

City of Waukesha

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Committee: Board of Public Works	Date: 4/3/2025
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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 just west of Sussex Ln. to University Dr.

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 is proposed to be installed along Silvernail Rd. where it does not exist today from approximately 600 feet west of Sussex Ln. to University Dr.

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. This process is slightly different than the assessment process which the sanitary sewer installation followed, and only the approval of this resolution for the installation for sidewalk is required. If approved, properties would have the option to pay in full as a one-time payment or annual installments over 10 years.

The limits of the proposed sidewalk installation can be seen in the attached exhibit. None of the properties abutting the proposed sidewalk will also be assessed for the installation of the sanitary sewer from previous resolutions. The sidewalk proposed to be installed is currently shown as High priority from Sussex Ln. to University Dr. and Medium priority west of Sussex Ln. in the city-wide sidewalk plan previously adopted through Plan Commission and Common Council.

The installation of the sidewalk 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:

Option 1 – Approve the resolution as presented.

Option 2 – Modify the resolution to install the sidewalk where it does not exist today between Sussex Ln. and University Dr. but approve the installation of sidewalk from Sussex Ln. to approximately 600 Ft to the West of Sussex Ln for future installation.

Option 3 – Modify the resolution to install the sidewalk where it does not exist today between Sussex Ln. and University Dr.

Financial Remarks:

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

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend to Council approval of the Resolution relating to the special charge for the installation of sidewalk along a portion of Silvernail Rd. from just east of Sussex Ln. to University Dr.