City Council approved moving forward with the Labore Road Sidewalk Study. The study is outside the scope of the Parks and Recreation Commission, but staff wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the study, help spread the word within Commissioner networks, and provide feedback through the engagement process.

SCHEDULE

The study is anticipated to occur over several months to allow time for public engagement and conceptual engineering. The proposed schedule is as follows:

Staff Kickoff.....	March 14, 2023
City Council Update.....	March 22, 2023
Public Engagement #1 – Information Gathering.....	May 23, 2023
Conceptual Engineering.....	June 2023
Public Engagement #2 – Alternatives Analysis.....	July 2023
Selection & Refinement of Preferred Alternative.....	August 2023

Final Report & City Council Presentation.....September 2023

City staff has scheduled the initial public engagement for this study on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at the Montreal Courts Community Room (396 Labore Road). The initial engagement will focus on documenting the concerns and desires of city residents and property owners.

In addition, a web-based engagement tool will be utilized to gather feedback from the community. The engagement options are planned to be advertised as follows:

1. City Website (all residents)
2. City Newsletter, April/May/June Edition (all residents)
3. Mailed Flyer (residents within 0.25 miles of Labore Road)

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

The 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (Parks 18) has \$40,000 budgeted for this work. Staff will be working with Bolton & Menk with a not-to-exceed budget of \$35,000 to allow for any additional or unforeseen study components or costs that may arise through the process.

ATTACHMENTS

- Labore Road Sidewalk Study Map