

CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOISCommittee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: December 12, 2022

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Agenda Item: Jackson Street Pedestrian Bridge Follow-up Discussion

Explanation: During the September Committee of the Whole, Staff requested discussion on the Jackson Street Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge has aged and is in need of replacement. Staff was looking at two options at the time with the options being replacing the pedestrian bridge with another pedestrian bridge or replacing the bridge with a box culvert and extending Jackson Street to tie into Hamilton to remove two dead end streets.

During the COW discussion, a question was asked about the need to replace the structure or if it could just be removed. Davis & Campbell has been in communication with the federal agencies that oversee ADA Compliance and feel confident in the City being able to remove the bridge with no ADA Violations resulting from the removal.

Fiscal Impact: City Staff budgeted for the design of the pedestrian bridge in both the Street and Stormwater budgets. The amount budgeted would likely cover either the bridge or culvert design. A pedestrian bridge is estimated upwards of \$150,000 and the culvert and road extension is estimated at around \$500,000, either of which would need to be budgeted as early as the 23/24 budget.

Recommendation Summary: Staff recommends that council discuss which of the following options staff should move forward with: 1) Replace the pedestrian bridge 2) Replace with a box culvert and extend Jackson to Hamilton or 3) Remove the bridge entirely.







