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Committee: Mobility, Sustainability, & Beautification

Date + Time: 12/1/25, 1:00pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Attendees: Chair Komives, Vanice Williams

Absentees: Vice Chair Gadus, Mac Driscoll, Adam Martinez

Also Present:

Presenters: Megan Robson, Sara Stacy, Christy Soncrant

Public Attendance: 2

Facilitating: Evan Snapp

Topics...

- Resolution 532: Tree Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program Proposal

Discussion...

- Komives: Welcome to this session of the Mobility, Sustainability and Beautification Committee, today we will hear from Director Robson on the upcoming sidewalk program proposal. Hopefully we'll hear about some of last year's successes.
- Soncrant: I'm with Megan Robson and Sara Stacy with me. We want to give an update on the planning for our 2026 program for sidewalks rehabilitation. We're using data from this summer's program, combining arborists and engineers on the streets, to inform or decisions and choices for next year. The goal is to improve damaged sidewalks while preserving mature trees.
- Stacy: There were 37 sites selected in the Pilot program, for more intensive sidewalk repairs while maintaining trees. These places were also selected for getting Re-tree trees planted, so it was a holistic improvement in several neighborhoods. The streets included Aldringham, N Ontario, Latonia, White, Elm, Geneva, 116th St, Duncan, and Rosehill.
- Stacy: We found the grinder machine very effective, and ended up purchasing the machine. The average cost of each work order was \$106. In the intermediate term, these trees no longer have to be cut down. We also learned a lot about the flexipave material:
 - More difficult to implement than working with concrete
 - Materials require more preparation, measuring and are therefore more time-intensive.
 - More sensitive to weather conditions, best to apply it in perfect dry weather.



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- \$10 more per sq. ft. than concrete, probably best suited for isolated projects
- Flexipave can also be useful in other locations, like tree basins downtown, on broadway street, etc.
- Stacy: An example success: Saving the tree on 3100 Aldringham and redoing the sidewalk around it saved about 1300.00
- Stacy: Also, at 2847 116th, Flexipave eliminated the need to remove the tree, and came out to about even for cost saving, total cost \$2,322.00. Our powerpoint includes several more examples of cost-saving techniques and our other methods like shave/ slice which is far cheaper than replacement.
- Stacy: We are adding recommendations for the RFP for bidding, any subcontractors should follow these best practices to be more in line with our suggestions and goals.
- Soncrant: The 2026 plan proposal includes 300 proposed sites with recommendations for a variety of methods including re-routing, flexi-pave, remove and replace, or concrete repair. This will reduce the number of trees we plan to remove by about 150. There will be 188 re-plants. Each district will get certain streets addressed, the details of which you can read in the presentation or the document attached on Legistar.
- Soncrant: The program proposal for funding will assess tree related sidewalk damage through the general forestry assessment for all residents. Other sidewalk repairs unrelated to tree damage will be paid for by the homeowners.
 - Fund 5057 Homeowner assessed portion: 1.8 million
 - Fund 3050 Tree assessment: 1.2 million
 - Fund 504 CIP portion: \$500,000
- Soncrant: Letters to residents will go out during the first quarter of 2026, Engage Toledo will have up to date information for everyone involved, a forestry door tag will be placed on properties and we will keep an updated City website on this program.
- Soncrant: Measuring our successes: Good cost per square foot, ease of implementation, very effective for saving trees, lots of positive resident feedback, and we will do annual condition checks to keep assessing the methods we used this year.
- Komives: With that, we appreciate your time, energy and work on this. We look forward to having it in front of council for a vote tomorrow. We are adjourned.