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Sidewalk Assessment Provides Path Forward for a More Walkable San Diego
Nearly \$10 million to be invested in repairs, new sidewalks over next two years

SAN DIEGO (April 23, 2015) --- With the completion of the first-ever comprehensive sidewalk assessment, the City of San Diego will now be able to direct funding to priority repair projects, according to a report presented to the Infrastructure Committee today. The citywide assessment examined approximately 5,000 miles of sidewalk.

“The completion of the City’s first-ever comprehensive sidewalk assessment is a positive step toward making San Diego’s communities more walkable,” said Councilman Mark Kersey, Infrastructure Committee Chair. “With this data, we can now execute plans to repair our sidewalks and identify priority projects city-wide.”

Over a two year period, the City plans to invest approximately \$6.6 million for sidewalk repairs and another \$2.7 million for the construction of new sidewalks.

“This is the most funding we’ve invested in sidewalks in at least a decade,” said Councilman Kersey. “It represents a major commitment by both Mayor Faulconer and City Council to improve our neighborhoods and rebuilding San Diego.”

The funding will address 7,000 deficiencies which range from minor cracks to uplifted pavements. City staff indicated repairs and replacement projects will be prioritized based on the cause and extent of the damage, with priority placed on areas with increased foot traffic such as bus stops, schools, parks and retail corridors.

The assessment also captured data regarding trees within the City right-of-way and where tree roots have damaged adjacent sidewalks.

The assessment cost approximately \$800,000 to complete, coming in under the budgeted \$1 million. Engineering interns from San Diego State University and UC San Diego walked every mile of City sidewalks collecting data with handheld GPS devices.

Councilman Kersey initially called for the sidewalk assessment in 2012 and it was eventually approved by Council in 2013. The project began in January 2014 and was completed earlier this month.

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