

BUDGET AND FINANCE and PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to requesting a report with options for a comprehensive and sustainable sidewalk repair plan including establishing a Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Krekorian - Wesson - Buscaino) and Motion (Buscaino - Krekorian - Wesson):

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to establish a Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund in which funds for future sidewalk repairs should be placed.
2. INSTRUCT the CAO, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to report on reconstituting a 50/50 or similar cost sharing program for residential sidewalk repairs, with the following elements:
 - a. Funds in the 50/50 program would be used exclusively on privately-owned residential properties.
 - b. An application system should be established that ensures equity across communities and encourages the widest degree of participation during a fixed period of years in which the program will be maintained.
 - c. The program should create an incentive for more complete pathways by prioritizing or further subsidizing repairs to be made to entire blocks or significant lengths of contiguous sidewalk.
3. INSTRUCT the CAO and the CLA to report on recommendations for developing a low- or no-interest revolving loan program from which property owners could borrow to make necessary sidewalk repairs and repay the city for the cost of said repairs over a fixed term, with repayment to be secured by a lien against the property for the unpaid balance.
4. INSTRUCT the CAO and the CLA to report on the steps required to establish Assessment Districts for sidewalk repairs and recommendations for a simplified process for creating such a district if a neighborhood so desires it.
5. INSTRUCT the CLA and the BSS to report with recommendations for an enforcement plan to inspect commercial properties, and properties within the City of Los Angeles belonging to other governmental agencies, and issue repair orders for sidewalks that do not conform to standards of good repair, providing adequate time for the commercial or governmental property owner to bring their sidewalks into compliance, before issuing fines against those property owners who fail to comply (with such fines to be collected and placed in the Sidewalk Repair Trust Fund), and providing that failure to comply could result in the City completing the repairs and securing repayment for all costs from the commercial or governmental property owner.
6. INSTRUCT the CAO, CLA, BSS, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), and the City Attorney to coordinate on developing a complaint-driven mapping and prioritization system to identify and coordinate repairs to sidewalks that pose the greatest challenges to mobility for pedestrians.

7. INSTRUCT the BOE to develop and maintain design and construction standards for sidewalks that serve the City's objectives of maximizing mobility, increasing groundwater recharge and stormwater infiltration, maintaining aesthetic compatibility with distinctive neighborhood styles and historic designs, and provide a process for innovation and pilot programs utilizing new materials and construction techniques as they are developed.
8. INSTRUCT the CAO, CLA, and BSS to report with recommendations for a system to certify sidewalks for compliance with contemporary standards of good repair, and for notifying property owners of their responsibility of maintaining such a state of good repair following such certification.
9. INSTRUCT the CAO, with the assistance of the BSS, BOE, City Attorney, CLA, Information Technology Agency, and any other department as necessary, to report with options for a comprehensive and sustainable sidewalk repair strategy that addresses pending litigation, as well as the various proposals contained in the Council Files identified in the Motion (Council file no. 14-0420-S1).
10. INSTRUCT BSS to send a sidewalk survey questionnaire to Neighborhood Councils relative to sidewalk condition and funding options, similar to the proposed questionnaire contained in the BSS report dated January 30, 2012 attached to Council file no. 05-1853.
11. INSTRUCT the CAO to work with the Chairs of the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee and Budget and Finance Committee in further developing policy recommendations and the related staffing and budgetary needs; and report back to the Committees in approximately 60 days.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a special joint meeting on August 18, 2014, the Budget and Finance and Public Works and Gang Reduction Committees considered three Motions (Council file nos. 14-0420-S1, 14-0163-S3, and 14-0163-S4) relative to various options for a comprehensive and sustainable sidewalk repair plan in the City of Los Angeles. During the Committees' discussion, the CAO began with a presentation on the history of sidewalk repair in the City of Los Angeles. BSS and City Attorney representatives provided additional background information and responded to related questions from Committee members. A period for public comment was provided and a lengthy discussion on the many options was conducted by the Committees.

After further discussion and consideration, the Committees unanimously approved the recommendations contained in the Motions (CF 14-0163-S3 and 14-0420-S1) and added the two instructions as detailed in recommendation nos. 10 and 11 above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
PRICE:	ABSENT
CEDILLO:	YES

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