

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: May 2, 2022
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Sara Lillevand, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Consideration of an Additional Appropriation of \$300,000 for Sidewalk Replacement and Repair for FY 21-22

RECOMMENDATION

By motion, approve an appropriation of \$300,000 in additional funds for sidewalk repair and replacement for FY 21-22 from the General Fund to the Facilities Maintenance Fund.

BACKGROUND

Piedmont's sidewalks are increasingly showing their age. For loss prevention purposes, it is essential to repair sidewalks with significant defects soon after they are reported. Prompt repair of defective sidewalk reduces the risk of accidents and the liability associated with injuries that might result thereafter.

Last fiscal year, sidewalk replacement and repair costs totaled \$868,905. Through March of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the City has spent \$870,000. The approved budget for these costs was \$900,000, consisting of \$600,000 from the Facilities Maintenance Fund and \$300,000 from the Gas Tax Fund.

Staff is requesting an additional appropriation of \$300,000 from the General Fund in FY 2021-22 to continue to repair and replace sidewalks that are identified as having significant offsets and defects. We expect sidewalk repair costs to continue near the current level and our long-range financial plan will reflect such costs.

Currently, the system for managing sidewalk maintenance is manual and cumbersome. Staff is working towards the implementation of an asset management software program to track service calls and maintenance history. Once implemented, the tools in this software will allow staff to track service calls and develop recommendations to improve not only for the City's sidewalk replacement program, but for other types of maintenance as well.

By: Daniel Gonzales, Public Works Director
Michael Szczech, Finance Director