



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: May 5, 2025		Subject: Project Update - French Prairie Road Pedestrian Plan (CIP #4218) Staff Member: Zach Weigel, City Engineer; Nancy Kraushaar, Project Engineer Department: Community Development	
Action Required		Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 st Reading Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 2 nd Reading Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Information or Direction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Council Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda		<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> None Forwarded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Comments: N/A	
Staff Recommendation: N/A			
Recommended Language for Motion: N/A			
Project / Issue Relates To:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Council Goals/Priorities:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted Master Plan(s): 2016 Transportation Systems Plan: Project BW-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Receive an update on the French Prairie Road Pathway Plan project – a pathway project located in Charbonneau.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The French Prairie Road Pathway Plan (Plan) project is underway. The existing pathway is characterized by sections of disrepair and deficient width, lack of continuity (gaps), and ADA non-compliance. On November 6, 2023, Charbonneau residents submitted a petition to City Council requesting the City repair and upgrade the French Prairie Road pathway. The Plan represents the first step in addressing the neighborhood concerns raised in the petition, identifying a preferred alternative to provide a safe route for pathway users along the full extent of French Prairie Road.

In the fall of 2024, two surveys were prepared and distributed to receive input from the community about how French Prairie Road serves the various transportation needs in Charbonneau (walking, cars and trucks, golf carts, bicycles, service vehicles, etc.) One survey was sent out through Let's Talk, Wilsonville! and the second survey was distributed to the Charbonneau community by the Country Club Board. Over 300 responses were received.

At the same time, staff selected a consultant for the project, Wallis Engineering (Wallis), and together they established the project scope and schedule.

In January and February, the resulting City project team met several times with Charbonneau County Club Board representatives to discuss coordination on the project, receive feedback on the Public Engagement Plan prepared by Wallis, and prepare for the March 20 Fireside Chat that the board sponsored for the project.

At the Fireside Chat, Wallis presented the scope and schedule for the project and the results from the two surveys. A breakout session included small group discussions around existing French Prairie Road travel characteristics and ideas on what type of improvements could be made to better serve community needs. Safety, speed, what's good, and what's bad were discussed.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

The project will engage the community, determine what needs the pathway should serve based on existing and future users, document existing conditions and inadequacies, identify constraints, and consider and evaluate design alternatives which may vary along the route if determined necessary or appropriate. The Plan will develop concepts and a preferred alternative for how to best serve the non-auto mobility needs of the Charbonneau community – including all active transportation modes and possibly golf carts. The Plan will include planning level cost estimates that can be used for City budgeting and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) programming.

TIMELINE:

The project schedule targets plan completion for Council presentation and consideration for adoption in October 2025.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:

The adopted budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 includes funding for the Plan:

CIP #	Project Name	Funding Source	Adopted FY 24-25 Budget
4218	French Prairie Road Pathway	Road Operating	\$ 185,040
		Road SDC	<u>\$ 71,960</u>
		Total	\$257,000

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

A Public Engagement Plan was developed in coordination with Charbonneau County Club Board representatives and will direct the community involvement process. Two community surveys have been conducted and meetings with the board and the Charbonneau Fireside Chat have occurred to date. Additional coordination with the Board and outreach with the Charbonneau community for further feedback will occur as the project team develops pathway concepts based on input received to date.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

The existing French Prairie Road pathway is characterized by sections of disrepair and deficient width, lack of continuity (gaps), and ADA non-compliance. The project will develop a Plan to provide a safe route for pathway users along the full extent of French Prairie Road. While the Charbonneau community has expressed varying ideas about how best to serve non-auto users, the project aims to produce a plan that has achieved community common goals and consensus that should and can be implemented, with their support.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A