

Question of the Week 4: Aug 29 - Sept 6

What areas of Manitou Springs do you think should be a priority for the City to focus future street and/or sidewalk

Ruxton corridor and
Canon Avenue/Post Office/Cliff House/Grand Avenue/Park Avenue
(both group equally important)

From No Man's Land all the way down Manitou Ave

First and foremost, Manitou Ave needs a dedicated bike lane (ideally with a physical barrier but at LEAST with no cars parked in it and dangerously broken pavement!) all the way from the arch to downtown. Sidewalks on the main streets through Crystal Hills are also desperately needed (think Crystal Park Blvd, Crystal Hills Blvd, the lower parts of Sutherland). We need to encourage safe, active transportation in this small city! I also think that during the summer at least, only residents should be allowed to park on Ruxton (and no, I don't live there). NO need for visitors to bring cars when there is a shuttle!!

And by the way, I love this "Question of the Week" format for input. So wonderful for those of us with small children, etc. who have a hard time making meetings. So, thanks!

Paint crosswalks throughout town, especially on Manitou Avenue. More visibility for pedestrians and drivers at each crosswalk, too.

Sidewalks on Crystal Park Road, improve sidewalks on south side of Manitou ave between CPR and Downtown.

Ruxton Avenue
Pawnee Avenue
Crystal Park Road

Crystal Park Road, specifically the stretch from lower Crystal Park Road (where the sidewalk ends at about Danuta Dr. all the way through the STOP sign at the intersection of Crystal Park and Crystal Hills) desperately needs a sidewalk. The lower part of the road is congested due to the traffic/parking around the Cantina and the upper part of the road is narrow and windy and there are several blind spots but people, children and dogs walk here often.

Hope that NO MAN's land is being properly addressed. It is shame to witness all the money spent on downtown while folks on the east have suffered for so long! I know...it's also the county!

Manitou Ave, City Hall to HWY 24

Ruxton Ave and West Manitou Ave

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The neighborhoods off of the downtown area are desperate for new sidewalks. Many of the sidewalk projects also involve tree and stump removal. It's a hugely expensive project to have only be the homeowner's responsibility, and the owners of tenant occupied properties don't care. The sidewalks are dangerous and decrepit. There are 12 foot tree "stumps" on Midland, and Duclo (to name 2 streets), cut down by slumlords, but not removed completely. There are newer sidewalks that have been poured around these 12 foot stumps on Midland. There is a section of sidewalk on Duclo at Modoc that has turned into a cat box. There should be a sidewalk added at the 800 block of Prospect on the south side up to the Prospect Place parking lot, which is a major school drop-off zone.

Officially, sidewalks are supposed to be the property owner's responsibility, but there are relatively few sidewalks in town, and none in Crystal Hills, yet everyone uses them, especially tourists who park in the neighborhoods on festival days. In the present condition, they make the whole town look shabby. I would like to see the city partner with property owners, and figure out a way for the property owner's portion to be paid in installments to the city. Make it mandatory and managed by the city to insure consistency, ADA compliance where required, and to make sure the job is taken to completion. Thank you for asking.

Expand or enhance artistic amenities; achieve ADA compliance in as many places as feasible (physically and fiscally).

The east welcoming arch towards the downtown area.
It would be nice to have safe sidewalk with working traffic lights at the highway 24 intersection.
El Paso Blvd could be improved to be safer, too.

East end and west end. Sidewalks on El Paso Blvd.

The entire section Manitou - no mans land - east of HWY24. The south side of Manitou Ave west of 24.

Since we already have a project for the East end, and an overlay from Downtown to 24 (going East), and sidewalks to go with the overlay, and we already have a project to go from Tubby's to the West circle which includes downtown like improvements, I say that a focus should be serpentine. In addition, a priority should be that our street replacement and maintenance needs get funded at a level that is appropriate. Currently it will take over 40 years to finish a 20 year plan.

Downtown sidewalks need some upkeep and regular power washing and cleaning. The improvements to downtown sidewalks were done early 2000's they are starting to look a little tired.

#1 TOP PRIORITY - The "Sidewalk" on Canon Ave approaching the Senior Lunch Program @ St Andrews Church (if you're coming from the parking lot") - the HOLES in the NON-SIDEWALK there have been there for YEARS - It is a MIRACLE to me some Senior has not been seriously injured there trying to get to lunch. !!

#2. Re: Metro 3 - 33 - 36. The Manitou Ave / Old Mans Trail pedestrian "crosswalk" (on Man Ave near Chase Bank) ends in a LANE OF TRAFFIC - NO SIDEWALK for any pedestrian exiting #36 East bound, trying to get across Man Ave down Old Mans Trail across the bridge to transfer to the #3 end of line East bound. I'd be happy to demonstrate to anyone who wants to risk it with me.

Signed, with concerns - Joanne Garrison

Replace Brook Street Bridge and fix Ruxton sidewalks, please.

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1. More trees and street side planting seeds to help cool all the concrete and glass.
2. Options for car - free zones
3. Options for car-free days... Walking to the fore!
4. Consideration and implementation of green scape ideas such as curb cuts to flow water into planter basins...cleaning the water too, before heading into the Fountain Creek
5. Consider angle parking to allow for more cars, with big trucks, campers and motor homes put into special areas for larger vehicles.
6. LOVE the idea of one way traffic west on Canon/Park Aves and one way traffic east on Manitou Ave... Allowing lots of room for more trees, outdoor gathering places, art work display and events. Smoother traffic movement from Ruxton avenue with right-turn-only onto Manitou Ave. this could be the downtown area from the Town Clock to the Soda Spgs Park.
7. Not all streets need sidewalks. Be careful with what seems like a good idea, only to impact negatively in other neighborhoods. An example, former dirt roads - very country and cooler aspects- are now pot-holed, hotter and no fun in my neighborhood.
8. Consider artwork on the streets where wanted... See city corners in Portland, Or... Transforming.
9. Consider moving sidewalks being repaired away from tree trunks - example of the at S Tejon St at Las Vegas, northeast corner... Enormous tree respected by tasteful sidewalk work and compassion.
10. Consider NOT having concrete and asphalt everywhere. Use of permeable pavers, etc, pays off.
11. Place street run off where it can water plants and be cleaned by the soil, rather than dumping straight into a living creek.

I think Canon and Park Avenue improvements need to be a priority since they are part of the downtown, but haven't gotten the same treatment as the rest of that area. Ruxton Avenue definitely needs to be improvement both for looks and safety for pedestrians. The west end of Manitou Avenue also needs to have improvements continued like the downtown. Finally, I'd like to see El Paso the entire length through town improved with sidewalks and bike paths. Using El Paso would be safer for bicyclists than Manitou Avenue, but it needs improvements to make it really safe for both bikes and walking.

Ruxton Canyon - high volume, lots of parking needs, lots of first time wandering visitors.

West end and Ruxton Ave.

First and foremost would be any improvements to the downtown area where people congregate and for our visitors. Broken sidewalks on the side streets particularly near downtown as people live up the hilly area from the downtown are critical. We need to take care of our residents that live on tricky streets that have not been touched in many years. It is hard for parents and strollers as well as older folks that need aids to get around.

Finally, the area between the Chamber and the Town Hall where some of our events are held at the Art Center and Memorial Hall. It appears there is lots of sidewalk infrastructure that would be noticed if a couple of blocks were undertaken each spring and fall.

- 1) El Paso Blvd needs bike lanesand I know it's not feasible, but it sure would be nice to have a few speed bumps
- 2) On Manitou Avenue, between Columbia and Old Man's Trail....bike lanes
- 3) Manitou Avenue sidewalks, from Manitou Arch to I24 Overpass (or Loaf n Jug/Maggie's Farm)

Ruxton Ave is unsafe with the uneven side walks and the increased pedestrian traffic to access the Incline and other trails. Not to mention the number of historic walls that have been compromised due to flood waters that hold up the street.

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Duclor for one. That is just one street up from the "main drag" and it has great potential, but you could do archeology on some of the "sidewalk" there. I suspect all of the streets in "town" need work; especially the steep ones. Lovers lane might use some work; thought being we need to get people to take pride in the creek that flows behind their shops . . . then maybe they'll begin to look after the back of those buildings that appear in such disrepair. This is a tough question since so much work needs to be done. Paving Ruxton nicely might quell some discontent.

I would suggest starting with the side streets on both sides of Manitou Avenue, around downtown, and then expand from there.

1. Main streets should be "decorated" with flowers, hay bales, whatever appropriate to the season. Promote. Promote. Promote. Chamber should take leadership on this...don't they get some funding from city???
2. Replace lights with historically-correct street lamps. promote the "Historic District"
3. Shovel snow IMMEDIATELY
4. Better lighting in all parks...lots of lights!
5. First and foremost...fix the potholes! We have had all year to get on this...and nada! Stop Mayor from talking about how wonderful employees are (send that in newsletter for just City people) And get to work on the real important thing to all drivers. Does she drive a vehicle? Or have potholes become the newest speed bump?

The city needs to focus on the sidewalks on Canon Avenue. Manitou Ave looks so nice and there are a number of businesses and the Cliff House down Canon that street needs improvements. Ruxton sidewalks need improvement. The west end of town to the roundabout needs the street and sidewalks improved.

The avenue near castaways and the rec dispensary so needs a lot of attention due to reoccurring pot hole problems. The west end of town and Ruxton need the telephone poles removed and the sidewalks widened. Crystal hills needs sidewalks all around. Other than that. It would be nice to see the midland trail extended all the way downtown manitou.

Manitou Ave sidewalk north side is pretty bad.

It would be nice to get real asphalt paving on west Midland past Unita.

The traffic light at Crystal Park Road and Manitou Ave is too short. ie: the green to red cycle. People are unintentionally running the red light. (CDOT issue)

Pave the Avenue this fall. Full of bad pavement.(CDOT Issue) Us 24 west to City Hall

Regrade and repave the Hiawatha gardens lot.

Straighten out the hairpin turn on Serpentine. It's a hazard and buses can't navigate it. .

Ruxton, and Manitou Ave eastbound, just west of 24 on ramp.

Pawnee - in front of school

Ruxton

Lover's Lane: two-way traffic between Lafayette and El Paso...One Way going down from Canon to Lafayette (Do Not Enter Fromm Lafayette to Canon)

Enforce Parking Restrictions

Weed and landscape

Bury wires and provide Lighting

Inset parking where possible

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Prospect street, Manitou ave , and most streets up from prospect st.and we need crosswalks painted

1. Better public, affordable transportation.
2. Sidewalks? I was told that they are the responsibility of the homeowners/ business property owners! Even when they were ruined by flooding.
3. Expand the shuttle to year round, with a smaller bus. Especially for the holiday season! And put a donation box in it, please.
4. Repair the potholes before winter.
5. Improve the signage to parking, attractions, special events, etc.
6. Study all the MS neighborhoods for improvements to the streets and sidewalks.
7. Post all of the MS improvement projects on the MSC website, in clear verbiage, including budgets, goals, and contacts.

I would like to see a stop light & protected turn for Manitou Ave & Oak Place. During school months it is a very busy & dangerous corner.

The light at the Subway corner is useless....

Thank you for your consideration.

Margie Champlin

Pikes Peak RV Park

Due to storm water run off, I'd say any of the vertical and tributary streets that facilitate run off and removal of scree. But only after the infrastructure for sewer and water have been upgraded....

Near school zones - especially to the high school and middle school. The "cross walk" on Crystal Park, past Savelli's and the high school/city build "hill", is so unsafe! There is a blind spot and drivers can't see pedestrians until they almost hit them. We could use perhaps a speed bump, flashing lights (like near Colorado College or on the avenue crossing to the west end of the middle/high school), or move the cross-walk so drivers see it before nearly causing a serious accident. We also could use a side walk coming up to the high school "hill" along Oak Pl. Many kids take the City Bus so there are no safe side walks to make your way up the hill. In addition, there should be a 3-way stop at the intersection. There is a bus stop and often many near accidents with people not knowing the right away.

Canon Avenue and the residential street off of it, near the downtown, need work - especially since tourists often stroll around those areas. Also the west side - lots of people walk along Serpentine Drive and along the creek there, but there's no good places to walk, and cars are parked along the creek in ways that are probably not good for the creek. Ideally, there could be sidewalks and parking, but with appropriate drainage into the sewage system.

It would be nice and safe for both kids and adults if there is a cross walk between the landromat and the Pikes Peak train display. Currently cars don't notice waiting pedestrians across the street from the city hall and don't stop for them.

East side of Manitou as first impressions count.

Ruxton and Cañon Avenues

potholes!!!

bike lanes in the east end of town

enforcement of clearing sidewalks in the winter for pedestrians in residential areas

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Manitou Ave. needs side walks the whole way through town.

A sidewalk on the Becker's St Bridge. We are always walking in the road to get from MO's and the hotels to the Fields park. It is dangerous because there is poor line of sight for cars.

How about paving Manitou Ave. I have driven in third world countries with their worst roads in better condition than Manitou Ave. Crappy Patches on top of patches on top of patches. Patches aren't even done right. Manitou city works department throws a bag or two of asphalt from a bag on the really big pot holes. Take control of manitou avenue from CDOT and pay for paving Manitou Ave with all the paid parking funds and recreational marijuana taxes. Most fundamental function of local government is paving the roads. How about replacing broken sidewalks and adding side walks on Deer Path to prevent kids from getting hit by cars speeding up deer path. How about adding speed control bumps to deer path to slow down drivers who are in a hurry to get home and use deer path as a short cut to their homes on the south side of Manitou Ave because traffic is so bad on Manitou ave through downtown they would crazy not to take deer path home. Traffic is getting worse every summer. Make all non- residents park on the northeast side of town and take a shuttle into downtown. Not going happen but would make Manitou more enjoyable for the residents. How about having CDOT fix the sensitivity of the light at Manitou Ave and Crystal Park road. Both lights turn red when there no cars or pedestrians are present. The one on crystal park road turns red when cars are turning right onto Manitou ave in the early morning with light traffic. Who programs these lights? Bury all the neighborhood power lines (and while you are at it add fiber optic lines for high speed internet) and put in continuous sidewalks that at least look similar on each street. Ticket people who have leaking cars that leave huge oil patches on the streets. People that have off street parking should park in their off street parking areas of their property instead of the narrow streets and instead they use their off street drove ways and garages for a future

The section between downtown (East of Memorial Park) and Hwy 24. The steep streets on the South side of town where there are crumbling roads, no sidewalk work necessary in this area. All residential streets should be reviewed for streetlight needs. There are some areas with no streetlights at all or fixtures that need new lamps. Consider motion sensor for street lights. This will be a quick payback for the city. Not only does this save energy and reduce operating hours on the lamps, but is nicer for residents who enjoy dark night skies without compromising safety.

Well, asking about sidewalks/potholes as a planning factor for transportation lacks depth and creativity in devising questions about how to improve transportation in Manitou. So, I will simply say potholes are bad and sidewalks need to be carefully considered where they need maintenance and/or new construction for maximum utility. Sidewalks cannot be built everywhere due to expense.

I certainly hope there will be other questions about how Manitou can benefit by transportation planning and upgrades that offer innovative solutions.

Pawnee repaved as it's the access road to the elementary school and funnels water straight down to Manitou Avenue. Lover's Lane because it could become a walkable way to move around town bypassing the crowds on the avenue. Many, many streets are in disrepair . . . it makes us look rundown and economically poor.