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CITY OF APPLETON SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The Department of Public Works (~~“Department”~~) ~~is charged with maintenance of~~ maintains the existing sidewalk network within city street right-of-way. ~~This charge is met through the “Green Dot” Program, Street Reconstruction Programs and general notification of damaged sidewalk.~~ This policy is intended to serve as a guide to assist the Department as it evaluates where and how to allocate available resources and budgeted funds to maintain the sidewalk network.

INSPECTION CYCLE

The “Green Dot” Program is intended to provide for the periodic inspection of the City’s sidewalk network. Areas within the network will be inspected on a rotating basis, with the area size and frequency of inspection being determined by the Department ~~of Public Works~~ based upon available budgeted funds and similar resources. This periodic inspection will help to determine whether any portion of the sidewalk in the area should be considered in need of repair or replacement.

~~The downtown core area as designated on Exhibit “A” will be inspected annually.~~

~~Citizens~~ Members of the public are encouraged to report conditions that may qualify for repair or replacement to the Department. ~~of Public Works.~~

REPAIR / REPLACEMENT CRITERIA

~~In order to sustain the safety of sidewalks in the City and avoid the development of unsafe conditions, sidewalks~~ Sidewalks that meet any of the following criteria during an inspection ~~will may~~ be subject to prioritized repair or replacement at the discretion of the Department based upon available resources:

1. $\frac{3}{4}$ ” vertical differential between or within sidewalk sections
2. crack width of $\frac{1}{2}$ ” between or within sidewalk sections
3. broken corners greater than 3 inches in any direction

RESPONSE TIME

All ~~reports of damaged sidewalks received by the Department~~ ~~general notification of damaged sidewalk~~ will be inspected and repaired, if necessary, within a reasonable amount of time based upon available resources, the location, amount of pedestrian traffic, overall condition of the sidewalks in the area, cost versus effect, public feedback, and at the discretion of the Department Director or designee.

ASSESSMENTS REPLACEMENT COST

Sidewalks meeting the replacement criteria above ~~will can~~ be replaced at City cost. Sidewalk sections which are out of conformance with design grade to a degree that water ponds, ~~shall can~~ be replaced at City cost when part of a Total Street Reconstruction Program. Alternatively, property owners may elect to replace sections of sidewalk which are out of conformance with design grades to a degree that water ponds, at their sole discretion and expense and with an approved City permit.