



Pedestrian Bridge Across Lincoln Avenue

At the June 16, 2015 City Council meeting, City Council directed staff to move forward with the steps necessary to complete property acquisitions, final design, and construction of a pedestrian bridge over Lincoln Avenue. Construction on the bridge is anticipated to begin in 2016.

A pedestrian bridge in this area is projected to reduce vehicle congestion on Lincoln Avenue by alleviating signal progression disruption and will provide a safer connection between popular destinations on both the north and south side of Lincoln Avenue. As the City continues to grow, it's increasingly more important to provide an alternative transportation route for pedestrians who may live or work on one side, but want to take advantage of amenities that require them to cross Lincoln Ave.

Location

The bridge location is generally south of Lone Tree Elementary school and follows the existing Willow Creek Trail, creating a natural pedestrian crossing point.

Funding

Funding for the bridge would come from partnerships between the City, Douglas County, South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, and local metropolitan districts.

Why a bridge?

The reason it's a bridge (and not a tunnel) is the significant infrastructure that lies underneath and adjacent to Lincoln Avenue.

The change in elevation between the north and south side of the street is substantial enough that a tunnel would simply be too deep, long and dark to meet the City's safety concerns.

Why now?

The timing of this project has to do, in part, with the City's ability to secure the needed land on the north side of the bridge before the property is built. Passing up this opportunity now would eliminate the ability to create a pedestrian crossing east of Yosemite Street in the future.

Community Conversation

Although many residents have requested a crossing over the years, there have also been some concerns. This is why the City conducted extensive public outreach including a live telephone town hall meeting and public community meetings regarding proposed designs and the need for a bridge. Over 150 residents attended the public meetings and over 180 people participated in the telephone town hall meeting. Feedback received during all the meetings, including feedback received via email and voicemail, showed overwhelming support for a bridge over Lincoln Avenue. A City Council decision on whether to build the bridge was heavily weighted based on feedback collected through the public input process.

Contact Information

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