SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM
ALBANY TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMISSION

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SIDEWALK PROGRAM HISTORY

• Past programs:
  — 50-50 homeowner-City split (limited funding)
  — Notice to repair (limited implementation)
  — Homeowner initiative
  — Potential City liability despite statutory language

• Measure P1 Parcel tax & 2016 Council-adopted Sidewalk Policy
  — Parcel tax sunsets after 10 years (Program runs 2017-2027)
  — Provides funding for City-lead repairs
  — Point of Sale and Point of Permit requirements

• Sidewalk maintenance program
  — City staff repairs & Sidewalk shaving
DEVELOPMENT OF SIDEWALK DEFECTS LIST

PAST
• Complaints from homeowners/residents/interest groups
• Claims against City
• Staff surveys
• Albany Strollers & Rollers survey

FUTURE
• Contractor City-wide survey on recurring basis
T&S APPROVED PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

- Group A: Special Access Needs
- Group B: Priority Sidewalk Network (ATP)
  - B1: Offset >2” or Structural Failure
  - B2: Offset <2” and >1/2”
- Group C: Offset >2” or Structural Failure
- Group D: Offset <2” and >1/2”
- Group E: Special Cases (separate list)
- Group F: Offset <1/2” or minor cracking
- Ranking within group based on severity of damage
Completed sidewalks:
1138 Talbot
Completed sidewalks:
1151 Portland

Before

After
Completed sidewalks: 908 Jackson

Before

After
**Completed Sidewalk Work to Date**

- **121 Locations**
- **$516,291 spent**
  (LLAD, General Fund & Parcel Tax)
- **111 Trees**
  Root prune &/or crown thin
- **22,063 square feet**
  Sidewalk replaced
- **Shaving of Solano Ave sidewalks**
- **Initial City-wide sidewalk survey**
FUTURE SIDEWALK PLANS

**Replacement**
- Enforce Point of Sale & Point of Permit requirements
- Refine prioritization criteria as needed (T&S Commission)
- Spend yearly parcel tax

**Maintenance**
- City Staff to mitigate acute damage
  - Replace concrete sections
  - Fill cracks
  - Asphalt wedge
- Zoned approach to shaving
- Crack filling along Solano and San Pablo Aves
IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

• Property owners
  — are responsible for sidewalk repair and maintenance (CA law and Albany code)
  — can be held liable for injuries or damage
  — are encouraged to perform the repairs themselves (obtain permit first)

• Multiple ways to report damaged or deteriorated sidewalk:
  — call or email PW, submit service request

• Website will be updated with program information as appropriate