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COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS AND STAFF RESPONSES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEARS 2022-2026**

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Sgt. Jonathan McIntosh (Creve Coeur Police)

Suggestion

I suggest we put trash cans along Olive - especially near bus stops. We have a lot of trash that piles up in these areas while people are waiting for buses. Plus, I believe they are required to throw away food/drink before getting on the bus.

Some of the stops have trash cans, but not all and this starts to look pretty raggedy.

Additionally, the EB bus stop at Olive/Will and NB bus stop at Ballas and Olive (in front of Aldi) are not covered and are very busy. There are often 2 or 3 people waiting there and some people have set up their own chairs there (looks stylish).

These are folks who live and work in town and it would be nice if we could figure out a decent way to put a bus stop that would protect folks from the elements while waiting.

At a minimum, I think the trash cans are a must.

Staff Response

Improving the accommodations at bus stops in Creve Coeur is a good idea. We have eleven bus stops in the City's right of way along New Ballas Road, and we currently have projects in progress to make seven of these accessible and to add a bench and trash receptacle at each stop. Improvements to the other four are being considered for future grant-funded projects.

We will coordinate with Metro as we develop each project to see if they want to provide a shelter if we provide a bench and trash can. We would look to Metro to provide and maintain the shelters.

The bus stops along Olive are generally in state right of way, which will make those more difficult to handle. Ideally, MoDOT and Metro would outfit the stops along Olive similar to those that are in place, but we will look into adding trash cans where possible.

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Tom Huster (10 Sackston Woods Lane)

Suggestion

Sackston Woods subdivision asphalt street widening and replacement with concrete. Older asphalt streets are extremely narrow, deteriorating, and without much of a curb due to overlays, causes problems with traffic, drainage and driving into yards at curves.

Staff Response

Thank you for sending your idea for consideration in the Capital Improvement Program.

While I agree that the asphalt portion of your subdivision would probably be wider if built today, I think it will be unlikely that the City would reconstruct this portion of your subdivision's streets in the near future. The City's reconstruction program for residential streets is limited, and there are several streets already in the queue for replacement. Further, these streets were repaved in 2018, so our focus will be more on repair and preservation than it will be on replacement.

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Cathy Luh (12233 Kingshill Drive)

Suggestion

I am a walker. I would like a safe way to walk on the road where cross creek becomes Falaise. It is curvy, and there's no shoulder. I turn onto country glen. A sidewalk?

Staff Response

The City has considered its options for adding a sidewalk along Falaise Drive in the past, and a study to determine the likely location for such a sidewalk is included as a "future project" in the CIP. Such a study would involve determining whether there would be a sidewalk added to one or both sides of Falaise, how this sidewalk would connect at Hibler and at Cross Creek, and how the sidewalk might work with other ideas, like a possible trail connection to Millennium Park.

In the meantime, we are considering pavement repairs and new pavement markings on Falaise in the coming years. While it would not be a sidewalk, the designation of a shoulder along each side of Falaise would help separate vehicles from those who are walking along Falaise.

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Kathy Rockamann (159 Carriage Square Drive)

Suggestion

I would like the city to consider putting in some pickleball courts. It is becoming a very popular sport with people of all ages. Des Pete's park put in 3 pickleball courts and they are busy all day and evening. My daughter and I have played their many times. But it would certainly be nice to have these courts in Creve Coeur.

Staff Response

Thank you for the suggestion to add pickleball courts. We have heard several similar suggestions before, so it appears that you are right about the popularity of the sport.

The City will begin reviewing each park and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to develop improvement plans for each park. The tennis courts at Lake School Park, Conway Park, and Venable Park are all coming due for major repairs or replacement, and whether to add courts designated for pickleball will be considered as part of those projects.

In the meantime, the proposed capital improvement program includes repainting the courts at Lake School Park and Conway Park. Pickleball lines would be added to the tennis courts as part of the repainting project.

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Ann Fingerhood (712 Country Manor Lane)

Suggestion

In light of COVID-19, I have been riding my bicycle. I have noticed that there are two areas where I feel a sidewalk should be added to increase the safety of individuals on those streets.

The first location is on the south side of Olive, just east of Country Manor Lane (and the vacant Gundaker real estate building lot) and just west of St. Monica Church. There is no safe place to walk or bike ride, and up until you reach that spot, there are sidewalks to use. Suddenly, you are on Olive itself.

The other location is the south side of Mason between Chasselle and Hibler. There are no sidewalks and it is quite dangerous since that area of Mason Road is rather heavily traveled, in my experience.

Would you please consider accommodating this request to add sidewalks to increase the safety of the community? Thank you for the opportunity for me to suggest an idea for the capital improvement budget, that I believe would make our city safer for pedestrians, runners, and bike riders.

Staff Response

Thank you for the suggestions for new sidewalks in Creve Coeur.

The two locations that you mention are in Creve Coeur, but are in rights of way that are controlled and maintained by other agencies.

- Olive Boulevard is maintained by MoDOT as State Route 340. MoDOT is currently designing a project for that will add a sidewalk along the section of Olive that you mentioned. This project will also add or improve sidewalks along much of Olive between Interstate 270 and Highway 141. You can view the preliminary plans for the project on the MoDOT website at: <https://www.modot.org/route-340-resurfacing-between-lea-oak-and-i-270>. MoDOT is planning for construction to last about two years, and construction may begin as early as the summer or fall of 2021.
- Mason Road is maintained by St. Louis County. The City of Creve Coeur, St. Louis County, and the City of Town and Country have had joint discussions about the future of Mason Road and the desire of the two cities to partner with the County to add a sidewalk along Mason when roadway improvements are made there in the future. Unfortunately, I do not have a schedule for when this might be accomplished.

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Sherman Rotskoff (693 Questover Lane)

Suggestion

I would like to see the detention basin at Millennium Park changed to a retention basin and stocked with fish in order to have public fishing.

Staff Response

Thank you for your suggestion for the Capital Improvement Program.

Conversion of the detention basin into a permanent pond may not be possible without significant changes to the detention area or the rest of the park. The detention basin provides a certain amount of volume where stormwater runoff from Millennium Park and the nearby hospital sites can be temporarily stored during and immediately after a rain storm. If this volume was filled with water permanently, the stormwater would not have a place to be stored, and we would need to create that volume somewhere else. This would require either making the detention area deeper or providing a different or wider detention basin.

The City is planning to create a preliminary design plan for Millennium Park to determine how the Parks and Recreation Master Plan can be implemented there. This process will begin in the spring of 2021 and will involve public meetings. I encourage you to participate in those meetings to see what is planned for Millennium Park and to offer your suggestions.

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Elijah Perry

Suggestion

Olive Blvd has a lot of good spots with interesting places, but walkability prevents casual exploration of the area. I personally don't wander much further in this area than my own semi-walkable bubble unless I have somewhere specific I am already aware of and going to. My neighbors who jog usually go north, out of Creve Coeur, for a safer path. I'd love to be able to comfortably wander further and get more familiar with the area.

I know Olive Blvd is owned by MoDOT, but Creve Coeur is already partnering with MoDOT and the Olive TDD for improvements as part of the overall Street and Sidewalk Improvements project. I believe this partnership could go further.

Specific things that could help walkability:

1. Ensuring consistently available sidewalks. There are a few places on Olive where the sidewalk is not present so one has to go across the street to cross a specific area (or uncomfortably walk on grass or in a business area). I believe this is in conjunction with the currently existing project.



2. A bigger issue for walkability, almost every sidewalk on Olive is right next to the road. While this does solve the practical issue of walking, it does not feel safe or welcoming.



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The National Association of City Transportation Officials recommends an absolute minimum of two feet between the walking space and the road depending on road size (the site has many other recommendations as well).

They also recommend buffer objects to increase the feeling of safety. The few places where Olive does have a space between sidewalk and road are empty:



Ward four has a couple areas with wide spaces between the road and sidewalk, but they are also empty:



There are trees but only on the inside, leaving the pedestrian still feeling a little exposed despite the extra space.

Adding or moving trees or other barrier objects to the road's side creates a very safe-feeling walkway. Other than trees, some potential barrier objects include art installations, benches (which also increase walkability), rocks or man-made barriers. Different objects could be chosen in different areas in consideration of local design and maintenance requirements.

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Further, it may be difficult in some areas to get the space needed for wide walkways, and barrier objects can help a space feel further from the road.

I believe such a project could contribute to the interest in the area by making it more appealing, as well as to the economics of the area by increasing exposure to local businesses. This could be done in phases if necessary, by location and by goal (i.e. moving further from the road, and then later adding barrier objects). As a bonus, if you choose trees as a barrier object this project could improve the environment.

Staff Response

Thank you for your detailed suggestions for improved sidewalks along Olive Boulevard.

You are correct that MoDOT operates and maintains Olive Boulevard as State Route 340. MoDOT is currently designing a project that will create continuous sidewalks along both sides of most of Olive between Interstate 270 and Interstate 64/40. The preliminary plans for this project can be found on MoDOT's website at: <https://www.modot.org/route-340-resurfacing-between-lea-oak-and-i-270>

MoDOT's project might begin as early as this summer or fall, and MoDOT plans on construction lasting about two years.

Some of your suggestions for sidewalks (including separation from the street and streetscape elements) are influenced by planning, development, and the amount of right of way available. These elements do not always line up along Olive, but we are planning to incorporate quite a bit of what you suggest into Old Olive Street Road as part of the 39 North developments and redefinition of Old Olive. Relevant plans for Old Olive can be found on the City's website at: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/179/Comprehensive-Plan-and-Design-Guidelines>

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Scott MacArthur (40 Williamsburg Road)

Suggestion

I would like to suggest lighting under the 270 / Conway overpass. As an avid runner, I run under this bridge frequently and it is very dark at all hours of the day, and more recently I noticed some parts of the bridge have started falling. The other day I was running and there was a big rock that I didn't see because it was dark and almost tripped over it.

Lighting under this bridge is essential for safety.

Staff Response

Thank you for the suggestion for the Capital Improvement Program.

The Interstate 270 bridge over Conway Road is in poor condition, and MoDOT is currently designing a new bridge for this location. That project should be underway within the next year or two, and it will involve changes to both Conway and Interstate 270. We will ask that lighting be added beneath the bridge as part of that project. If necessary, the City would also consider partnering with MoDOT to add lights along the sidewalk as part of their project.

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Katie Gunning (11215 Mosley Hill Drive)

Suggestion

Respectfully, please consider adding Mosley Hill Drive and the sidewalks to the capital improvements plan. The subdivision was created in 1987. The concrete street and sidewalks need repair or replacement. I have included some photos. The severely damaged and cracked sidewalk has been a safety hazard for more than a year.



I found the online 2016 Pavement Management Analysis Report. Our street had a “good” PCI rating of 67 five years ago. Since there has been subsequent deterioration, our homeowners would like a rehabilitation strategy that will improve the structural and functional condition of the concrete pavement.

Staff Response

Thank you for submitting your request for the Capital Improvement Program.

Repairs to the Mosley Hill pavement and sidewalk will be considered as part of this summer's roadway and sidewalk maintenance program. It seems safe to say that the damaged and misshaped sidewalk you show will be replaced in 2021. Pavement repairs will be based upon a City-wide re-evaluation of the concrete streets in early March. Replacement of broken sections of the concrete will be more likely than a full replacement of the street. The City has a program for residential street replacement, but reconstruction is a last resort. Further, this program is limited to only one or two streets each year, and there are several streets already in the queue for reconstruction. For Mosley Hill, our intent would be to repair the broken areas and to preserve the rest of the street as best we can through crack sealing and other preventive maintenance.

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Melissa Inkley (12958 Ferntop Lane)
Jim Hearne (12970 Ferntop Lane)

Suggestion (Melissa Inkley)

I am requesting again that the city consider the erosion around the stormwater pipe behind our home in the CIP. I saw the request for project ideas in the recent city newsletter. For reference, this pipe effects directly at least four other properties around us, and all are experiencing major erosion issues. I know the pipe itself is under MSDs jurisdiction, however, we are hoping the city's CIP can at least help with some erosion control for now. I'm forwarding what we discussed last year, just for reference.

Using the project prioritization list from the newsletter, this should be a priority due to:

1. Public safety - the steep drop offs on both sides are a public safety issue to all. There have been at least four sink holes on our property alone, that MSD has attempted to correct, however, they keep returning. Since the area is quite open, we often see children attempting to cut through to the common area behind it, and that's concerning, safety-wise and liability-wise. There are also a multitude of large trees leaning towards several homes on the south side of the bank. If it experiences more erosion, or with a big storm, I can easily see one of these crashing into someone's home.
2. Condition of existing facility - as you and others have noted, the pipe is corroded, rusted, and there is no rip rap left. Chunks of concrete and rock fall into the open area daily, and especially in hard rain.
3. Operational efficiency - given #2 above, the will become a drainage/effecting-the-flow issue soon, if it hasn't already.
4. Citizen demand - multiple neighbors are experiencing issues with this, and will be contacting you to request this be looked at for the CIP, if they haven't already. One neighbor has lost about a third of his backyard due to erosion, including a fence, and our retaining wall is close to caving in there, as well.

Additionally, the sidewalk off Fernview that the city put in to access the common area for lawn mowing is also close to caving in.

Suggestion (Jim Hearne)

I would like to submit a request for the below mentioned flooding, drainage and erosion and paramount to all, for the safety of the community. I would like to be considered for the capital improvement plan.

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Since purchasing my home years ago I was told of a city storm water committee plan from back around 2002 with pictures of my yard, where there was a proposal to prevent and repair erosion and flooding on my and adjacent properties. There was never any action taken and I have watched things get far worse especially recently and have been very passive about it.

This has now gotten very bad.

There have always been flooding and drainage issues as it pertains to the creek in the rear of our properties and erosion which is now a very serious not issue, but problem.

Because my home is located at the very bottom of the hills between Olive to the north and Gallagher Road to the south, all of the rain water runs down the hills both through the yards and the storm water sewer system and overwhelm the creek to the point where the water backs up, floods and comes into my basement. The creek flow is from east to west. On the east, the LARGE tunnel pipe (which is shot) opening discharging the water is very, very large into my back yard and the opening for the intake for the creek out of my yard is very small thus causing water to flood severely to the point it comes up the back yards steep hill and overtakes our back yards anytime we have a medium to heavy rain. You can see on the foundation of my home, where the water level has left marks up to 3 feet in height!!!

In Essence, MSD is using my yard as a staging area for it's storm water and flooding my home in which I have a finished basement. In the picture of the flooded creek, that picture was taken at 02:15AM last summer where the water had overtaken my entire back yard and entered my basement. Most unfortunately it did not dawn on me to take a picture of the flooding until much of it had receded because I was too busy mopping up.

More than a third of my yard has eroded away in very, very quick fashion. It is even more noticeable since spring of last year as the erosion has picked up speed and gotten much worse as time goes on. I have walked out in my yard and my foot fell through the ground above a metal sewer pipe leading from the street to the creek cutting my heel. MSD has since repaired that one. There are children that play in their yards and in the creek areas that also my become injured due to these issues. The erosion has caused my patio slab to crack and the stairs pull away from the rear man-door entrance to the garage, as well as the entire yard is sliding into the creek. My neighbor to the east is also experiencing very major erosion issues and flooding. We have to keep sandbags by our basement doors to even attempt to keep the water from entering which does not work! The home on the west is also experiencing erosion issues. I have maintained tall decretive grass that is planted on the hillside to see if it will slow the erosion, all to no avail.

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Staff Response

Thank you for meeting staff to review this situation in January.

As we discussed, the proposed CIP will include the preparation of a City-wide stormwater management plan that would review all of the creeks in Creve Coeur to identify the location and scope of existing stormwater issues. This plan would also provide a way to understand how your concerns could be fixed and where such a project would be prioritized among the other stormwater issues that the City faces. The stormwater study will involve requests for public comments, opportunities to have your situation reviewed and included in the study, and public meetings to discuss and review the plan. I encourage you to participate in this study.

We are following up with MSD to determine what they plan to do to address their infrastructure and how those plans could help alleviate the sinkholes and flooding concerns.

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Cheryl Whatley (12900 Bellerive Estates Drive)

Suggestion

I live in the 4th Ward. A few years ago, when Creve Coeur was working toward being a walkable city, our neighborhood wrote about and had completed sidewalk on Mason Manor from Mason to Rue de Ville, where Bellerive Elementary School is.

Now I am asking for an extension of this safety and walkability measure. Bellerive Estates/Fernview is the only through street in the area. It goes from the sidewalk on Mason Manor all the way to Olive Street. Many people walk this route, ride bicycles, walk dogs and children--with no sidewalks. Some of the neighborhoods have bylaws that require approval, so they would have to be addressed.

However, in terms of home values, most younger families who move in, move into the cul de sacs. If we want to extend the move to younger families replacing the aging population, we need the long street to be safer and more inviting.

Please take this suggestion into serious consideration.

Staff Response

Thank you for your suggestion for the Capital Improvement Program.

The City has an ongoing effort to become a more walkable city, and that effort includes both adding new sidewalks and maintaining or improving the existing sidewalks.

Adding a sidewalk along Fernview and Bellerive Estates is a project that has been a consideration for some time. In 2019, the City developed a concept plan for adding a sidewalk to Fernview Drive between Olive and Gallagher. The proposed Capital Improvement Program includes an expansion of this concept plan to connect the future sidewalk on Fernview to the sidewalks in the adjacent neighborhoods. This design work would be to prepare for a federal grant application to help fund the construction of the sidewalk. The grant will be necessary, because the cost to design and construct the sidewalk will cost about \$700,000. If we are successful with that application, then construction would be several years from now, probably around 2025.

A similar effort could be undertaken to add a sidewalk along Bellerive Estates between Gallagher and Mason Manor, but our current focus is to get the first half underway along Fernview.

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Art Lewis (11549 Templar Drive)

Suggestion

Although there is a lot of hard surfaces in the city, we lack clearly defined, safe and easily assessable bike paths throughout the city. These paths need to connect to as many city parks as possible and include riding paths in the parks.

Staff Response

Thank you for your suggestion for the Capital Improvement Program.

Creating connected bicycle and pedestrian networks - and connecting these to the City's parks - is a priority for the City. However, doing this will take time and will probably need to be created in pieces.

The proposed CIP includes several projects that are in line with your request:

1. Parks Signage Master Plan. One aspect of this study will be how to better direct people to the parks.
2. Park path improvements. The asphalt path at Conway Park will be repaved and widened during the summer of 2021.
3. Intersection improvements to Lindbergh at Old Olive. This project will add a traffic signal and a bicycle/pedestrian crossing at this intersection, which will set up a future bike path along Old Olive. Plans for the 39 North Greenway and Old Olive can be found on the City's website at:
<http://www.creve-coeur.org/179/Comprehensive-Plan-and-Design-Guidelines>
4. Park Preliminary Plans. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes many ideas for the City's parks. The proposed CIP includes a series of design efforts to decide what can be done and how these projects can fit together. Among the possible projects are several that would add and improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to the City's parks, including possibilities for trail and bridge connections to Millennium Park, Malcolm Terrace Park, and Venable Park.

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Tracy Gibli (47 Villa Coublay Drive)

Suggestion

As part of the annual update to the 5 year capital improvement program, I'd very much like to suggest attention be focused on the Deer Creek area for erosion along the creekbanks in residential areas such as the Villa Coublay subdivision. The bridge has been compromised, water has overflowed making it impassable at times of heavy rain, and the neighborhood citizens are concerned. We would be very supportive of any work upstream or around this area in order to address the increasing erosion to preserve the area. Thank you for your attention not this matter.

Staff Response

Thank you for your suggestion for the Capital Improvement Program.

The proposed CIP includes the preparation of a City-wide stormwater management plan that would review all of the creeks in Creve Coeur to identify the location and scope of existing stormwater issues. This plan would also provide a way to understand how your concerns could be fixed and where such a project would be prioritized among the other stormwater issues that the City faces. The stormwater study will involve requests for public comments, opportunities to have your situation reviewed and included in the study, and public meetings to discuss and review the plan. I encourage you to participate in this study.