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Chair and Members  
Civic Works Committee

Re: Sidewalk Repair Program

It has come to my attention that, as a result of budgetary constraints, sidewalk repairs are increasingly undertaken with the use of asphalt rather than concrete. Although this asphalt may be replaced with concrete if or when a crew is in the area, the asphalt repair is considered to be permanent and could remain indefinitely.

This use of asphalt for sidewalk repair is not only unsightly, but has resulted in safety concerns being raised by residents as well.

It is my understanding that the Sidewalk Repair Program now has a large and growing backlog that is accumulating due to factors that include lack of appropriate funding and aging infrastructure. In some of these cases the infrastructure has outlived its intended lifecycle.

I respectfully ask that the Civic Administration be requested to report back on why this type of patching is occurring and what options could be introduced to ensure permanent concrete repairs are completed in a timely manner.

The use of asphalt as a permanent repair for sidewalks is not acceptable to Londoners and if this deferred maintenance gap is not addressed with dedicated funding at an appropriate level the backlog will continue to grow.

I will be available to address any questions that may arise as a result of this request.

Respectfully,

Matt Brown  
Councillor Ward 7