

LA Sidewalk Repair Program Recommendations

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1. Establishes sidewalks as a core foundation of the City's transportation network.
2. Requires the City to commit to developing an inventory of existing and missing sidewalks and creates a citywide sidewalk strategic plan.
3. Utilizes the City's Vision zero high injury network, social equity, public health metrics, pedestrian volume and transit use data to establish a prioritization plan for repairs.
4. Leverages the potential 2016 Los Angeles County transportation sales tax revenue to accelerate the repair program to fix the City's sidewalks in 10 years, not the proposed 30 years.
5. Leveraged existing City infrastructure grants to achieve multiple benefits including, but not limited to; implementing pedestrian safety improvements, storm water capture, and tree preservation/replanting.
6. Supports meaningful community participation.

Investing in Place is coordinating a workgroup on these ideas – below are key partner organizations.

- Advancement Project: Jonathan Nomachi
- AARP: Stephanie Ramirez
- California Walks: Caro Jauregi
- Investing in Place: Jessica Meaney
- Koreatown Youth and Community Center: Ryan Allen
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: Alexis Lantz, Chanda Singh, Kim Porter
- Los Angeles Walks: Deborah Murphy
- Pacoima Beautiful: Max Podemski, Yvette Lopez
- River Project: Melanie Winter
- Tree People: Jenny Binstock, Rachel Malarich, Deborah Bloome

Next open meeting for any interested partner to join: 10/21 10am-11am in dtla.

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Key Documents/Background

No policy decisions have been made yet, it is an opportune time for stakeholder to weigh in with the Mayor's office, Council Members, and the Board of Public Works.

Who will approve the sidewalk repair program?

In late Fall 2015, after the Willits Sidewalk settlement is certified ([background on the Willits case](#)), the Chief Administrative Offices (CAO) will present their sidewalk policy recommendation to a joint meeting of the public works and gang reduction and budget and finance committees.

Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee:

Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Chair

Councilmember Nury Martinez

Councilmember Curren Price

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

Councilmember David Ryu

Budget and Finance Committee:

Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair

Councilmember Mitchell Englander

Councilmember Paul Koretz

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield

Councilmember Mike Bonin

After discussion and action at the joint committee meeting, the recommendations will go to the full city council and Mayor's office for approval. Right now, the planned schedule is for this to be approved by the City Council and Mayor's office before Holiday break in December 2015.

CAO's Policy Recommendations as of 6/30/2015:

- Consistent with the Willits Settlement Agreement (ADA lawsuit, resulting in \$1.4B payout over 30 years, minimum city needs to spend each year on sidewalk repair is \$31M, (so far City has said the funding for sidewalk repair will come from general funds). Lawsuit settlement requires sidewalk repair

program to be accountable and transparent with the public and the plaintiff. Prioritizes locations of greatest use and the “worst of the worst” and provides cost effective stewardship of public funds.

- Ensure Accessibility
- Share responsibility for on-going sidewalk maintenance and repair with the adjacent property owner
 - Residential Property - Fix and Release - the will repair damaged sidewalks prior to returning the responsibility of maintenance to the adjacent property owner.
 - Under the CAO proposal, a residential property is defined by who collects your trash. If the city collects your trash, the property is considered residential.
 - Commercial Property - One year moratorium is recommended for the issuance of Notices to Repair sidewalks for commercial property owners
 - City Property
- Designate the Board of Public Works to oversee the sidewalk repair program and the City Engineer as the Program Manager
 - Board of Public Works <http://bpw.lacity.org/>

Helpful documents from the CAO’s office - <http://cao.lacity.org/sidewalks/>

- [Sidewalk Repair Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) and Summary](#)
- [Finding from Summer 2015 Public Hearings 8/31/15](#)

City of Los Angeles Vision Zero - <http://visionzero.lacity.org/>

- [High Injury Network](#)