

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on December 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Public Works

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. 2023-318 Proposed Update to the Sidewalk Network Master Plan

W. Wesley Waters, P.E., CIP Unit Manager, presented an update to the Sidewalk Network Master Plan.

The Mayor and Council initiated a Sidewalk Program in April 2006. Since that time, the Council has periodically reviewed its sidewalk policies, and the Council adopted its initial Sidewalk Master Plan Network Map in February 2008. The Mayor and Council reaffirmed the utilization of the Sidewalk Master Plan Network Map for use in evaluating capital Sidewalk Program projects as well as for development-driven sidewalk construction on July 7, 2015. An update to the plan was adopted shortly thereafter on January 5, 2016.

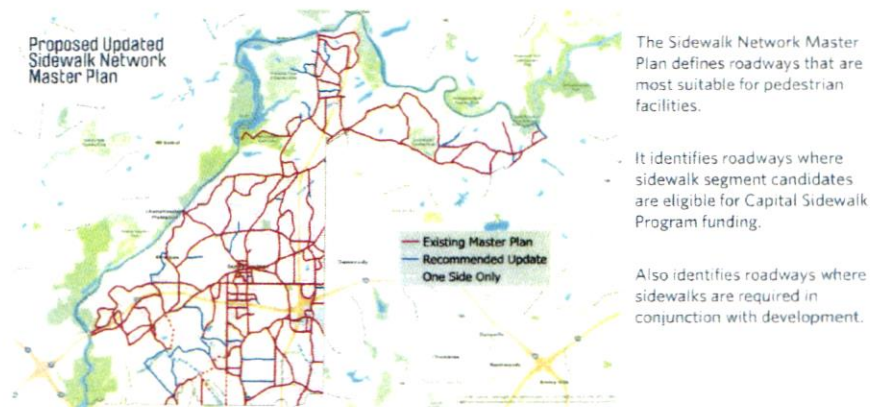
Additional updates were discussed with a Capital Sidewalk Program Update to Mayor and Council on March 15, 2022. Upon review of the proposed additions, staff presented draft recommended additions to the Sidewalk Master Plan Network Map on September 15, 2023. Staff was directed to perform community outreach and received additional citizen feedback by an established deadline of October 13, 2023.

The following are proposed recommended additions to the Sidewalk Master Plan Network:

- **Burdette Road**, between Lake Forrest Drive and Long Island Drive
- **Colewood Way**, between River Valley Road and Bridgewood Valley Road
- **Denmark Drive**, between Roswell Road and Boylston Drive
- **Dunwoody Road**, between Spalding Drive and Dunwoody City Limits
- **Edgewater Drive**, between Riverside Drive and Mountain Brook Way
- **Forest Hills Drive**, between Roswell Road and High Point Road
- **Franklin Road**, between Roswell Road and High Point Road
- **Glen Errol Road**, between Mt. Vernon Highway and Long Island Drive
- **Grogans Ferry Road**, between Roswell Road and Adair Lane
- **Hannover Park**, between Roswell Road and Huntcliff Village Court
- **Heards Creek Drive**, between Old Creek Trail and Heards Ferry Road
- **Hedden Street**, between Roswell Road and Windsor Parkway
- **Hightower Trail**, between Roswell Road and Cherokee Country Club
- **Holcomb Bridge Road**, between Spalding Drive and Chattahoochee River
- **Huntcliff**, between Hightower Trail and Roswell Road
- **Hunters Crossing Drive**, for 750' off of Peachtree Dunwoody Road
- **Jett Ferry Road**, between Spalding Drive and River Circle
- **Londonberry Road**, between Powers Ferry Road and Long Island Drive
- **Long Island Drive NW**, between Burdette Road and Long Island Way
- **Mabry Road**, between Spalding Drive and Glenridge Drive
- **Maryeanna Drive**, between Roswell Road and Lake Forrest Drive

- **Mountain Brook Way**, between Edgewater Drive and Old Creek Trail
- **Mountain Creek Road**, between Carpenter Drive and Cul-de-sac
- **N River Drive**, between Dunwoody Place and Winding River Drive
- **Nesbit Ferry Road**, between Spalding Drive and Winters Chapel Road
- **Northridge Parkway**, between Roswell Road and Dunwoody Place
- **Old Creek Trail**, between Mountain Brook Way and Heards Creek Drive
- **Old Riverside Drive**, between Riverside Drive and Park Entrance
- **Powers Ferry Road**, between Crest Valley Drive and Mt. Paran Road
- **Rebel Trail**, between Powers Ferry Road and Mount Paran Road
- **Springwood Connector**, between Peachtree Dunwoody Road and Dunwoody City Limits
- **Winding River Drive**, between N River Drive and N River Parkway
- **Wright Road**, between Brandon Ridge Drive and Abernathy Road

Sidewalk Network Master Plan



Councilmember John Paulson asked are the proposed sidewalks scored yet?

CIP Unit Manager Waters said no.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked can Council add more sidewalks until January?

CIP Unit Manager Waters said correct. It will probably be through the end of December to be put on the January agenda.

This proposal is for adding candidates to the master plan. In the second quarter of 2024, we want to bring to Council a scored list of the new sidewalks, and refresh the scores on the ones scored in the past.

Councilmember Andy Bauman asked will a window be opened for citizen Letters of Intent?

CIP Unit Manager Waters said yes. We typically bring a draft to Council first. We are currently advancing \$12,000,000 in sidewalks through T- SPLOST, and we try to provide a scored list to Council earlier in the year to open that window and get it back in time for the budget season, but we are not anticipating much more budget for the sidewalk program. We are doing this exercise while we have time

and will provide the scored list next year.

Councilmember Bauman said the purpose is due to interest throughout the community to have a sidewalk in a particular neighborhood, or section that could not be considered because of the plan. Hopefully each time this is done, the plan becomes more refined. Did anything come off the list?

CIP Unit Manager Waters said a few years ago some met that criteria, but not this time.

Councilmember Paulson said I can see some neighborhood waiting for years to get their sidewalk and may get jumped over. Will extra points be given to a sidewalk that has been on the list but has not quite made it if a new sidewalk gets ahead?

CIP Unit Manager Waters said currently there is a 55-point scale. With the addition of density considerations, we proposed to look at zoning districts to determine district density, as we had to pick something, with the help of GIS. There is nothing in the current system that allows us to give priority to older requests, but we could look at that.

Councilmember Paulson said I am not sure I want that. There could be a project that never made it because, for example, nobody along the sidewalk was willing to donate their property whereas there be a new stretch of sidewalk that everybody is willing to donate their property at no cost of the City. This project could move up quickly in priority because the neighborhoods have come together on it. I am not suggesting we put an extra score on something that has been there for a long time as there are many extenuating circumstances.

CIP Unit Manager Waters said historically the right of way donation process is where the community can have more input in helping their score.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked are all the Council Districts equal?

CIP Unit Manager Waters said it is zoning per land use, such as commercial or residential units per acre. That type of land use is not through Council Districts but Zoning Districts.

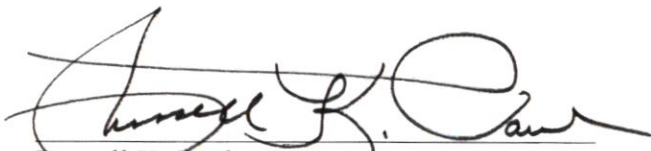
Councilmember Melody Kelley said I am happy to see density included. Will you return to Council with a breakdown of points for the Zoning Districts?

CIP Unit Manager Waters said we have that process drafted and can provide to Council for review.

II. City Council Discussion Items

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Approved: December 19, 2023



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. González, City Clerk