

PUBLIC WORKS and PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to various improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield, Bonin, Raman - Rodriguez):

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), the Department on Disability, and other relevant departments, to report within 60 days with recommendations for improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs, including:
  - a. Prioritizing mitigation of significant access barriers over reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways in reasonable condition.
  - b. Options for reprioritizing sidewalk repair funded above and beyond the City's Willits commitment to better align with the City's safety, mobility, and accessibility priorities.
  - c. Reconsideration of the City's "fix and release" policy.
  - d. Opportunities to coordinate with other street improvement programs, including the Complete Streets Program, the Safe Routes to School Program, the Active Transportation Program, the Pavement Preservation Program, and stormwater programs.
  - e. Governance changes to help ensure that the City's expenditures on sidewalks are coordinated and fully reflect the City's priorities.
2. INSTRUCT the BOE, BSS and LADOT to report within 30 days with a recommended scope and budget for a citywide sidewalk inventory and assessment as well as an assessment of the thoroughfares that includes:
  - a. The potential for coordination with other City asset management efforts, including the BSS asset management program and the LADOT Code the Curb initiative.
  - b. The potential use of data from delivery robots and other innovative technologies.
  - c. Identification of locations with missing sidewalks where construction of sidewalks would provide important mobility and safety benefits.
3. INSTRUCT the BOE and BSS to report within 30 days with recommendations regarding the resources, including budget, position authorities and equipment, needed to make interim repairs, including asphalt patching, grinding and cutting, to address tripping hazards and minor mobility barriers until more permanent repairs can be made.
4. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report within 60 days regarding the availability of funding from the federal infrastructure bill or other sources that could be applied to the City's sidewalk programs.
5. REQUEST the Mayor's Office to include funding and staffing in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Mayor's budget based upon the pending report from the departments on a scope and budget for a sidewalk inventory and assessment and an interim sidewalk repair program.

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Westside Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on January 12, 2022, your Public Works Committee considered a Motion (Blumenfield, Bonin, Raman - Rodriguez) relative to various improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Public Works Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion as amended, as detailed above.

Subsequently, on January 24, 2022, the Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee also considered this matter and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee concurred with the recommendations made previously by the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
LEE	YES
DE LEÓN	YES
O'FARRELL	YES
KORETZ	ABSENT

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
BONIN	YES

ME 1/12/22

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