

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to a Citywide Sidewalk Repair Incentive and Cost-Sharing Rebate Program (Program).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the establishment of an incentive for a cost-sharing rebate program for removal and replacement of concrete sidewalk with a cap of \$2,000 per Lot in residential areas (R5 Zone and more restrictive) and \$4,000 per Lot in commercial and industrial areas.
2. APPROVE that property owners participating in the Program should be required to cover the costs for planting and establishing each replacement street tree on their property for any that must be removed due to sidewalk repair.
3. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services to report after the Program is full and the initial inspection of tree-related repair work on all incentive properties has been assessed, with a budget request for the City to establish additional off-site street trees as mandated by City policy.
4. INSTRUCT the Board of Public Works (Board) to implement a Sidewalk Repair Program that reflects the cost-sharing rebate program described in the joint Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated June 9, 2016 (attached to Council file [C.F.] No. 14-0163-S3).
5. INSTRUCT the Board to report prior to the end of the fiscal year with recommendations to encumber any unspent Program funds for sidewalk repairs under the Access Request Program or adjacent to City facilities.
6. AUTHORIZE the Board to delegate specific elements of the Program implementation, where appropriate to a designee.
7. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to work with the CAO and the BOE as it relates to equity citywide within the Program.
8. INSTRUCT the BOE to report with a breakdown of how the funding for the Program will be expended (i.e. what percentage will be allocated towards rebates versus staffing and other costs).
9. AFFIRM that nothing in the above actions, and in the proposed Sidewalks Ordinance (C.F. No. 14-0163-S10), shall limit the City's obligation under the second tree removal policy. That policy will remain in effect for the incentive program and all other programs.
10. INSTRUCT the BOE to expedite Recommendations No. 25 and 26 from the joint Public Works and Gang Reduction and Budget and Finance Committee report, approved by Council on March 29, 2016 (C.F. No. 14-0163-S3), regarding the use of alternative/sustainable materials in sidewalk repair, and to develop and issue a Request for Information to obtain information from industry experts.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CAO and BOE. The CLA has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
Mid-City Neighborhood Council
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Midtown North Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council
Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
Venice Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At a special joint meeting held on August 22, 2016, the Public Works and Gang Reduction and Budget and Finance Committees considered a joint BOE and CAO report relative to a Citywide Sidewalk Repair Incentive and Cost-Sharing Program in order to accelerate privately-funded sidewalk repairs citywide.

The City Engineer, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Street Services, and representatives of the CAO and City attorney addressed the Committee and responded to related questions. The Chairs of the Committees submitted substitute recommendations for the BOE/CAO report which were read into the record. The substitute recommendations propose that any additional trees, beyond the first tree that is removed for sidewalk work, will be the responsibility of the City, however the BOSS will report after the incentive program queue is full with a report an assessment of tree-related work to be done so that a budget request can be made and funds identified for the restoration of those trees (Recommendation No. 3) rather than replacing the tree(s) immediately. Concern was expressed by several members of the Budget and Finance Committee that if there are future budget difficulties, replacement of the removed trees may not get funded by the City. However, equal concern was expressed by the Chairs and the other members of both Committees that utilizing existing funds allocated for sidewalk repairs to fund replacement of trees would diminish the funds available for sidewalks. Ultimately, the Committees approved a motion affirming that the City will continue to adhere to its policy of assuming the cost for replacement of any additional trees removed for sidewalk work (second tree removal policy).

The Committees discussed the use of alternative materials (other than cement) for the repair/replacement of sidewalks for the Program. The BOE advised the Committees it is preparing a report on the assessment of various alternative materials which it plans to submit in the next few months. The Chairs of both Committees noted that the sooner that assessment can occur, the better, inasmuch as including these options in the incentive program would benefit property owners, the City, and the environment. It was further moved to request the BOE to expedite Recommendation Nos. 25 and 26 from the joint Public Works and Gang Reduction and Budget and Finance Committees' report (approved by Council May 29, 2016) instructing the BOE to issue an RFI for alternative sidewalk designs, materials, and contractors.

During additional consideration of the matter, concern was expressed by the Vice Chair of the Public Works Committee relative to the overall equity in participation in the incentive program citywide. Since the Program is on a first-come-first-served basis, there is the possibility that underserved areas of the City may not be able to benefit from the Program. Therefore the CLA was instructed to work with the BOE and the CAO on ensuring citywide equity in the Program. Additionally, a member of the Budget and Finance Committee inquired about how funding for the Program would be expended and how much of the funding would be devoted to rebates for sidewalk work versus staff costs. The BOE was instructed to report back with a detailed breakdown on the proposed use of the funding.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committees approved the substitute recommendations for the BOE/CAO report as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
PRICE:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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