



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Study Session

Item -1

Sidewalk Committee Report

In 1997 the City Council adopted a Resolution (attached) for the continued installation of public sidewalks. The policy requires a plan to accommodate pedestrian school traffic. A committee consisting of staff from the Public Works, Building and Planning Departments has been meeting to develop priorities for sidewalks near schools.

In April 2002, the committee met with the Principals of Stolley Park, Seedling Mile, Westridge and Engleman schools to discuss their thoughts regarding sidewalks. At Seedling Mile School, two representatives from the Seedling Mile Parent Teachers Organization also attended the meeting.

The Committee would like direction from the Council in order to proceed. If Council resolves to pursue sidewalks in these areas, property owners will be notified to install sidewalks and be given a deadline for compliance. A Resolution directing staff to notify property owners to install sidewalks will be on the May 21, 2002 Council Agenda.

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

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The installation of sidewalks on both sides of the street (in most cases) is recommended for the following locations:

I. Stolley Park School

William Street from Grand Avenue to Stolley Park Road
Grand Avenue east from Riverview Drive to the existing sidewalk east of August Street
Riverview Drive south of Grand Avenue

A number of students that live west of Stolley Park School walk to the school property from Pioneer Boulevard through the City's Parkview Well Pump No. 1 property, a utility easement, and enter the school property through an opening in the fence. Sidewalk could be constructed on the City wellfield property. A sidewalk easement would be required across 2 lots to connect the wellfield property to the school property.

II. Seedling Mile School

Seedling Mile Road from Lueth Drive to the City limits on the north side
Seedling Mile Road from Lueth Drive to Shady Bend Road on the south side

Installation of sidewalks in a portion of this area will require grading and culvert work by the Public Works Department before the sidewalks can be installed. The grading will be needed on the north side of Seedling Mile Road east of Shady Bend Road and the south side of Seedling Mile Road west of Shady Bend Road.

III. Westridge Middle School

Staff recommends that the sidewalks be part of the solution with the transportation issues surrounding the extension of Independence Avenue.

IV. Engleman Elementary School

Gateway Avenue from Sherwood Road to Capital Avenue
Marian Road from the School north to Blauvelt Road on the west side
Blauvelt Road from Marian Road to Northwest Avenue on the south side
Northwest Avenue from Capital Avenue to Utah Avenue on the east side
Northwest Avenue from Capital Avenue to the City limits north of Saddle Horse Court
on the west side

Installation of sidewalks along Northwest Avenue will require grading and culvert work to be performed by the Public Works Department before sidewalks can be installed.

RESOLUTION 97-214

WHEREAS, pursuant to direction of the Mayor and City Council, the City Administrator established a team of persons to study the pedestrian sidewalk system in the areas surrounding the Grand Island Mall, Conestoga Mall, Westridge and Engleman Schools; and

WHEREAS, the study team investigated current conditions and developed a recommendation concerning the need for pedestrian sidewalks and an appropriate policy for improvement of public sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Public Sidewalk Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference be adopted by the City Council in an effort to improve the quality of the City's public sidewalk system and reduce pedestrian safety concerns throughout the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Public Sidewalk Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved and adopted..

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 28, 1997.


Cindy K. Cartwright, City Clerk

Approved as to Form
July 25, 1997


City Attorney

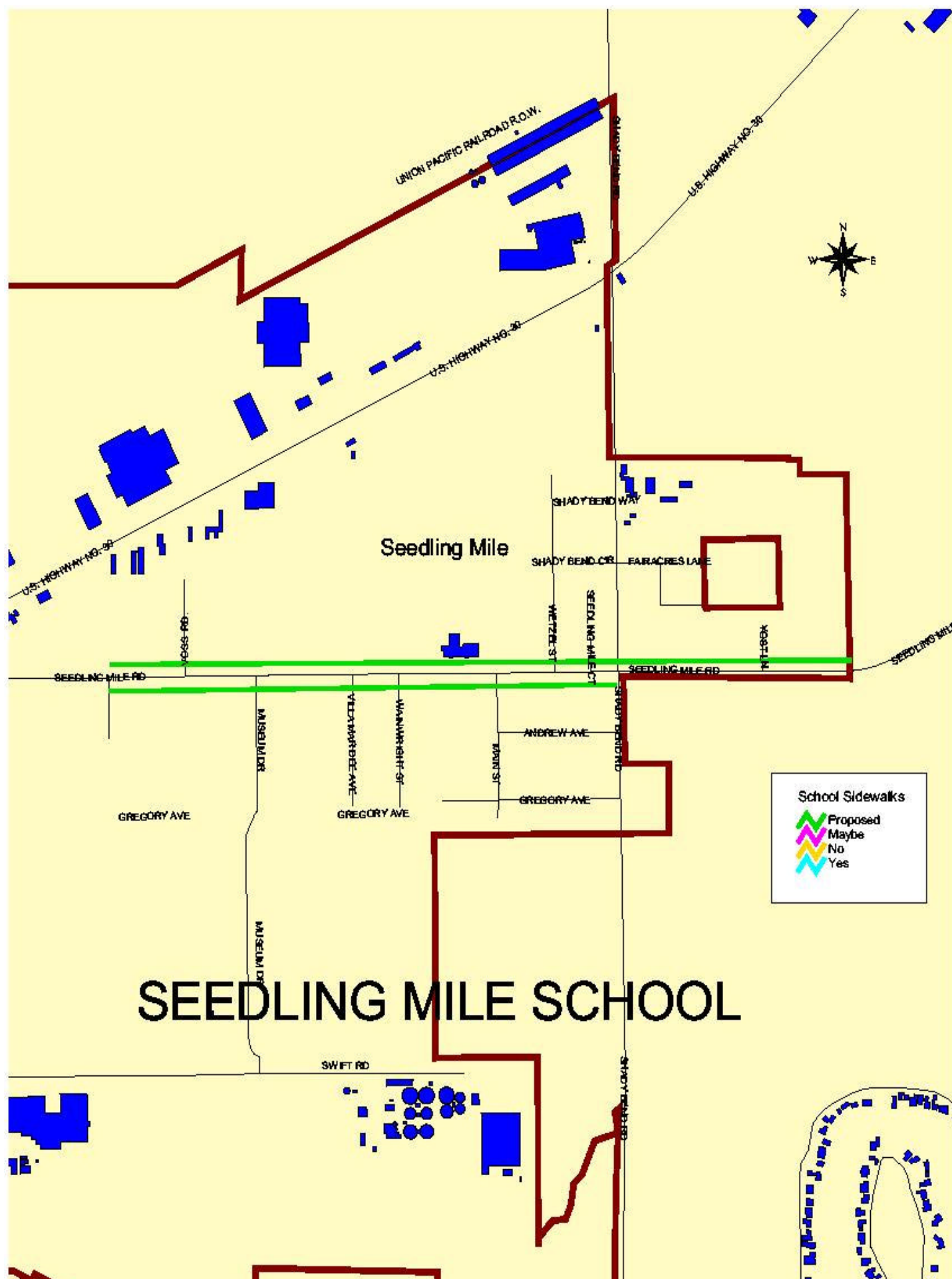
Public Sidewalk Policy

1. Identify, prioritize, and schedule the installation of public sidewalks for serving City-owned property adjacent to curb and gutter streets.
2. Enforce existing subdivision agreements which require the installation of public sidewalks adjacent to curb and gutter streets.
3. Develop a plan and schedule in conjunction with school districts, to accommodate pedestrian sidewalks for school traffic and require the installation of sidewalks on school properties adjacent to curb and gutter streets.
4. Require the installation of public sidewalks on both sides of all new curb and gutter street construction projects where feasible. Require installation within one year following Council approval of the Engineer's Certificate of Final Completion of a Street Improvement District which includes curb and gutter. The requirement for sidewalk installation shall be included as part of the notice of street improvement district creation.
5. Request that the State Department of Roads install pedestrian sidewalks on both sides of all new State Highway projects.
6. Require staff to identify existing sidewalk gaps of one hundred fifty (150.0) feet or less and require installation.
7. Require the installation of public sidewalks where curb and gutter are present with building permits for any new principal structure on a vacant lot or tract adjacent to existing curb and gutter.

Exhibit A



STOLLEY PARK SCHOOL



ENGLEMAN SCHOOL

School Sidewalks.

Proposed

Maybe

No

Yes

