

City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet

Project Title: Lovers Lane Reconstruction

Department: Streets Dept / Administration

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Estimated Total Cost: \$3,000,000 (\$2,500,000 construction - \$500,000 Engineering / Legal / etc.)

Project Timeline: Calendar Year 2030 – Construction timeline TBD

Project Description:

This project involves the complete reconstruction of Lover's Lane to address deteriorating pavement conditions, improve multi-modal safety, and upgrade stormwater management infrastructure. The scope of work includes the full removal of the existing roadway and sub-base, which will be replaced with a new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) street with integrated curb and gutter. The project will also evaluate and potentially modify the existing horizontal alignment and vertical curves to improve sight distances and overall safety. To enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, a new 10-foot wide, ADA-compliant multi-use trail will be constructed on the north side of the roadway, complemented by a new 4-foot wide, ADA-compliant concrete sidewalk on the south side. Furthermore, the project will feature the installation of a modern storm sewer system, including necessary intakes and piping, to manage surface water runoff effectively. Finally, a new street lighting system will be installed along the corridor to improve visibility and safety for all users during nighttime hours.

Project Justification / Community Benefit:

The existing infrastructure on Lover's Lane has reached the end of its functional life. The current pavement is in poor condition, and the lack of dedicated, safe facilities for pedestrians and cyclists presents a safety concern. This comprehensive reconstruction project will create a safer, more accessible, and more durable transportation corridor that meets the current and future needs of the community.

Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks:

The biggest issue will be funding, applying for grants, etc.