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Date: August 14, 2023
To: Honorable Council President
From: Jeff Campbell, Village Manager
Subject: Sidewalk Connector Program Update

On July 28, 2023, members of the Public Services subcommittee, the Administration and HRC walked the locations of the proposed sidewalks for the TAP and SRTS projects. There were two groups that walked the proposed sidewalks. One group walked the TAP portion of the sidewalk connector program. That group walked Riverside, Evergreen and 13 Mile. Another group walked the sidewalk connections that are to be a part of the SRTS portion of the project. Each group looked at encroachment issues and practical difficulties with the locations of the proposed sidewalks.

The TAP group specifically looked at potential difficulties along Evergreen between Douglas Evans and Ronsdale Drive. Based on the walk, it is likely that we will have to install curb along the west side of Evergreen Road at Douglas Evans, remove significant tree coverage within the right-of-way to install a safe and passable sidewalk and retaining walls to preserve some site topography issues near the curve in Evergreen Road just south of Douglas Evans. They also reviewed the necessity for bridges at the river crossings along 13 Mile Road (bridges will be necessary) and other potential difficulties associated with the 13 Mile portion of the project.

Similarly, the SRTS group looked at homes where vegetation, approaches and driveway pads may be affected by the proposed sidewalks. The group looked at what could be practically done to create a safe and effective path while minimally affecting current conditions and effects on residential properties.

As soon as the proposed sidewalk alignment is further along, we will begin additional community outreach with residents and the new sidewalks. We also plan on meeting with residents with questions over the next month or so. In late August and September, we will be approaching residents if we know we must obtain easements for the sidewalks. Currently, it is anticipated only a handful of easements must be obtained.

It is anticipated that costs will be reevaluated at the end of the design portion of the projects.