

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: May 6, 2024
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 22000) –
Authorize Call for Bids for Sidewalk Repair Phase 9 (C24-24)

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SUMMARY

The issue before Council is to authorize the City Manager to approve a Call for Bids for Phase 9 of the Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (Project). The Project will utilize funds appropriated for the Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 22000); a budget adjustment will be recommended at the time of project award.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-23, authorizing the City Manager to approve a call for bids for Phase 9 of the Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project, Contract No. C24-24.

BACKGROUND

In June 2016, the City Council approved a new [Sidewalk Repair Policy](#) and placed a tax measure to fund sidewalk repair and replacement on the ballot. Albany voters approved this tax measure, Measure P1 in the November 2016 General Election, with collection of the tax to run for ten years. The Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 22000) was concurrently established to formalize this investment into a systematic approach to sidewalk repair in Albany.

Measure P1 provides funding for repairs and includes a structure for staff to develop prioritization criteria which is then approved by the Transportation Commission. These criteria initially prioritized surveyed sidewalk issues within the Priority Sidewalk Network as identified in the Active Transportation Plan (ATP Network). In December 2020, the Transportation Commission approved modified repair prioritization criteria, where severe sidewalk issues were given higher priority regardless of location, followed by moderate issues within the ATP Network. Updated prioritization criteria were approved again by the Transportation Commission in January 2022. This adjustment to the criteria was driven by a 2021 comprehensive citywide sidewalk survey, funded using Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) funds, which was used to compile a geographic information system

(GIS) database, allowing for an updated data-driven process to scope future repair locations. Phase 5 through Phase 8 prioritized repairs at the most hazardous locations identified from the sidewalk survey.

DISCUSSION

With construction of Phase 5 through Phase 8, the City completed repairs at the majority of the “critical” locations identified from the sidewalk survey. Staff prepared a modified repair prioritization criteria for recommendation to the Transportation Commission, which continued to utilize a data-driven process to scope future repair locations.

At the April 2024 meeting, the Transportation Commission approved the modified repair prioritization criteria and recommended that the City Council authorize construction of the Phase 9 repair locations. The presentation, which contains the list of Project locations, is included in Attachment 2. As required, City staff mailed public notice to all property owners adjacent to proposed areas of work ten days before this meeting. A map of the Phase 9 repair locations and the design drawings are included in Attachment 3 and Attachment 4, respectively.

The following are the key dates for the project:

Council Authorization:	May 6, 2024
Bid Opening:	June 12, 2024
Contract Award:	July 15, 2024
Notice to Proceed:	September 2024
Contract Duration:	65 Working Days

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

This Project is categorically exempt from CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 “Existing Facilities” of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of streets, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and street trees.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Project will improve walkability, which is one of the City’s sustainability goals. Sidewalk improvements afford greater mobility by disabled persons, strollers, and able-bodied persons in general. This promotes non-motorized travel, thereby reducing air emissions. The Project also supports goals adopted in the Active Transportation Plan.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Project is part of the City’s Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 22000). The current budget for this program was approved by Council as part of the City’s Capital Improvement Program in November 2020 (Resolution No. 2020-108) with additional

appropriations from Sidewalk Parcel Tax reserves in April 2023 (Resolution No. 2023-18a) and November 2023 (Resolution No. 2023-73).

Funding Source	FY20-24
Measure P1 Sidewalk Parcel Tax (1305)	\$ 1,278,000

The following is the estimated cost for the Project:

Project Expenditure	Cost
Construction (estimated)	\$ 146,000
Construction Contingency	\$ 11,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 157,000

As of April 24, 2024, approximately \$1.173 million of the \$1.278 million program budget has been expended or encumbered. Staff will recommend an additional appropriation to the program budget at the time of project award.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2024-23
2. Transportation Commission Presentation – April 25, 2024
3. Phase 9 Sidewalk Repair Locations Map
4. Phase 9 Sidewalk Repair Plan Set