

Sidewalk Maintenance Program



The City of San Rafael is seeking input toward a solution to improve the condition of sidewalks. The City invites you to attend one of three planned community meetings to hear your thoughts on a potential sidewalk repair program. With your help the City Council will establish a policy to improve sidewalks in our city.

Background

- San Rafael has 275 miles of sidewalks and thousands of street trees.
- Uneven sidewalks present tripping hazards.
- State law requires property owners to maintain trees and sidewalks.
- Sidewalk repair cost is between \$15 and \$20 per square foot.
- Root trimming costs between \$250-\$500 per tree.
- Tree removal/replacement costs a minimum of \$1,000.

Questions

Recognizing there is limited available funding:

- Should the City take some responsibility or rely on affected owners?
- Should repair costs be shared?
 - Only when a tree is involved?
 - Only when a tree is not involved?
- Should there be a cost share ceiling?
- Should cost sharing be limited to a defined period?
- If shared, how should the City pay for its portion?
 - Gas Tax (reduces other needed services)
 - Parcel tax
 - Other?

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
City Pays 100%	Property Owner Pays 100%	Cost Share
<p data-bbox="147 384 509 468">Funding Source(s)/ Impacts</p> <p data-bbox="203 518 456 556"><u>Gas Tax Fund</u> Sidewalk expenditures will reduce capital funding for annual street resurfacing and other right-of-way projects.</p> <p data-bbox="233 831 428 869"><u>Parcel Tax</u> 2/3 majority required; being considered by San Francisco at \$35 per parcel and Albany at \$25 per parcel; potential for disproportionate benefits.</p>	<p data-bbox="646 384 1008 468">Funding Source(s)/ Impacts</p> <p data-bbox="646 518 1008 602"><u>California Streets & Highways Code</u> Property owners fully responsible for repair & maintenance costs of adjacent sidewalks, in accordance with section 5610 of the California Streets & Highways code, except in limited conditions.</p>	<p data-bbox="1141 384 1503 468">Funding Source(s)/ Impacts</p> <p data-bbox="1166 518 1484 556"><u>Property Owners</u> Responsible for a portion of cost, amount to be determined; cost share window may be limited.</p> <p data-bbox="1196 787 1451 825"><u>Gas Tax Fund</u> Sidewalk expenditures will reduce capital funding for annual street resurfacing and other right-of-way projects.</p>

Meeting Times & Locations

October 3, 6-8 p.m. @ Al Boro Community Center, 50 Canal St

October 4, 6-8 p.m. @ Terra Linda Community Center, 670 Del Ganado Rd

October 5, 6-8 p.m. @ San Rafael Community Center, 618 B St