



# 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



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# *Refresh from Last Presentation*



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



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# Sidewalk Assessment

- Completed Fall 2024
- Process
- Findings :
  - 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



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# 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



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# 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*
  - *Who initiates work?*



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# 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?*



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# 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.



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