



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Public Works and Mobility

Item: Discontinue Sidewalk Funding Assistance Program and Fully Fund Public Right-of-Way Construction Costs

Date: April 3, 2024

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Ward(s) Affected:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:
Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution discontinuing the funding assistance program and fully funding public right-of-way construction projects.

Recommended Motion(s):
I move the City Council: Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution discontinuing the funding assistance program and fully funding public right-of-way construction projects.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	April 10, 2024
Council action (or sets hearing):	April, 15, 2024
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:
New sidewalk projects are a critical part of meeting our city’s strategic goals and could be celebrated as an asset to the neighborhood and no longer be a financial burden for everyday Missoulians. Historically the City of Missoula has required property owners outside of urban renewal districts to fund construction of new curbs and sidewalks within the public right-of-way adjacent to their property. This has caused frustration from adjacent property owners who are left to pay thousands of dollars towards these projects.

In 2012 the City established a funding assistance program for property owner assessments related to City-ordered curb and sidewalk construction. Subsequently the City adopted resolutions revising the funding assistance program in 2017 and 2020 to lower the cost burden on adjacent property owners. If the City desires to prevent further negative financial impacts to individual property owners for the construction of City curb and sidewalk projects, we must update our sidewalk funding program.

Financial Implications:

To build the same amount of sidewalk per year, the additional funding towards sidewalks would require an estimated \$150,000/year. This will prevent individual homeowners from having to pay up to \$9,000 for sidewalk project.

Links to external websites: