



City of Ketchum

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Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors
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Provide feedback regarding recommended priority Sidewalk Projects for 2023

Recommendation and Summary

City staff is recommending the following 2023 sidewalk priorities:

- Rebuild Fourth Street corridor (both pavers and curb)
- Fifth Street from Main Street (alley) to Leadville
- Main Street bulb-outs should ITD advance rebuild of roadway

"I move to approve the recommended 2023 sidewalk projects."

Introduction & Background

Staff is recommending the above priorities based on the following reasoning:

- Fourth Street: Maintenance of the pavers is very labor intensive for the streets department. This distracts from other spring/summer street maintenance tasks such as crack sealing. The current pavers have a low lifecycle and degrade quickly causing trip hazards. The Council recently approved a new city standard paver with a much longer life cycle. The goal would be to complete the entire corridor should budget allow. If that is not possible, staff would propose a block-by-block strategy starting at Walnut Street working west.
- Fifth Street: There is not currently a sidewalk facility from Main Street to Leadville. This is a key pedestrian corridor. Recently, private construction has commenced in the area which will be required to complete a new sidewalk from Main Street to the alley. Staff is proposing to complete from the alley to Leadville. This will require removing a tree that is currently in the public right of way (see attached). Staff is also evaluating whether the large above ground planters can be reduced or removed on the north corner of Leadville and Fifth Street as they create a significant sight distance barrier for drivers on Leadville.
- Main Street: The city has requested the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) advance the rebuilding of Main Street to 2022 from 2024 due to its current unsafe condition. ITD is currently working through the design, but initial geotechnical tests have indicated the road will require a full rebuild similar to Sun Valley Road. ITD has not solidified whether they will be able to execute in 2022, but should they be able to complete, the city would be required to fund the majority of any sidewalk enhancements. ITD will fund a very small portion associated with ADA ramps. The recently completed Main Street Transportation Enhancement Report by HDR outlined future sidewalk bulb-outs at First Street, Sun Valley Road, Fifth Street and Sixth Street.

Should the City Council affirm the priorities outlined above, staff will proceed with design and bidding for construction.

Staff did complete an analysis of other pending downtown private development that might pose other partnership projects such as the Fifth Street example. Three projects are moving through the entitlement process adjacent to Second Street between Main Street and East Avenue. There is the potential for public funding in FY24 to sync up with those projects in order to complete a full sidewalk network. A package of other sidewalk projects (attached) was previously designed, however staff is not recommending those projects at this time due to budget constraints. Staff is also evaluating the feasibility of rebuilding the sidewalk on 2nd Street from Main Street to Washington due to its very narrow width and the presence of a delivery ramp that prevents the sidewalk from being ADA compliant.

Sustainability Impact

Improvements to pedestrian facilities increases alternative mobility choices.

Financial Impact

There is currently \$375,212 available for miscellaneous sidewalk projects. The FY23 CIP also allocates \$374,100 for Main Street sidewalk enhancements. City staff would recommend approaching KURA to inquire if they would be willing to allocate a similar amount.

Attachments

Master Sidewalk Map

Concept Design and Engineer Estimate for Fifth Street

Map of other sidewalk projects not recommended at this time