

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

Agenda Date: May 2, 2022

Reviewed by: NA

**SUBJECT:** Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 22000) – Approve  
Call for Bids for Sidewalk Repair Phase 5 (C22-14)

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**SUMMARY**

The City of Albany's Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program (CIP No. 22000) was established after the passage of Measure P1 in 2016. This report recommends that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-38, authorizing the City Manager to approve a Call for Bids for Phase 5 of the Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program. The proposed Phase 5 project will utilize budget appropriated for the Sidewalk Program as part of Albany's five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as adopted by Council in November 2020 and no budget adjustments are needed.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-38, authorizing the City Manager to approve a Call for Bids for Phase 5 of the Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project, Contract No. C22-14.

**BACKGROUND**

In June 2016, Council approved a new City 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.

Pursuant to the Sidewalk Policy, City staff facilitated a Special Study Session for the Traffic & Safety Commission (currently known as Transportation Commission) in September 2017 where the Commission discussed prioritization of sidewalk repair projects as well as the development of the sidewalk repair location list. At the regular September 2017 meeting the Commission approved the prioritization criteria. The criteria prioritized sidewalk issues within the Priority Sidewalk Network as identified in the Active Transportation Plan (ATP Network). The ATP Network comprises approximately 38% of the City's sidewalks.

In 2018, staff completed a survey of sidewalks that comprise the ATP Network. These results were compiled into a sidewalk repair database which were used as the basis for previous rounds of repairs. For Phase 1 through Phase 3 of the repair program, severe to moderate sidewalk

issues within the ATP Network were prioritized, followed by severe issues outside the ATP Network. During these three phases, approximately 60% of repair costs were at ATP Network locations.

In April 2020, the City Council awarded Contract No. C20-50 to Beneficial Designs to perform an updated comprehensive sidewalk survey throughout the City (Resolution No. 2020-50).

In December 2020, the Transportation Commission approved modified repair prioritization criteria, where more severe issues were prioritized regardless of location, followed by moderate issues within the ATP Network. The updated criteria were used to establish the Phase 4 repair list.

## **DISCUSSION**

Albany, like a large majority of municipalities in California, adopted codes and policies that make sidewalk repair the responsibility of the adjoining property owner in most cases. For a variety of reasons, the rate of repair of public sidewalks has historically been low. The parcel tax is an effort to ensure that funds are available for repair and that conditions of a sidewalk are not entirely dependent on individual owner resources and motivation.

In April 2021, Beneficial Designs, a firm specializing in evaluating accessibility issues, completed a comprehensive survey of the City's sidewalks, identifying hazards and ADA (American Disability Act) compliance issues along all sidewalks in the City's public right of way. The survey results were used to compile a geographic information system (GIS) database, allowing for a data-driven process to scope future repair locations. Using this GIS data, City staff identified the most hazardous and severe issues in the City (approximately 280 locations). Staff then prepared modified repair prioritization criteria, based on severity of defect, for recommendation to the Transportation Commission.

The Commission approved the modification of the prioritization criteria and a list of 53 locations for Phase 5 repairs at their January 2022 meeting. Attachment 2 presents an overview of the GIS data that was presented to the Commission. As required, City staff mailed public notice to all property owners adjacent to proposed areas of work ten days before this meeting.

Attachment 3 is a map showing the location of the Phase 5 repairs and Attachment 4 contains the design for each repair location and updated sidewalk details.

The following are the key dates for the project:

Council Authorization:	May 2, 2022
Bid Opening:	June 7, 2022
Contract Award:	June 20, 2022
Notice to Proceed:	July 25, 2022
Contract Duration:	65 Working Days

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

The Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation program 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**

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

The following tables detail the estimated project costs for Phase 5:

<b>Project Expenditure</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Professional Services – Design (estimated; C22-15)	\$21,830
Construction/Improvements (estimated)	\$284,000
<b>Total Expenditures (Estimated)</b>	<b>\$305,830</b>

As part of the CIP, Council appropriated funding as follows.

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>FY20-22</b>
Sidewalk Parcel Tax (Fund 1305)	\$826,000

As of April 21, 2022, the City has spent or encumbered approximately \$391,000 of the appropriated program budget for FY20 through FY22. No budget adjustments are needed at this time.

## **Attachments**

1. Resolution No. 2022-38
2. Transportation Commission Presentation – January 27, 2022
3. Phase 5 Sidewalk Repair Locations Map
4. Phase 5 Sidewalk Repair Plan Set
5. Sidewalk Curvature Around Street Tree – New City Standard Details (ST 4.1 & 4.2)