

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement Acceptance –That portion of a 6.5 ft. Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement located on Outparcels 5-A, 5-B and 6 along the right-of-way for Midland Commons Blvd.
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the acceptance of 6.5 ft. Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement located on Parcels 5-A, 5-B and 6 along the right of way for Midland Commons Blvd.
INITIATED BY:	Engineering Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of a 6.5 ft. sidewalk and maintenance easement located on outparcels 5-A, 5-B and 6 adjacent to the right of way for Midland Commons Blvd.

Background: Section 7.10.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) requires sidewalk be installed in all residential, commercial and industrial developments. Sidewalk is typically constructed on the City right of way as development occurs. An easement survey entitled “Easement Survey for Outparcels 5A,5B & 6, Midland Commons” and recorded in Plat Book 167 Page 223 includes the proposed 6.5 ft Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement for the noted parcels.

Analysis: Sidewalk will be added as the parcels are developed. Due to conflicts with existing infrastructure in right of way an easement was necessary in order to provide public sidewalk as required by the UDO.

Financial Considerations: No City funds are involved until maintenance is assumed after the two-year warranty.

Legal Considerations: In accordance with Section 18-3 of the Columbus Code, all dedicated right-of-way and easements must be accepted by Council.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the acceptance of 6.5 ft. Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement located on Parcels 5-A, 5-B and 6 along the right of way for Midland Commons Blvd.

**RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A 6.5 FT. SIDEWALK AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT ON OUTPARCELS 5A, 5B AND 6 ALONG MIDLAND COMMONS BLVD RIGHT OF WAY, ON BEHALF OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, sidewalks are required to be installed along public streets as part of development at the cost of the owner of the property; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia has received a plat entitled Easement Survey for Outparcels 5A, 5B and 6 where it is proposed that the required sidewalks be constructed; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department will inspect said sidewalks as they are installed and before recommending acceptance of the easement; and,

WHEREAS, the contractor who installs the sidewalks for each of the above referenced parcels will provide a bond warranting the work for a period of two (2) years beginning with the date of acceptance of that portion of the sidewalk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That certain survey dated June 19, 2023, designating a 6.5 ft sidewalk and maintenance easement along three parcels along Midland Commons Blvd is hereby approved in concept. A copy of the plat has been recorded in Plat Book 167 Page 233 is hereto attached and by this reference made a part of this resolution.
 2. Upon completion of all sidewalk construction on a particular parcel, the Engineering Department will inspect and recommend acceptance of that portion of the sidewalk. Upon receiving notification that the Engineering Department has approved the sidewalk as constructed and received the required two-year warranty bond, the Clerk of Council is then authorized to have an acceptance of said easement deed recorded in the Deed Records in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County.
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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ___ day of July 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Begly voting _____.
Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor