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Committee:	Date:
Common Council Item Number: ID #25-00784	Date: 5/6/2025
Submitted By: Alex Damien, Director of Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Anthony W. Brown, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Joseph P. Ciurro, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney
Subject: Review and act on the Resolution relating to the special charge for the installation of sidewalk along a portion of Silvernail Rd. from Property Tax Key Number 291-0978-321-000 (2914 Buckingham Court) to Sussex Lane	

Details:

As approved in the 2025 CIP Budget, Silvernail Rd. will be reconstructed from STH 318/Meadowbrook Rd. to just East of University Dr. in the spring/summer of 2025. As part of the roadway reconstruction project, sidewalk was evaluated for installation along Silvernail Rd. where it does not exist today. Previously, the installation of sidewalk was presented at the Board of Public Works meeting on April 3, 2025 where it was recommended to Council to proceed with the installation of sidewalk along Silvernail Rd., east of Sussex Lane to 2709 Silvernail Road (Blue section on attached exhibit). This sidewalk installation was approved at Common Council on April 15, 2025.

During the discussion of the sidewalk item at the April 15th Common Council meeting, there was interest to potentially add in a section of sidewalk west of Sussex Lane, for approximately 600 feet. Based on the title of the item presented to Common Council, additional limits of sidewalk could not be considered as part of the item under review. A request was made by Ald. Chrisien and Ald. R. Lemke to revisit the installation of the additional length of sidewalk from Property Tax Key Number 291-0978-321-000 (2914 Buckingham Court) to Sussex Lane (Red section on attached exhibit).

The limits of the additional sidewalk installation (red section) under consideration can be seen in the attached exhibit. The sidewalk in question is currently shown as medium priority in the city-wide sidewalk plan previously adopted through Plan Commission and Common Council.

Per Wis. Stat. §66.0907 and City Ord. 6.115, the installation of the sidewalk would follow the process for a Special Charge towards the abutting properties. If approved, properties would have the option to pay in full as a one-time payment or annual installments over 10 years.

The installation of the sidewalk in conjunction with the City's roadway reconstruction project would be the most opportune and lowest cost option due to the other work occurring on the project. If the installation were delayed to the future, and not in conjunction with a corresponding roadway reconstruction project, it would be anticipated that the sidewalk installation cost would increase by 2 or 3 times the current amount.

Options & Alternatives:

Not proceeding with the additional sidewalk installation in conjunction with the City's current roadway reconstruction project.

Financial Remarks:

Following City ordinance 6.115, the entire cost for the sidewalk installation will be charged to the abutting properties.

Executive Recommendation: