

# *MEMO*



**TO:** Mayor Hahs and Members of the Board of Aldermen  
**FROM:** Janet Sanders, Director of Public Works  
**DATE:** September 1, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Quail Creek Bridge to Grandview Acres Lift Station

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The city has been approached by a resident of Quail Creek Subdivision (outside city limits) with concerns about the safety of the bridge at the end of Quail Creek Drive.

Staff research found the city entered an agreement with Paul and Peggy Fisher in 1997 and hired a contractor to construct the bridge to provide access to the Grandview Acres lift station. The agreement with the Fishers did not provide a deeded easement for access or for the bridge, but provided "license" to access through the private property via an existing access which was subject to move. The original access "road" was later relocated and became the current Quail Creek Drive. The bridge was constructed as one half of the width of a bridge to satisfy the owner's requirement that he be able to complete it as part of a later development. It has a tall curb on the north side and no railing or other barricade on the other (see photos). It is approximately 12' above the creek.

Our MIRMA insurance representative has looked at this bridge and has determined that railings or guards compliant with MODOT's standard for low-volume, low-speed bridges need to be added, along with additional signage restricting access. For safety, we will need to have the guard installation method designed by an engineer.

I recommend that, with the Board's permission, we develop a task order to be approved by the Board, then proceed with the engineering and cost estimate for completion. We will then approach the property owners who own the property underlying the bridge to try to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding for a cost share agreement.