

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 12, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **City of Dallas Sidewalk Master Plan – Update**

Background

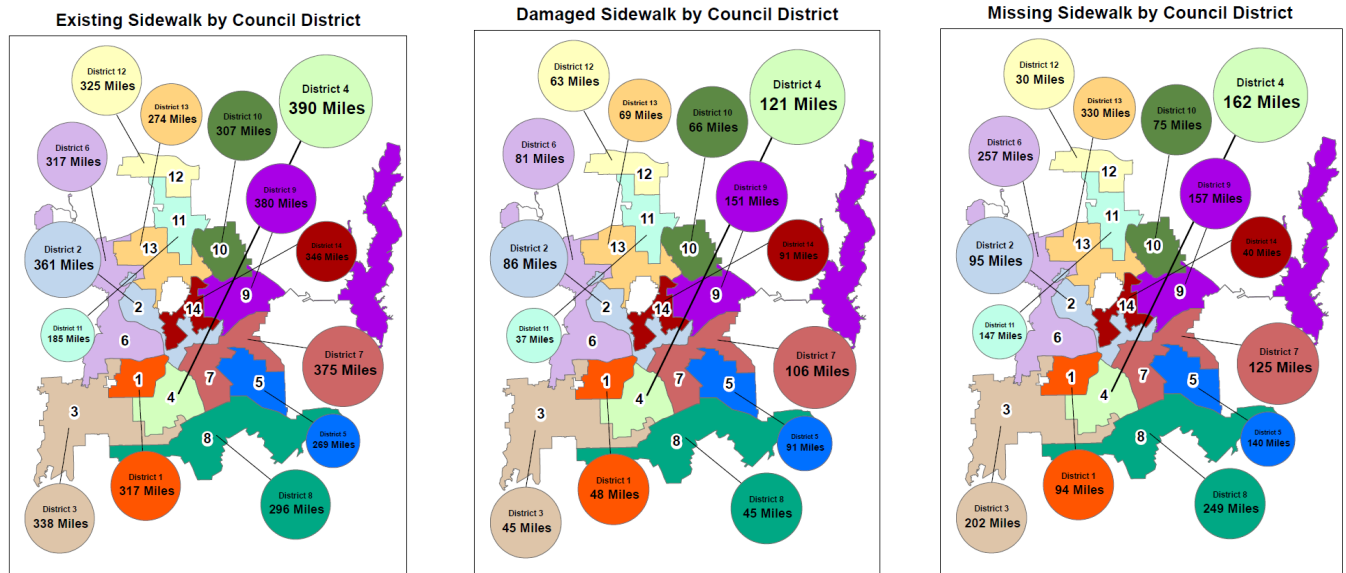
On August 26, 2020, City Council authorized a Supplemental Agreement No.1 to the professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., through an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Addison, to conduct Phase II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, which includes the development of the Sidewalk Master Plan (Resolution No. 20-1223).

As part of the briefing memorandum presented to City Council on October 23, 2020, the Department of Public Works provided additional information on the City of Dallas' efforts of compliance with the regulations of the ADA and details of the development of the Sidewalk Master Plan, with an emphasis on Public Engagement Goals and Objectives. As part of the process to develop the Sidewalk Master Plan, this memorandum will discuss the master plan's Public Engagement Plan and Sidewalk Analysis, Sidewalk Prioritization, and the Next Steps for the Sidewalk Master Plan.

Public Engagement Plan and Sidewalk Analysis

Since the October 23, 2020 City Council briefing memorandum, the Department of Public Works, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., local stakeholders, and the recently created Sidewalk Advisory Committee (SAC) have been working on the implementation of the Public Engagement Plan and analyzing the data collected as shown below:

Online Input: www.DallasSidewalk.com



The Sidewalk Advisory Committee, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., and the Department of Public Works will continue public awareness efforts through social media platforms and public outreach while providing an engaging, meaningful, and effective public involvement process for the Sidewalk Master Plan. The public input, web-based interactive map, and survey results will help in the development and refinement of the Sidewalk Master Plan.

Sidewalk Prioritization

Along with the public engagement component, the development of an objective sidewalk prioritization methodology has been a primary focus of the Sidewalk Master Plan. The intent of the sidewalk prioritization methodology is to provide the City of Dallas with consistent and unbiased sidewalk prioritization results in an analytical, objective manner based on a transparent scoring matrix. As part of the sidewalk project scoring matrix, where each project can will be scored for a maximum total of 100 and each project will be prioritized based on the highest total score, below are the six factors and the associated scores:

1. Places of Public Accommodations – (Maximum Score: 20 points)
2. Equity Index – (Maximum Score: 20 points)
3. Pedestrian Safety – (Maximum Score: 10 points)
4. Street Classification System (Maximum Score: 10 points)
5. Date of Request – (Maximum Score: 10 points)
6. Activity Areas (DSMP Heat Map) – (Maximum Score: 30 points)

Next Steps for the Sidewalk Master Plan

As projects are currently being prioritized based upon the established scoring matrix, the Sidewalk Master Plan is 50% completed and scheduled for completion in April 2021. A briefing of the Sidewalk Master Plan is scheduled for City Council on June 2, 2021.

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Understanding the Sidewalk Master Plan’s completion schedule, the FY 2021 Adopted Budget includes \$9.4M for 33 sidewalk projects (9 projects completed), which equate to approximately 20 miles of sidewalks. To date, the Department of Public Works has programmed approximately half of the FY 2021 funds and earmarked the remaining funds for projects identified in the Sidewalk Master Plan.

Given the information above, this memorandum has discussed the Sidewalk Master Plan’s Public Engagement Plan and Sidewalk Analysis, Sidewalk Prioritization, and the Next Steps for the Sidewalk Master Plan. As noted in this memorandum, the Sidewalk Master Plan is scheduled for completion in May 2021 and a briefing to City Council is scheduled for June 2, 2021. As important milestones are reached in the development of the Sidewalk Master Plan, the Department of Public Works will provide updates to the City Council. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Robert M. Perez, Director of Public Works.



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