



URMD

URBAN ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Safety Improvements

Comments on candidates for construction in 2017-18

The following comments were received during the [public comment period](#):

107th Avenue – Candidate 503

1 neutral comment:

this section has a marked cycle lane. it's more important to put a sidewalk on Leahy where cars have a record of speeding and leaving the roadway.

2 opposed comments:

With other projects serving more pedestrian areas on this list, I do not recommend moving forward with this project at this time.

There is a fairly wide shoulder on both sides of the road here already. And I suspect the planned improvement would be a widened shoulder rather than an actual sidewalk. Given this, I would rate this project below other projects in priority.

16 supporting comments:

This is a high use street for pedestrians due to the number of house in the area and the preschool nearby. It is also a throughway to businesses that can be reached by foot or on bike.

This is a well used area for residents going to the shopping center and nearby schools. I would rate this project at the top

I travel here often on my bicycle and invariably encounter a pedestrian walking along in the roadway. I believe this is an excellent candidate for improvements.

Widen NW Leahy Road too!

107th and Leahy to NW 94th Terrace is a priority given the amount of pedestrians on the road but this is a good start.

A necessity with so many more people walking to the Sunset Transit Station. The intersection at 107th and Cornell also needs a traffic signal because traffic piles up at that intersection, creating a hazard for anyone on foot or on bike in that area, and delaying traffic. I've witnessed drivers make very dangerous turns because of the long waits.

During rush hour in the morning, it is very difficult to make a left turn from 107th onto Cornell Road. Traffic is sometimes backed up and drivers cut through the auto repair shop to make right turns onto Cornell. Pedestrians need a walkway.

There are pedestrians on this section of 107th ave walking, mostly for leisure purpose. My wife and I sometimes take walks on it as well. We need to be very alerted about vehicles around. We also see vehicles try to keep distance from pedestrians by driving on the opposite lane, which is not safe at all.

Needed for pedestrian safety in traveling to bus stops and transit center, as well as to local retail. Will likely decrease auto trips.

I completely support this safety improvement project but I also like to ask for the pedestrian walkway to be extended north all the way to NW Reeves St. Many pedestrians, especially kids, are walking on 107th Avenue from NW Cornell Road to Jackie Husen Park and Cedar Mill Elementary School. Cars are often speeding down the hill on NW Cornell Road and turning right too fast onto 107th Avenue. A pedestrian walkway is absolutely needed on 107th Avenue from NW Cornell Road to NW Reeves St.

I walk down 107th regularly to the Sunset transit center and the retail stores off NW Barnes. My son used this route to school daily at Catlin Gable. There is NO shoulder and the traffic is very heavy and traveling faster than the speed limit, making it a very risky trip.

I walk this street often with my dogs and it's darned dangerous now without a sidewalk.

This is a very important addition for pedestrian safety. I hope it's not going to be another of those 'widened margins' though, I just don't think they're much safer than walking in the road!

I have walked on this section. It's not very pleasant and feels pretty dangerous. A sidewalk would be nice.

Also need either a flashing yellow or a light at the intersection with NW Cornell road

119th Avenue – Candidate 400

4 opposed comments:

There is already a complete sidewalk on the west side, added recently. Too many other neighborhoods need a sidewalk more, like 113th., McDaniel Road.....

This street has a sidewalk on the other side, accessible via a traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossing. A sidewalk on Filbert Street between Saltzman and Murray seems to be a much more needed feature, it is used by lots of pedestrians and it is an accident waiting to happen, especially on rainy dark nights.

There is a sidewalk on the west side of the street with access to it via a traffic light. I also agree with someone's earlier comment that a sidewalk on Filbert should really be considered!

The description says a walkway along the south side of 119th; I presume what is intended is along the east side of 119th, from Cornell to Reeves. With that, I don't think this project is a priority. There is a continuous sidewalk along the west side of 119th already, Also, there is no sidewalk on the north side of Cornell east of the intersection, and no way to cross Cornell from the NE corner, so this would almost be a sidewalk to nowhere. Better to spend the \$\$ elsewhere, such as 113th.

6 supporting comments:

119th has become a busy road. A sidewalk on the east side of the road at the bottom of the the hill will allow people using the bus stop on Cornell to avoid crossing the road if they live on the east side of the road. There is already a partial sidewalk part way up the hill on the east side. This would connect those neighborhoods to the bus stop at the bottom of the hill without people needing to cross the busy road.

Teen agers were hit by a drunk driver here.
Cornell is too busy, we need this now.

113th Ave and 119th Ave is crucial for Bonny Slope residents but pedestrian road is not complete and people have to walk or run on the road. Need to improve walkway for safety of the residents. People with kids cannot visit parks around this town without car because it is dangerous.

I would like to have sidewalks along McDaniel as it is currently unsafe to go out of our neighborhood and walk to Bonny Slope elementary. There is no sidewalk near McDaniel and Thompson which makes it totally unsafe to walk to the school or bus stops.

I was surprised this was a candidate since a sidewalk was installed on the north side after a neighbor boy died a few years ago. But I'm happy it's being done to link up with the nature trail to Reeves.

Very important - there was a fatality along this section a few years back. It's hard to avoid cars here.

143rd Avenue – Candidate 524

1 neutral comment:

Makes a lot of sense from a connectivity standpoint. But I believe there is sidewalk on the other side of the road in this section. With that, I would prioritize candidates with no sidewalk on either side of the road over this one.

23 supporting comments:

This project would promote commuting to local schools. Children need safe routes to school in order to start walking to school. This increases the likelihood children lead more active lifestyles that could last a lifetime.

This would be an excellent candidate as it would provide the final missing sidewalk link to all the other existing sidewalks. I often see children walking along this area to and from school and runners and walkers trying to navigate the speeding cars that often exceed the 40 mph limit.

It would provide more safety to walkers, and I have experienced the fear of walking along the mentioned non-sidewalked side of the street.

A must have this is near an elementary school, we need to protect our children!

We ride our bicycles on this stretch frequently. A place to walk and bike would make this a much better commute. We have so many cars clogging our roads in this area. Please consider providing safe ways to walk and bike and relieve congestion

This is the only section between West Union and Cornell without a side walk and bike lane. This would be a very good and needed improvement.

Good idea. Otherwise pedestrians might jog across the street to get to the sidewalk, creating a hazard.

I have often walked in the street along this stretch or run across the street to get to the sidewalk on the opposite side. It makes so much sense to finish the sidewalk on this small stretch and improve safety. Once I met a man using a wheelchair along this route, but he had to turn around because of the gap in the sidewalk.

This is useful as I run this route 1-2 times per month and the sidewalk would improve safety.

This would be a big improvement for safety and walkability.

Completing this missing segment makes a lot of sense - heavy vehicle traffic, and many walkers in the area and adjacent parks and neighborhoods.

Seems like a great idea; I see all kinds of walkers and joggers over there. Near a high school, too.

143rd between Cornell and Thompson is a disaster during rush hours. This missing sidewalk segment is a gaping hole and a "real" sidewalk makes sense, but a simple asphalt patch in the bike lane doesn't solve the problem, if that is the solution you have in mind.

This area is lacking a sidewalk. The Oak Hills neighborhood was just changed to Sunset High School. Many teenagers from this neighborhood will now be walking to school. For safety reasons, the completion of this sidewalk should be a top priority.

Thanks for listening and all you do!

The walkway that was installed further north gets a lot of use. I hope this is selected, and that it is a true separated walkway and not another widened margin. I don't think the many seniors who live in the nearby apartment buildings would find it safe.

I see quite a few kids walking on this section from Sunset High School where there is no sidewalk for them to walk safely. It really is needed in this area. Plus, it's part of a walking loop that many people use in the Terra Linda neighborhood.

Several joggers seen on this segment of road daily. High pedestrian traffic area warrants completing the gap in this area.

Adding a sidewalk to this section of 143rd makes sense as it is widely used by joggers and walkers. Starting in 2017, high school students from the Oak Hills neighborhood will be walking to Sunset High School and this will provide a safe walking route to school.

Now that kids from Oak Hills will be attending Sunset High it is crucial they have a safe route to walk to school. Thank you

Please ensure the bike path on 143rd is also created.
safety is needed.

175th Avenue – Candidate 454

1 neutral comment:

Seems helpful for the neighborhood as a whole. Not a priority.

6 supporting comments:

This would be a wonderful safety and accessibility improvement for Aloha-Huber Park students and neighborhood residents traveling on foot to the Bales shopping center across Kinnaman Rd. This intersection of 175th and Kinnaman also desperately needs a crosswalk across Kinnaman so pedestrians can cross safely to the mall without having to walk up to Farmington.

More sidewalks are good for this neighborhood

This is a dangerous spot with traffic approaching and leaving intersection

This is absolutely necessary to protect Middle and High school students walking from the apartments and town homes on Chris.

Yes, we need better pedestrian paths and or sidewalks in this area. Heavy traffic area.

214th Avenue – Candidate 473

1 opposing comment:

1 supporting comment:

I see so many kids walking down this street to go to the bus stop. No sidewalk, not very pedestrian friendly and not safe. I would like this area to be a nice place to go walking.

Alden Street – Candidate 268

2 neutral comments:

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I think this should be a decision made by the people on the streets that would be most impacted by this, bearing in mind that an increase in taxes to cover measures such as this can sometimes cause elderly people to lose their homes when they can no longer come up with additional funding.

I am neither for or against this proposal. I live close by and walk this area often and generally feel safer to walk here than other places nearby.

3 supporting comments:

I prefer having a sidewalk when walking the dog around the neighborhood especially on streets with high volume car traffic.

This street is a neighborhood feeder with a fair amount of traffic. There is also quite a bit of foot traffic along here to and from Garden Home park. It is a good candidate for pedestrian safety measures.

SW Alden Street needs to become a 20 mph greenway.

Alexander Street – Candidate 406

9 supporting comments:

This is sorely needed in this area. Right now there is only a ditch with blackberry bushes sticking out to catch pedestrians.

Great idea!

I walk there regularly and a sidewalk would make it much safer.

This street connects many apt. areas with a small shopping center, many pedestrians with little room to stay clear of traffic, very hazardous in winter months

This is not a very walkable street yet there are so many people living here. Sidewalks would be a nice improvement, would make walking to the store much safer.

This project is way past due! Heavy use by cars and pedestrians yet not as safe as it could be. Needs sidewalks, street lighting, street landscaping. This project would greatly enhance this area for the future. Wise and smart choice for this project...badly needed here!

I jog this road regularly and there is no really safe way to do it.

Alexander needs to be a 20 mph greenway, not a freeway like deadly TV Highway! This project is needed.

Bany Road – Candidate 521

2 opposing comments:

Why is the stretch of road North of Zenith not going to be done? Of the un-sidewalked pieces of Bany Rd, this is far more dangerous. It forces children walking to school to have to cross the road in order to stay in areas that aren't close to Bany Rd. Both the North and South sections of Bany Rd need to be done.

Bany needs speed control devices, like speed humps, not pedestrian walkways. There is also another section just west of this spot, on the north side of the road, that is even worse (has people closer to traffic).

2 supporting comments:

Highly recommend this project.

Highly recommend this project as pedestrians are forced to walk in the bike path and close to traffic.

Butner Road – Candidate 445

7 supporting comments:

I see kids walking to school. It would be nice for them to have a sidewalk.
A sidewalk to connect across this short section would be great since Butner serves as a pedestrian route east/west through this area. We use it often.
Would be a nice improvement for safety for kids walking to/from Meadow Park
near a school, so let's make it safe for active kids; this is a lower-income area so you may get fewer votes online, so don't let that represent a lesser need
Nike traffic is increasing and many use Butner as a cut-through route. This is also used by many children walking to Meadowpark and the nearby athletic fields. This would improve safety for many.
This is a priority for access to the middle school. Need a relatively small amount of sidewalk to link up the existing sections.
This needs to be a safe, 20 mph greenway, not a freeway! This project is greatly needed because it leads to the Sunset Transit Center.

Butner Road – Candidate 580

27 supporting comments:

Yes, the sidewalks are needed. We also need to get more people to use them instead of the street. This particular street segment has had significant ditch flow failures in recent years that need to be addressed within the project.
Butner Rd desperately needs pedestrian (& bike) protection between Cedar Hills Blvd and SW 126th Ave / Commonwealth Lake Park.
Very needed and long overdue.
Butner has pedestrian traffic. While sidewalks are likely not needed, homeowners definitely need to cut back their landscaping back the legally required 2 feet from pavement at a minimum. This proposed improvement is a little help, too.
I live down SW Spring and walk regularly to Commonwealth Lake Park on this stretch of Butner where I'm often forced to walk in the road until I can make it to a driveway to shelter from oncoming traffic. I see families with children on bikes, and people walking dogs who are in danger because a significant amount of pedestrians, cyclists, and cars can be in this pinched stretch of road together. This would be a great first step to resolving the dangerous pedestrian situation on Butner.
Butner Rd becomes a high traffic area during morning and evening commute time. During high traffic times pedestrians are at risk on the road because there is no sidewalk for them. I'm worried that there will be a pedestrian accident someday.
I support building a pedestrian path along this curve. It will increase the safety for pedestrians walking to and from public transportation on Cedar Hills BLVD and for people walking to the two nearby parks. It would also reduce the significant risk for liability for the county for the eventual injury or death that will likely occur due to a driver hitting a pedestrian.
Butner is a heavy road that has too much traffic to have children walking without a safer approach such as a sidewalk.
not only is there no sidewalk but the shoulders are narrow and the traffic is fast. I definitely support this investment

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More walking connections are needed around Commonwealth Park, and along Butner in general.
It is hard to walk with a stroller without being in the roadway on Butner. It is unsafe, and adding a sidewalk would be much appreciated. There are a lot of people who use the pathway to get to the park.
This is an important route from my neighborhood to the Sunset transit center pedestrian crossing over hwy 26. I have to go much further on alternative roads, since walking along Butner is too dangerous and has terrified me with it's blind curves, lack of shoulder, and fast, heavy regular traffic.
This is long overdue! Sidewalk should not end at Huntington but at 126th with a crossing sign, it is very dangerous to cross the street to the park, cars are coming down Butner rd from the light on CH Blvd at over 40 mph, they do not pay attention to the 35 speed limit, they do not slow down or stop so you can walk across, during rush hour you are putting your life on the line.
I'm so sorry for the folks on and around Butner. It's become a commuter route, because of the US26/CHB offramp mess, and safe walking spaces are much-needed, but please don't just make it a widened margin!
Butner is heavily used and the speed limit is not adhered to by most. This is a critical need for pedestrian safety.
Lots of families must walk here and it is very dangerous with fast moving cars at a high volume
While Butner Rd. serves as a fine arterial connection for cars, it currently serves as a barrier to pedestrians and bicycles between the neighborhoods on the north side of Butner, and the rest of the Cedar Hills neighborhoods. The abrupt ditches and lack of shoulders or sidewalks prevent Butner Rd. from serving as a conduit that links neighborhoods together. The families of the Spring Lane neighborhood would be well served by a safe path to the Commonwealth Lake/Cedar Hills Community.
We live in the neighborhood north of Butner off of Spring Lane. This entire neighborhood's only exit is Butner, which is dangerous to enter in a car, and terrifying to enter as a pedestrian or bicyclist. I fully support this walkway as a step in the right direction to support the families with strollers, children getting of the school bus, and others that deal with Butner daily. There's a lot of pedestrian traffic on Butner, of course, to get to the two parks, too. Thank you!
I support making Butner safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Traffic has increased over the past 4 years that we have lived in the neighborhood and there have been many scary moments as we walk along Butner to pick up our kids at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Learning Center. Even more helpful would be to put in a crosswalk across Butner from SW 126th to the Commonwealth Lake Park.... Thank you!
I've seen this great need for many years. About time!
Butner road is extremely dangerous for all non-car traffic. My family lives on 123rd ct, and our only choice to enjoy Commonwealth park is to walk in the roadway on Butner with a stroller and hope cars will see us and drive around. Bicyclists are in extreme danger on this patch of roadway due to limited visibility from Huntington to Spring. This would be a major improvement to the safety of our neighborhood; and I hope that someday the walkway can be extended beyond this patch.
Desperately needed. Butner is dangerous. A stop sign is also needed at 126th and Butner. Would slow people down from ripping around that corner.
I drive this frequently and there are many pedestrians almost in the road, as it is their only option. Very dangerous.
I strongly support this improvement. I drive down Butner a lot and often see people walking along the edge of the road to get to Commonwealth Lake park. There are many homes in the adjoining neighborhood that would benefit from pedestrian access to Huntington. Not only does that street give access to Commonwealth Lake park, it provides a safe route for bicycle use to Cedar Park Middle School or Cedar Park Rec Center.
excellent and much needed for safety
A high priority. Most of Butner road is terrible for pedestrians & cyclists, with no shoulder on either side of the road. Completing this segment would be another small step in the right direction.

Butner needs to be a 20 mph greenway! Not a freeway!

Florence Street – Candidate 356

5 supporting comments:

This would be a wonderful safety addition filling in the gap in sidewalk for K-8 students and families walking from arterial 170th Ave to Aloha-Huber Park School.

Yes...our neighborhood needs more sidewalks to make it safer for kids and adults

WAY more sidewalks are needed, especially so near a major school!

This area lacks so many sidewalks. This is a good start.

Very useful improvement, as the road is already narrow, and Florence is one of only two through-streets to 175th, meaning both high traffic and above-neighborhood speed.

Huntington Avenue – Candidate 206

1 neutral comment:

6 supporting comments:

Street parking has increased markedly with the conversion of the eye clinic to a home health agency. This creates a situation in which pedestrians need to walk further out in the street- given that people making a right into the neighborhood routinely do so at fast speeds it is only a matter of time before a pedestrian injury occurs. Also, children waiting for the school bus in this area have been asked to wait in the street by property owners- a sidewalk would provide a safe place to wait.

This area is old and needs improvements. Sidewalks are needed.

Yes definitely, with a cross walk so you can go across the street to the park.

Sidewalks on this street would be hugely appreciated to address a growing safety concern and would also be extremely timely given the park and school upgrades. I strongly support this candidate for URMDAC funding in the 2017/2018 round!

As noted in the write-up, there is increasing traffic parking on SW Huntington near the Cedar Hills Blvd intersection. These parked cars force pedestrians out even farther into the street right at the point on the road where cars are ducking around the corner in gaps in traffic and less vigilant of pedestrians. This street is a main collector for pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood heading to the growing mall area - I myself walked this route every day when I was home with young children in stroller and always wished that there were a safer option.

Furthermore, with the new proposed intersection (recently approved by THPRD and BSD boards) at Huntington and Cedar Hills Blvd, pedestrian access to the park and school will open up. Putting sidewalks on this stretch of road would allow my children and many others in the neighborhood a safe route to school! It would also encourage people from the neighborhood to safely walk to the park and shops and decrease car traffic.

I couldn't be more excited to see URMDAC seriously considering this project for funding. I wonder if construction costs could be optimized by combining with the park and school district work on the intersection? Perhaps an IGA so that a single contractor can more efficiently construct the two projects as one?

Finally, I would request that if possible, the county ensure that a planting strip be included between sidewalk and road. A sidewalk is better than no sidewalk, but one that is not directly on the curb and is buffered from the street by a grass strip or tree plantings is even more pleasant to the eye, and feels safer as a pedestrian.

Thank you again for your consideration of this wonderful project!

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[With the planned redevelopment of Cedar Hills Park, and the planned stoplight, this will enable neighbors to walk safely to school and to the park. Great idea!](#)

[With the planned park improvements, this is needed to promote pedestrian safety!](#)

Johnson Street – Candidate 138

1 neutral comment:

thanks no objection to either one.

[Comment from email, not interactive map]

9 supporting comments:

It will be a definite worthwhile improvement that serves the local neighborhood. It will enable students to travel between home and their bus stops without having to either get all muddy or walk dangerously. Just make sure it matches the rest of the street unlike 178th Ave.

Yes, please! Johnson is a treacherous street for pedestrians in the blocks that have no sidewalks.

Yes, please! All of Johnson St (from 178th to Century Blvd) could be improved to provide a shoulder wide enough for pedestrians. In several places there are still open drainage ditches with only inches of gravel shoulder from the pavement (and that might be overgrown with brush).

YES. I'd love for my kid to ride his bike to Indian Hills from my house near 198th and Johnson. But Johnson car traffic does not have much room without pedestrians and cyclists on the road. Running on Johnson is also super stressful. Motorists do not yield much room.

It doesn't go far enough. Sidewalks are needed the entire length of Johnson.

Yes! 182nd/Johnson needs better ped. walkways, especially this high use corner.

[Yes we need any and all improvements on Johnson that we can get. It would be even better if we could get sidewalks especially between 187th -185th on Johnson.](#)

Johnson Street – Candidate 183

1 neutral comment:

thanks no objection to either one.

[Comment from email, not interactive map]

2 supporting comments:

A lot of pedestrian traffic, school kids walk this path and it currently requires the pedestrians to walk along busy Johnson St. for a short time between the sidewalks. It would be much safer to have a continuous side walk along this road.

What will happen to the 120 year old Black Walnut trees on the north side of the street?

Lakeview Drive – Candidate 281

1 opposing comment:

With recent improvements to Laidlaw Road just west of Lakeview,, the urgency for improvements to this sidewalk gap has been greatly reduced. Other projects within URMD--serving many more people-- are much more in need of safety improvements.

13 supporting comments:

It is too dangerous currently to walk that section of Lakeview Dr, especially when it is dark.

This is a much needed walkway that connects two Communities and more importantly improves safety of people along the windy road that typically has vehicles driving fast.

This pathway would be nice, but also would need a crosswalk at the laidlaw intersection and lowering the speedlimit. Many cars drive fast as soon as they get out of the bend on Laidlaw heading east and the intersection is hard to see.

This is a dangerous stretch of road with frequent pedestrians and autos heading both ways on the narrow road. It's only a matter of time before an unfortunate or possibly tragic accident happens here.

This is an extremely dangerous stretch of road and could really improve safety for pedestrians with a sidewalk!

This stretch of road could be improved with a sidewalk and a cross walk across Laidlaw.

However, the improvement most needed in this area is the stretch of Saltzman that joins with Laidlaw--where there is a dangerous 'S' in the road, with blind corners, no sidewalks, and pedestrians who often risk their lives walking that little stretch of Saltzman. Someone surely is going to get hurt there before here. And with the significant construction occurring in this area, it is only getting worse.

A walkway is needed here! This curve is very dangerous because it's on a hill, the road is narrow and there are a lot of pedestrians that walk and bike between the two neighborhoods. I have seen a lot of close calls between road users.

Please help to make this a walk-able road. We own a house in this neighborhood and hope to make this street (excessive speeding) safer and more a part of the entire walkable neighborhood.

Important safety feature needed here for neighborhood walkability

This pedestrian walkway would fix a dangerous curve where people often walk in the street. I highly support fixing this before someone gets hurt.

Even with recent improvements to Laidlaw, which is a widened shoulder on a winding road with a 40 mph speed limit, it does not alleviate the need for a safe walkway between Arbor Heights and Oakridge Estates neighborhoods. I support this project.

Laurel Street – Candidate 358

1 neutral comment:

SW 107th Ave, nearby the two deadly highways, is in far greater need of walking and biking improvements.

2 opposing comments:

I have walked and biked upon occasion here, and do not feel threatened by car traffic. I like the feel of less-paved residential areas, and think there are other places more in need.

Resident adjacent to proposed project opposes, does not want sidewalks on Laurel Street. Quiet street, not needed. Moved here to live on street without sidewalk. [phone call]

Park Way – Candidate 058

2 opposing comments:

You should re bid the job or hire a private contractor. Flatwork is about \$12-14 per foot and cutting down a few trees for about \$7000 where is all the extra money going ? The job shouldn't cost more than \$50,000.00 And as for safety there is a sidewalk on the other side. How about writing some speeding tickets on Parkway to pay for it.

You can walk on the opposite side of the street and cross to the South side, traffic is not that bad. Money should be spent on Butner Rd instead since there is already one usable sidewalk already on Park way.

5 supporting comments:

This is such a tiny strip of road, but many children walk this way to school. It would be wonderful to see this improvement.

Drivers routinely exceed the speed limit on Park Way. As this is a route traveled routinely by students walking to school and people using the rec center having sidewalks on both sides of the street would increase pedestrian safety.

I drive past this location many times per week.

It is the only block on this road, in this local, on that side of the street, to not have a sidewalk.

To encourage kids to needlessly cross the street to use the sidewalk on the other side puts them at risk makes no sense. This road has a fair amount of traffic.

As for the cost of the project, there should be at least three competitive bids to get the work done.

It's time to finish the job.

route to school and to transit! Sounds like a worthwhile investment to me.

This area is old and needs improvements. Sidewalks are needed.

Rigert Road – Candidate 482

1 opposing comment:

The land and real estate developers should be assessed a one time fee to pay for this project.

12 supporting comments:

This is an essential project, there is no sidewalk or easement on a VERY busy street close to an elementary school

I often walk and drive here and this road desperately needs improvements. With the new development going on nearby we need to plan for the future. Give people the option to walk or bike here, instead of creating another wave of car-dependent citizens.

A very important improvement given the increased development nearby and the proximity to Cooper Mountain Elementary school.

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Dangerous! Needs to be done.
I would have preferred the sidewalk on the north side so pedestrians could walk down SW Rigert all the way to SW 170th without having to cross 175th on the dangerous curve. I assume there will be a crosswalk and signal for pedestrians at Rigert and 175th, preferably with Walk/Don't Walk indicators.
Desperately needed but a stop sign or light is also needed for the cars wanting to stay straight on Rigert from 181st through to 170th. The intersection at 175th/Rigert is very dangerous!
I drive through this area nearly daily. Pedestrians and drivers are both put at risk when they are trying to share the road in this area, especially in the evening when the sun is setting. A sidewalk would be a great improvement.
This stretch is dangerous for cars and pedestrians at the intersection of 175th and Rigert Rd. The new housing development is only adding to the congestion. People who do walk never walk on the south side though until you reach Bryan Way. I would suggest the sidewalk on the North side of the street to prevent more congestion issues for cars navigating the intersection because it will delay those headed East and South and those coming North will have to stop on the steep decline for pedestrians.
This is a very dangerous intersection. Visibility, walking path, sharp curve all need to be addressed.
Safety is needed.

Rock Creek Boulevard – Candidate 350

1 opposing comment:

they can walk to the other side

10 supporting comments:

This project would make it much safer and desirable for people to commute to schools, recreation at the park, and shopping near 7/11 in the area. There's a lot of people would benefit if this project were completed.

With the amount of traffic on 185th everyday anything we can do to increase pedestrian safety on this road would be a welcome improvement.
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This is a good project to accomplish! There is a lot of auto traffic in the area and it is always very busy.
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This is a very heavily traveled area - both pedestrians (many of whom are children) and cars. This improvement will separate them and greatly improve safety.

I drive through this area on a daily basis and frequently see children and older people walking across the intersection. The traffic is very heavy at early morning and late afternoon times and moderately heavy at all other times of the day. With a high school, elementary school, a park with a swimming pool and a shopping center all within one block of this intersection, it is only a matter of time until there is a serious pedestrian accident here. This would be a huge safety benefit.
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This is a busy spot for both pedestrians--many walking from nearby homes/apts to bus transit--and cyclists crossing 185th. It's a very busy intersection and it'd help both populations to have sidewalk all the way to 185th.
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I ride there everyday on my bike and have to move over into the car driving lane when there are pedestrians. Pedestrians would benefit from a sidewalk and cyclists would benefit of not having to move into the car lane and risk getting hit.

This is a very busy intersection especially on school day mornings and in the afternoons when school is out. Sidewalks would be a good safety improvement for everyone.

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Near a high school and a lot of foot traffic over here.

Rock Road – Candidate 279

14 supporting comments:

Very helpful. Thanks for adding the sidewalk.

This is a MUST! Too many children have to walk in the road to get to Indian Hills Elementary as well as Brown Middle School. A popular bus stop (corner of Rock and 198th) increases the number of pedestrians walking on Rock Rd. Additionally, very few cars go the posted speed limit. Influx of new residents is making Rock Rd. a popular cut around so traffic is quite heavy. It is a tragedy waiting to happen!

A sidewalk would be so much safer - the cars are way too close to me and my dog when we walk down this section of the street.

Sidewalks are definitely needed along this section of Rock Road.

There are a lot of pedestrians walking along this road that use public transportation as well as cyclists at all hours. Also lighting is insufficient at night making it very difficult for drivers to see them.

I drive here every day. Rock road is a nightmare at night. Cars speeding, busy, pedestrians, cars parked, and terrible lighting. Please consider improving rock rd as a whole in the future.

My wife and I walk our dogs in the early morning before work. When it is dark, that is a terrifying walk without sidewalks. Especially with the multitude of folks going way faster than the posted 25mph speed limit. Yes Please!!!!!!

This is such a necessary improvement. I walk my dogs on this daily and it is a very dangerous stretch of road. More often than not we have to wait far off to the side for cars to pass before we can safely walk in the driving lane to get around the pot holes or overgrown foliage. Please put in sidewalks before there is a fatality, either human or pet.

Now that the rainy season has begun, it is even more obvious as to why the street needs a sidewalk. Our family walks along this street and see many children and pets. It is a major street for the neighborhood.

Definitely needed. Really tired of walking in the mud. Poor lighting, high traffic volume

This is needed to keep walkers safe and so cars don't have to swerve for walkers. Many people walk in our neighborhood.

Please add a sidewalk to this common walking route.

My comments echo most all of the other comments on this proposed improvement. While I personally do not normally walk this section of road (I usually walk closer to my house) I do drive it frequently and I worry about the safety of pedestrians along this stretch.

This road was never intended for the volume of traffic it now receives and we should spend some of our transportation money making it safer for the residents and homeowners nearby as traffic volumes increase with new development.

[This is a sorely needed improvement. The road has no clear marking and is bordered by steep ditches and a lot of overgrowth forcing pedestrians into the traffic lanes.](#)

Saltzman Road – Candidate 457

2 opposed comments:

This should be a part of the overall road improvement of Saltzman south of Thompson, which I hope is a high priority. If the road project is out more than five years, then I think it makes sense to do the sidewalk and plan to have it thrown away when Saltzman is eventually fixed.

This project may be a waste of the limited funds. Suggestion is find a safe place to cross over to an existing sidewalk and put warning signs and stripes on the road for crossing. This would be much cheaper. Both options are temporary anyway.

19 supporting comments:

Currently pedestrians who walk on the west side of Saltzman Rd. from south to north are forced to cross to the east side of the road at NW Creekview - an already challenging intersection due to poor site distances on this hill and a lack of a turn lane on NW Saltzman. This improvement would allow pedestrians to reach the intersection of NW Thompson and NW Saltzman, where a safer signaled intersection and crosswalk are available. A much needed safety improvement.

Adding the sidewalk will provide much needed safe walking route, especially for the Findley Elementary School children and their parents who walk them to and from school. The neighborhoods directly south of the school, off Saltzman, are not safely accessible walking along the west side of Saltzman Road. People either need to run across Thompson to the east side of Saltzman or make a long detour down NW Pinon Hills Terrace through the Arbor Creek neighborhood.

Middle school children walk here, and we need a safe place to walk. Thanks

Needed for safe walking to school. There are muddy slippery conditions in the school year with increased traffic on Salzman due to construction of 250 homes.

This is close to Findley grade school and is needed for kids to safely walk to school from the adjoining neighborhood as well as for neighbors to be able to cross the street at the intersection safely and walk down Saltzman on the west side instead of crossing from Creekview

This will help many kids that live on the west side of Salzman road and attend the Finley School.

Since Findley School was built, the need for a sidewalk here has increased. This is a safety issue. I support the addition of this sidewalk.

Huge safety improvement for elementary school students!

This is a high-demand location that would be used by many students and parents multiple times daily. In addition, it would provide a safe crossing for Remington/Bauer Highlands residents who walk/jog/run through Bauer Woods and neighborhoods on the west side of Saltzman. Currently, they have to cross Saltzman mid-block further south.

Putting in this sidewalk would be a huge improvement for safety and walkability. Currently, it simply isn't safe to walk north on Saltzman much past Findley school. With all the development to the north, this sidewalk is very seriously needed and way overdue. Please build it!

This sidewalk is needed to increase the safety of the students going to Findley.

This candidate should be approved. Students, families, bikers need a safe place to connect to other communities. This connection would improve livability for countless people.

Kids need a safe place to walk to get to Findley Elementary. This absolutely needs to be done.

There was a pending project to improve this section of Saltzman with widening and ped facilities, but apparently it's fallen through the many cracks! If that's not going to happen, then this segment is much-needed, especially since THPRD isn't very interested in improving the old Lehman property in our lifetimes...

This area is very dangerous for the Findley Elementary students who try to get to school! There needs to be a sidewalk here since Saltzman traffic goes 45 miles per hour here- with no sidewalk for getting to school. Please make Saltzman and Thompson Rds a priority to make our community walkable and safe for children.

Makes sense due to proximity to the elementary school, in spite of the existing sidewalk on the other side of the road.

Cars travel at high speed on Saltzman, and there are many children in the area. This sidewalk should be a very high priority, just behind the Thompson Road sidewalk which is even HIGHER risk for accidents and fatalities. But both should definitely be supported.

There are many joggers and walkers that use this route and they have to go onto the road since there's no sidewalk. Sunset H.S. snow route requires my kids to walk from Creekview to Hartford for bus pickup. This is crazy since there's no sidewalk and dark, snowy when they have to use snow routes. Asking kids to cross Saltzman to use sidewalk, then cross back again to the bus pickup location when it's dark and snowy is wrong. Cars are slipping/sliding then and it's too dangerous for kids.

Need a bike path as well.

Taylor's Ferry Road – Candidate 401

1 opposing comment:

If I wanted a sidewalk in front of our home I would have bought in Portland. I like the idea of no one walking around the neighborhood casing our homes for robbery. Who's going to pay for it, the pedestrians or the homeowners?

23 supporting comments:

Great choice of candidates. Drivers routinely exceed the posted 25 MPH speed limit on this section of Taylor's Ferry. There is no street lighting, no shoulder and no other means of connecting pedestrians in this neighborhood to SW 80th Ave without going up to Oleson Rd or down to Hall Blvd.

For 17 yrs, I've seen growing dangers of this roadway. Lighting is sketchy, especially with rain as street lamps reflect off this 1 lane in each direction road. Even if the 50+ kids/animals that live in the community are protected with reflectors/flashlight, it is difficult to see/guide vehicles around walkers/bikers w/only muddy sides or ditches to jump into. There is a critical need for a sidewalk down the length of TF, but this segment alone significantly increases the safety of families.

I walk my dog and jog on this road daily. There are sections, West of SW 82nd that have areas to walk that are off the street but between SW 82nd East to SW 80th, I need to duck into driveways to avoid cars. I think that adding a path or sidewalk would be a great safety improvement.

Such an important safety feature for this stretch of Taylor's Ferry Rd. Since there is no safe place to walk and no safe place for our children to wait for their bus for school, this would be a simple and safe fix. People continue (for years) to use SW 80th and Taylor's Ferry all the way to Washington Drive as their personal drag strip. We hope this can be completed as soon as possible. Thank you for the consideration for the safety of our children and the rest of the neighborhood.

There are no sidewalks to speak of in this entire neighborhood which is unfortunate. There are no safe places to walk our dogs, especially at night when it's raining and visibility is terrible. And we have angry people telling us to get off their property when we are actually on an easement. Sidewalks would clearly define what is and is not their property.

Please put sidewalks on the entirety of SW Taylor's Ferry! I've almost been hit multiple times and as a driver I've had some close encounters with Pedestrians who are nearly in the street because there is not a proper place for them to walk. This is something I would be ok with my tax dollars funding.

Please make this much needed improvement! People in the neighborhood need a safe way to walk down this stretch of road.

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<p>This would be a very welcome addition for the walkers and the children in our neighborhood, making a much safer condition for all.</p>
<p>With High school kids having to walk to the path near Terreton Place on SW Taylors Ferry to catch the bus, sidewalks would be a huge safety improvement/measure, tot to mention anyone walking to the bus stop on the corner of SW 80th & Taylors Ferry. It would be great to see sidewalks on SW Taylors Ferry all the way from SW 80th to SW Washington Drive as well.</p>
<p>Taylors Ferry has become such a major road that it seems only logical to make sure that it has safe sidewalks.</p>
<p>Great idea</p>
<p>My children, and many of their school aged friends and families, would benefit greatly from adding this sidewalk. Neighborhoods in this area are cut off from each other and require using Taylors Ferry Road for travel on foot. I have been a driver (or passenger) through this area for 45 years and often lament seeing pedestrians trying to navigate without a sidewalk.</p>
<p>As a resident nearby I walk this area often. Taylors Ferry is a critical area for me to cross and walk down with my dog and it can be quite nerve wracking. I think a host of roads in this area should have a paved walkway for people as I cross paths with many walkers who are forced to walk on the shoulder near a ditch.</p>
<p>This is a much needed improvement! I also agree with the other comment about needing pedestrian access along Taylor's Ferry, from Capitol Hwy to beyond 80th. I think that bike access is crucial too. It is not only impossible to walk/run/bike along this road safely, crossing it from neighborhood streets can be dangerous as well. People hardly ever drive the posted 30mph limit!</p>
<p>This general area needs more sidewalks. It is becoming increasingly more dangerous for pedestrians including school-aged children due to the increase in traffic.</p>
<p>This is a high priority for us in that there is a clear safety concern, patrol enforcement will not materially improve the safety and both pedestrians & drivers see the need. As a property owner I strongly support the project.</p>
<p>I am a new home owner along T. F. Rd. we live in Wash Co. My wife, dog, new-born son and I live in the most dangerous part, where there is an uphill "S" bend in the road and a blind turn. This plan is a good start but the Co should connect the proposed section at least up to the Mult Co. line (which has safe walkways) There is a bus stop in this "S" bend with NO safe access for pedestrians. How is that not a county safety code violation? Please add sidewalks on the North side of the st.</p>
<p>I walk my dog along T.F. Rd. regularly to gain access to the neighborhood streets - it's not safe at all. Especially in the "S" bend of the road just inside Wash Co. where I live. Pedestrians and bikers could be killed along this stretch of road, we need sidewalks. We can't safely gain access to the neighborhoods with our newborn in a stroller because there is no path or sidewalk. Neither can my next door neighbors, they have newborn twins. School & transit bus riders are at risk too.</p>
<p>To the 1 person against this project because their house could be "cased for robbery": How could you be so against the prosperity & future of a community? Think of the good that safe sidewalks can bring to our area of the county. To save lives—kids lives. For families, walkers, joggers, pet owners. Let's form a community watch if you are concerned about crime, but don't reject progress and the safety of your neighbors so easily. It's for community not crooks.</p>

Have you seen the real estate market in Portland lately?

This will likely increase property values while saving lives. It's a win-win for street-front residents who want their walk scores to increase and thus the value of their property while also not getting hit by a car when accessing the neighborhood and mass transit resources. Curb appeal and a safer neighborhood?! Thank you Washington Co. in advance, for doing the right thing and putting a sidewalk along all of Taylors Ferry Rd.

Lots of cars, can be dark, very dangerous at night.

This area is in desperate need of safe, walkable routes and this would be a welcome improvement. The lack of sidewalks in this neighborhood make walking prohibitively unsafe even in the daytime. At this time I choose to drive rather than walk with my family (2 children + dog) to nearby friends homes or parks. Adding a Pedestrian Path such as this would help create a safer, more user-friendly neighborhood. Thank you!

New businesses like the Broder cafe on SW Oleson Road shows the demand for neighborhoods safe for walking and biking. SW Taylor's Ferry Road has a TriMet bus and the entire corridor needs a safety overhaul. Taylor's Ferry leads to the busy Barbur Transit Center and this pedestrian path is needed.

Thompson Road – Candidate 287

1 opposed comment:

This project may be a waste of the limited funds. Suggestion is find a safe place to cross over to an existing sidewalk and put warning signs and stripes on the road for crossing. This would be much cheaper. Both options are temporary anyway.

30 supporting comments:

I would like to have a sidewalks along this stretch, as it is currently very unsafe to walk to Bonny Slope park. However, it doesn't make sense to me that it would be placed on the north side of the road, given that the existing pockets of sidewalk on Thompson are on the south side. It would be better to connect/extend existing sidewalks on the south side than to have people unnecessarily crossing Thompson on foot.

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This is much needed, but I wonder why the north side, when it seems that most of the existing sidewalk is on the south side.

Yes, yes yes! Bonny slope park is 1 block from my house but I don't let my kids walk there because of the hazard of walking on/next to Thompson Road.

This would be a very beneficial safety improvemetn. This section of Thompson gets a lot of running/walking/biking traffic, and is on a road that is only growing in commuter traffic. The sections posed in this improvement proposal make walking thompson to bonny slope park by surrounding families almost impossible due to the lack of sidewalk. Suprised an accident or incident has not already occurred.

I agree but the description doesn't match what's shown in the map. Additionally I would like to see the sidewalk contiguous from Saltzman to the Bonnie slope park

Yes, please make Thompson safer for pedestrians! Not only is there no sidewalk in some places, there is no shoulder either, which requires one to walk in the road. This would go a long way toward making the area more walker/runner friendly.

<p>This would be a great safety improvement. Busy road with no sidewalks and no shoulders. I see many people walking on the road.</p>
<p>Busy road for pedestrians and bikers and with the construction going on there, there is no safe place to walk and pedestrians are constantly on the road.</p>
<p>I walk on this section of Thompson to forest park community. I feel unsafe when walking on this section because I need to walk on the traffic lane, but I don't have other alternative unless I drive a car.</p>
<p>Great idea! Thompson road at those place is very unsafe for bicyclists or pedestrians</p>
<p>Thompson road needs to be improved to be safer for bicyclists or pedestrians. Also speed limit should be reduced</p>
<p>I think the current situation is dangerous for pedestrians and runners because Thompson is a major thoroughfare and because of its east-west orientation, drivers can be visually impaired during sunny parts of the day</p>
<p>This is a vital improvement. There are many children and families in this area that would definitely use the sidewalk to get to Bonny Slope Park and local schools.</p>
<p>A sidewalk is definitely needed in this area. Lots of runners, bikers, kids walking to the park. It's quite dangerous.</p>
<p>A pedestrian connection on the south side should be the priority, at least in the near term. Many people use this as a walking/jogging route and it is currently very uncomfortable to talk here, especially with a dog or young children.</p>
<p>This would be a very good project to improve safety and walkability in the area.</p>
<p>In general I support sidewalks but I am also concerned about the cost to us and would like more information on that.</p>
<p>This is needed to access park. Otherwise, it's isolating for pedestrians</p>
<p>Absolutely support this proposed sidewalk. It is a major safety issue and this would resolve the safety concerns.</p>
<p>Currently, it is unsafe for pedestrians, and at the same time, forces vehicles over the double-yellow lines on a curvy stretch of Thompson. It's a recipe for disaster. Sidewalks save lives. These particular sidewalks, could save ours.</p>
<p>This is a much needed improvement. Thompson is a narrow, winding road and there is no sidewalk currently in the proposed location. Pedestrians can not walk safely along the road. Cars cannot see them. This is a popular road and people often walk/jog in the traffic lanes which is extremely dangerous.</p>
<p>We have small children who would like to walk to Bonny Slope Park, but there are currently no sidewalks and traffic goes 45 miles per hour on Thompson Rd- it is dangerous! Please make our community walkable by adding a sidewalk. It doesn't make sense to build parks you have to drive to when you only live 1/3 mile away! Create a sidewalk on Thompson for the safety of our children and the many joggers/dog walkers in our community who would like to use the park. Thank you!</p>
<p>This area is very unsafe for pedestrians and some sort of contiguous improvement is sorely needed.</p>
<p>This sidewalk on Thompson road MUST be supported! This is an extremely dangerous road, and the County allowed a large new housing development to be built which will add even more cars. There are hundreds of children and residents who walk between Findley Elementary, their homes, and Bonney Slope Park. This situation is a fatality just waiting to happen UNLESS the County prioritizes this sidewalk. There have been many near misses!! PLEASE HELP!</p>

Is this a proposal for a real, cement-type sidewalk that is set back from the road? Or is this the same type of asphalt, widened shoulder with a 'magic' white line that could never stop a distracted driver from hitting a pedestrian? I can't tell from the description provided. Please keep in mind that only a real sidewalk is acceptable for a child or adult to safely walk to the park. This dangerous section of road must be made safer for pedestrians. Please build a real sidewalk!

On the south side of Thompson Road from Knollview Drive to Sunset View Terrace, there are already some existing sidewalks. You don't need to build 1000 feet of widened asphalt shoulder, you need to fill in the sidewalks at the 120 foot gap along 10920 NW Thompson and the 500 foot gap at 10820, 10750, 10730, and 10690 NW Thompson. It's really important that this dangerous section of road be made safer for pedestrians. Please build a real sidewalk and not just a widened shoulder!

We regularly run & walk along this section of Thompson with our dog and would really appreciate this project to improve safety