

TOWN COUNCIL CONFERENCE SESSION



ROBINSON TRUST SIDEWALK PROJECTS

March 4, 2024

The Question



What are Town Council's approval criteria for Robinson Trust Sidewalk Projects moving forward?

Goals:

- ❑ Town's Comprehensive Plan and Pedestrian Master Plan
- ❑ Integrated network of accessible pedestrian routes for everyone to use
- ❑ Engineering recommendations
- ❑ Voice of the community
- ❑ Commit Trust funding by Oct 2024

Agenda



Nutley St NW - before



Nutley St NW - after

- Robinson Trust Funding Criteria
- How projects were selected
- Why the process evolved
 - ▣ Original process
 - ▣ New process
- What we have accomplished
- Way Forward

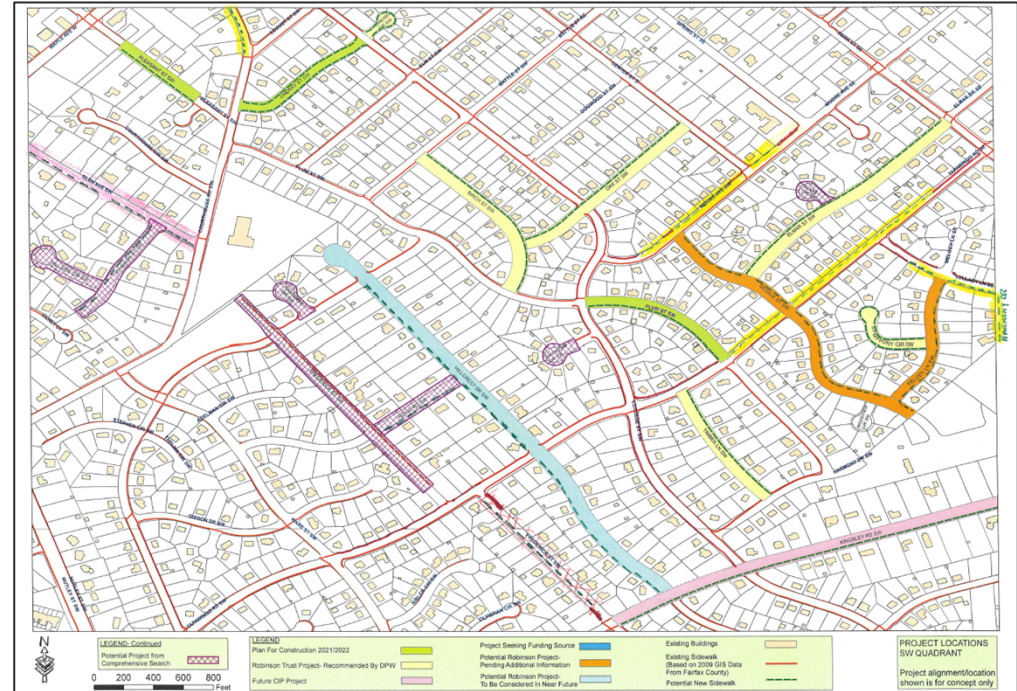
Robinson Trust Funding Criteria



- ❑ Excludes previously planned projects
- ❑ Includes areas not likely to receive funding
- ❑ Excludes streets without curb and gutter
- ❑ Must be committed by October 2024

How projects were selected

- Every street evaluated for Trust funding criteria
- Projects already planned or likely to receive future funding were not included
- Qualifying streets ranked considering factors such as:
 - Safety: Addressing current unsafe conditions
 - Connectivity: Improving connectivity to adjacent sidewalks, trails, schools, parks, shopping areas, or public transportation
 - Level of usage, including vehicle volume and type of road



Expanding the Sidewalk Network

Original Process (2020 / 2021)



- ❑ Side of street determined by residential survey results
- ❑ Survey, 2 public meetings, 3 Council meetings
- ❑ Process was slow to advance projects - only 3 projects in 2020-21

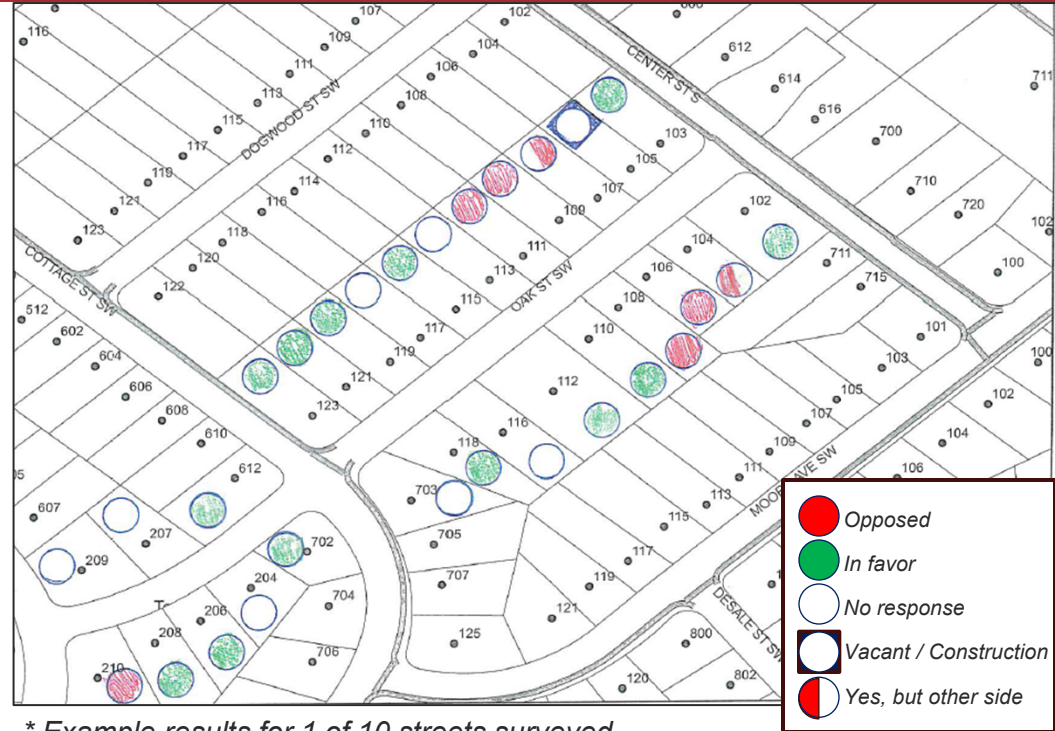
Early Survey Results

Overall Resident Input:

- Response Rate: 67%
- In favor: 44%
- Opposed: 56%

Public Comments/Concerns:

- No safety issues
- Light traffic
- Aesthetics
- Yes, but not my side of street
- Greatly needed addition



* Example results for 1 of 10 streets surveyed

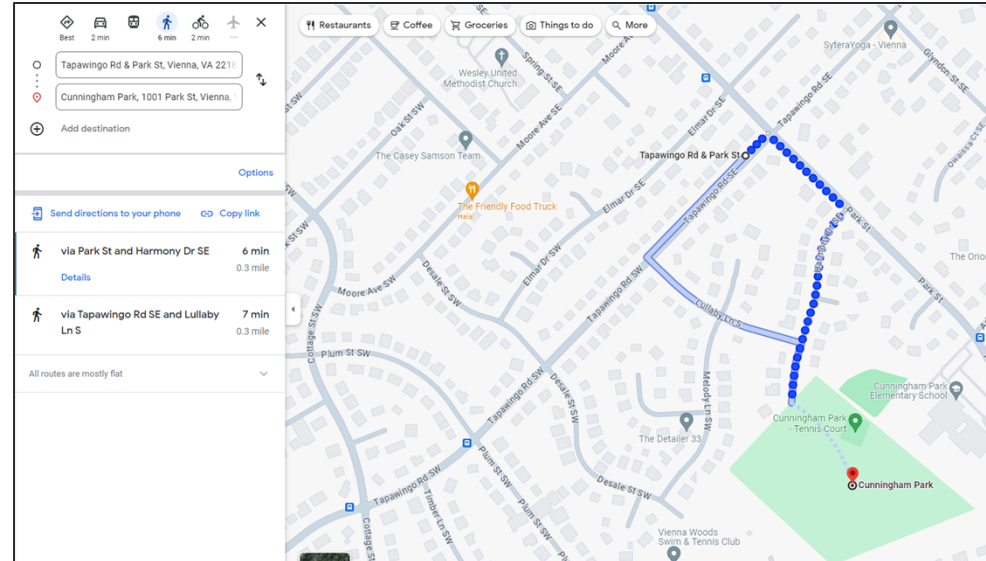
New Process: 1 Public Meeting, 3 Council Meetings

1. Select side of street based on engineering recommendations:

- Tree Impact
- Impact on other vegetation
- Grading Impacts
- Utilities and other physical constraints
- Level of connectivity to existing/planned sidewalk networks, other streets, and public amenities

2. Public meeting to present preliminary design

3. Work with residents on how to best address their concerns in the final sidewalk design on the selected side of street



* Connectivity Example: Walking directions to bus stop, or to Cunningham Park (Google Maps)

Accomplishments



- ❑ Starting Trust Fund balance: \$8M
- ❑ Total Planned: \$7.8M
- ❑ 29 Projects (5.1 miles) completed or in construction: \$6.5M
- ❑ 9 Projects (1 mile) currently in design phase: (\$1.3M)
 - ▣ *These will be Spring 2024 Town Council Agenda Items to approve proposed construction*

Way Forward

What are Town Council's approval criteria for Robinson Trust Sidewalk Projects moving forward?

Discussion:

- Follow established goals, plans, and processes
- Goal, plan, or process modifications
- Return to majority rule for residents of respective streets

