

Sidewalk Maintenance Program Discussion

City Council Work Session January 27th, 2025

Overview of Topics

- Refresh last presentation; current approach
- City-wide sidewalk assessment results
- What are our goals?
- Programmatic guidance
- Funding



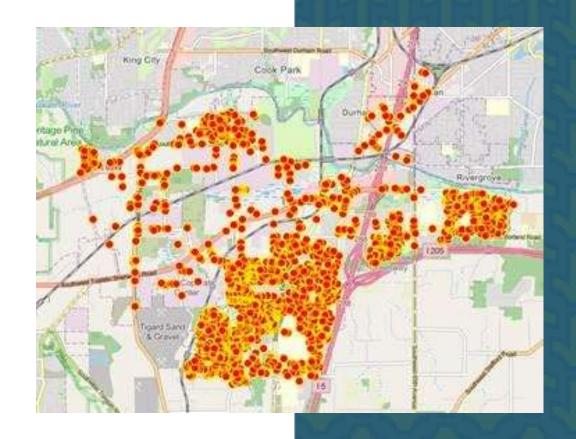
Refresh from Last Presentation

- Code and Responsibility
- Current Approach Sidewalk Maintenance Program
- Program Funding
- Challenges



Sidewalk Assessment

- Completed Fall 2024
- Process
- Findings:
 - o 2,091 defects recorded
 - Minor Hazards: 323
 - Medium Hazards: 1,184
 - Severe Hazards: 584
 - 880 of the defects caused by street trees
- Cost of backlog: estimated \$1.3 million





What are our Goals?

- Well maintained sidewalks throughout Tualatin
- Minimize tripping / safety hazards

What other goals may Council have?

- Cost burden alleviation for residential property owners?
- Program guidance can help us further define our goals



Programmatic Guidance

- Should the program aim to address:
 - Most severe sidewalk defects?
 - Areas with highest pedestrian traffic?
 - Areas considered high equity need?
 - All defects, regardless of location (ie, business as usual)

- Should property owners have some 'skin in the game'?:
 - Financial
 - Coordination of work, permits
 - O Who initiates work?



Funding for Sidewalks

Current funding

- Funded via Road Utility Fee: around \$4.43 per month on utility bill.
- Amount indexes annually
- \$150,000 of that amount budgeted annually for Sidewalk Maintenance Program

Funding the Backlog

- Estimated \$433,000 needed annually to catch up with backlog of defects.
- To get 'back' onto a 3 year rotation, what would cost increase be on a monthly bill?



Next Steps

- Based on Council feedback at tonight's meeting, staff will develop programmatic alternatives for Council to consider.
- Based on programmatic guidance, funding alternatives may be brought back by staff.

