SAFE SIDEWALKS LA

City of Los Angeles Sidewalk Repair Program

Last Updated: August 11, 2017
Agenda

- Sidewalk Repair Program Project Description
- Environmental Review Process
- Potential Environmental Impacts
- How to Provide Input
- Public Comment
Sidewalk Repair Program-Proposed Project

**Project Purpose:** Continue, amend, and expand implementation of Safe Sidewalks LA and make City pedestrian facilities compliant with applicable accessibility requirements

- Approval of street tree preservation, removal and replacement criteria
- Utility relocations as applicable
Existing Conditions

Examples of Sidewalk Damage and Access Barrier

11,000 miles of sidewalks estimated within LA City. Conditions of these existing sidewalks vary greatly.
Existing Conditions
Examples of Sidewalk Damage and Access Barrier
Construction Activities

- Work under the proposed Project may include:
  - Installation of missing curb ramps; repair/correction of existing curb ramps
  - Removal and replacement of broken, uneven, displaced, or uplifted sidewalks
  - Correction of non-compliant slopes
  - Providing clearance and/or widening along the pedestrian path of travel
  - Utility relocation, and/or installation or correction of utility covers
  - Repairs and/or removal and replacement of driveways, curbs, and gutters impacted by accessibility requirements
  - Street tree preservation, removal, and/or replacement
  - Street tree root pruning and canopy pruning
  - Addressing other non-compliant accessibility conditions, as required
Construction Activities

**Before**

**During**

**After**
Environmental Review Process Overview

- NOP
- Draft EIR Public Hearing
- Final EIR
- EIR Certification

We Are Here

Public Scoping Meeting

Spring 2018

Fall 2018
Project Objectives

1. Continue to implement and amend the existing Safe Sidewalks LA program, as needed, for sidewalk and curb ramp repairs within the City.

2. Identify criteria for street tree preservation, and removal and replacement requirements where street trees are the cause of sidewalk damage and adopt policies and/or an ordinance related to these criteria to implement the proposed Project.

3. Consider the City's sustainability goals when implementing the Sidewalk Repair Program.
Location and Project Zone Communities

Project Zone
- North Valley
- South Valley
- West Los Angeles
- Central Los Angeles
- East Los Angeles
- South Los Angeles
- Harbor

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Environmental Resource Areas Potentially Impacted by Proposed Project

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Noise
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
Potential Environmental Impacts Associated with Street Tree Removal and Replacement

- **Greenhouse Gases**: Reduced Carbon Absorption Short-Term
  - Benefits: Decreased Heat Island Effect Over Time

- **Aesthetics**: Reduced Canopy/Shade & Impacts Viewshed Short-Term
  - Benefits: More Street Trees Over Time

- **Biological**: Impacts to Habitat
  - Benefits: Increased Street Tree Species Diversity

- **Cultural**: Landscape Requirements in Historic Neighborhoods

- **Air Quality**: Construction Emissions

- **Hydrology and Water Quality**: Remove Natural Water Filler
  - Benefits: Increased Stormwater Capture Over Time

- **Utilities**: May need Relocation due to Excavation Activities

- **Hazardous Materials**: Contaminated Soil may be Disturbed
Scoping Phase

Public Scoping Comment Period
July 27, 2017 through September 15, 2017

Public Scoping Meetings

- August 9, 2017, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium, 100 W 1st St (Main), Los Angeles, CA 90012

- August 14, 2017, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Mid-Valley Senior Citizen Center, 8825 Kester Ave, Panorama City, CA 91402

- August 24, 2017, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Westchester Senior Citizen Center, 8740 Lincoln Blvd, Westchester, CA 90045
1. Willowbrook Library
2. Hyde Park Branch Library
3. Ascot Branch Library
4. Arroyo Seco Library
5. Robertson Library
6. Sun Valley Library
7. North Hollywood Amelia Earhart
8. Vermont Square Branch
9. The Los Angeles Central
10. Pico Union Branch Library
11. San Pedro Regional Library
12. Jefferson Library
13. Edendale Branch Library
14. Lincoln Heights Branch
15. Westchester Loyola Village
16. Frances Howard Goldwyn-Hollywood Regional
17. West Valley Regional
18. Granada Hills Library
19. Pio Pico Library
20. Sherman Oaks Library
21. Mar Vista Branch Library
22. Fairfax Branch Public
23. Pacoima Branch Library
24. Cypress Park Branch Library
25. Panorama City Branch
26. Sunland-Tujunga Branch
27. El Sereno Branch Library
28. Mid-Valley Regional Library
29. Mark Twain Library
30. Encino-Tarzana Branch
31. West Los Angeles Regional
32. Silver Lake Branch Library
33. Chatsworth Branch Library
34. Westwood Branch Library
35. Valley Plaza Library
We Want to Hear From You

Comments at Tonight’s Scoping Meeting

- **Verbal Comments:**
  - Commenters may speak in the microphone
  - Submit speaker card at Comments station

- **Written Comments at Comments Station via:**
  - Online Comments (Laptop provided)
  - Comment Sheets

Thank you for participating!
We Want to Hear From You

To Provide Input:

**ATTEND**
Public Scoping Meetings. All presentations start at 6:15 pm

**ONLINE**
Visit [sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-review-process](http://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-review-process) to submit comments.

**EMAIL**
Send an email to shilpa.gupta@lacity.org with “SRP” in the subject line and a valid mailing address in the email.

**MAIL**
You can mail written comments to Shilpa Gupta (address below).

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