

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: March 20, 2023
Item No.:

Department Approval



City Manager Approval

Item Description: Approve Resolution for Victoria Street Pathway

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 In 2021, Ramsey County began studying how a pathway on Victoria Street could be installed
3 between County Road C in Roseville up to Harriet Avenue in Shoreview (Attachment C). In August
4 of 2022, the Victoria Street Roadway and Trail Conceptual Design Study (Attachment B) was
5 completed.

6 This 2- mile segment along Victoria Street is currently posted between 35-40 mph and only has a
7 small shoulder that can be used for walking and biking. The road has an average of 4,950-6,200
8 vehicles per day of traffic and also serves Metro Transit Route 227. There are no separated
9 sidewalks or trails in this segment, except for a sidewalk segment built a few years ago between
10 County Road C and Woodhill Drive. There are also existing pathway connections at County Road C
11 and at Harriet Avenue on either end of the corridor. Additional east/west pathway connections are
12 available at Woodhill Drive, West Owasso Boulevard and County Road D.

13 This pathway segment has been on the City's Pathway Master Plan, Segment 10 (Attachment E), for
14 many years. The pathway connection would provide better access between neighborhoods and three
15 schools as well as the Owasso Ballfields and Central Park. In 2016, the City Council received a
16 petition (Attachment D) from residents to begin planning and to install a pathway on this segment.
17 Due to the existing topography, installing a pathway in this corridor is more difficult than other
18 segments where the City has installed in the past. Due to the high cost of the project, getting outside
19 grant funds is likely the only way the project can be funded.

20 With the study completed, Ramsey County intends to submit a Federal Regional Solicitation
21 Application to help fund the project. The application would be submitted this summer for the West
22 Alternative as detailed in the study. If the application is submitted and awarded, it would be for
23 funding year 2028 or 2029. In order to submit the application, Ramsey County needs a resolution
24 from both the City of Roseville and the City of Shoreview in support of submitting the application
25 and committing to the local cost share. Shoreview staff has indicated they will be supporting the
26 application.

27 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

28 From the City’s Pathway Master Plan, Policies and Standards, the following policies would be met if
29 this pathway segment were completed:

30 2) Provide pathway facilities along all roads.

31 a. Develop a pathway along all arterial roads where equal alternate parallel routes are
32 not available.

33 5) Provide a safe network of pathway linkages for pedestrians and cyclists to and between
34 educational facilities, churches, business centers, transit stops, parks and open space.

35 c. Parks, open space and transit stops shall have a pathway connecting them to the
36 pathways network.

37 **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

38 The current estimate for the project from the 2022 Study is \$3,000,000. The 2028 estimate,
39 including inflation, is \$4,000,000. The maximum regional solicitation award is \$3,200,000. The
40 funding is split 80:20 federal/local split so the local project cost would be \$800,000. Per Ramey
41 County’s cost share agreement, they would fund half the project (\$400,000) and the remaining costs
42 would be split between the cities. Based on the pro-rata length of the trail, the City of Roseville’s
43 costs would be \$240,000 and the City of Shoreview’s costs would be \$160,000. If project costs are
44 higher or if the grant amount is less than the maximum amount, the City of Roseville’s share could
45 go up.

46 The City would fund its portion of the costs for this project using Municipal State Aid funds.
47 Currently, we estimate there will be adequate funding in 2028 and 2029 to fund the City’s portion of
48 the project even if the cost estimate does go up.

49 **RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT SUMMARY**

50 The Victoria Street Pathway would enhance walkability and bikeability within the area as there are
51 minimal separated pathways in this area of the city. This north-south pathway segment would help
52 connect neighborhoods along Victoria Street. If constructed, the pathway would provide better
53 connections to three schools: Emmet D. Williams Elementary (County Road D), St. Odilia School
54 (Victoria Street) and Island Lake Elementary School (Victoria Street). The pathway would also
55 provide better access to transit stops (route 227) that run along Victoria Street. This project should
56 be an overall benefit to nearby historically disadvantaged communities that may use this pathway for
57 transportation and access to transit. According to census data for this corridor, there are 20% people
58 of color (City Average is 27%) and there are 134 households below the poverty level (1,168 Total
59 City).

60 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

61 Staff recommends the City Council approve a resolution requesting Ramsey County to submit for
62 federal region solicitation funds for the Victoria Street Pathway and committing the City of
63 Roseville to its local cost share.

64 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

65 Motion to approve a resolution requesting Ramsey County to submit for federal region solicitation
66 funds for the Victoria Street Pathway and committing the City of Roseville to its local cost share.

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Attachments: A: Resolution

B: Victoria Street Roadway and Trail Conceptual Design Study

C: Location Map

D: Victoria Street Pathway Petition (2016)

E: Pathway Master Plan Map