

Dear Chair and Members of the CWC,

Sidewalks remain an important tool to enhance mobility and accessibility and our new sidewalks program is designed to prioritize the installations where they are most needed. At our last council meeting, we created budgetary savings by exempting some construction projects from sidewalk installation. If we transferred these funds into the new sidewalks program, we could continue to address the needs for accessibility (potentially with greater impact). For this reason, I ask that you consider the following motion:

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to transfer any budgetary savings resulting from proposed sidewalk infrastructure being removed from the related 2021 road reconstruction projects to the new sidewalk construction program.

I have made this submission to your added agenda because there may be an opportunity to add additional projects this year if the motion is passed in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

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Councillor, Ward 1