

Access Advisory Committee Sidewalk Ad-hoc Committee Report

On Friday, February 10, 2023 1:00 PM-2:00 PM the Ad-hoc committee met with Staff via Microsoft Teams.

Agenda

1. Staff introductions:
 - Derrick Bailey is in acting role after Jim Dewey's retirement
 - Brian D'Amour has returned to City Engineer role
 - Laura Yanez Principal Engineer in Streets Design
2. Scope of Ad-Hoc Committee
3. Review of minutes, recent work performed, and action items
 - We discussed blue zones and making sure that blue zones used by the public at large have a landing that can accommodate ramps and lifts.
 - We reviewed our priority list of parkway infill projects adjacent to APZs (Accessible Parking Zones). Many of been corrected and the list will be updated.
 - Sidewalk maintenance: we talked about tree wells and finding an appropriate material to level off tree wells in high traffic areas like downtown and near public facilities. The City's arborist is concerned that the permeability of the Flexipave will decrease over time and starve the tree. Staff will endeavor to identify an appropriate alternative.
 - We talked about installation of APS (accessible pedestrian systems) push buttons at traffic signals. The cost of the systems are about \$6,000 each. The city installs two systems per year through its operations budget, plus installs systems at new traffic signals, and traffic signals that receive major maintenance. The list of APS and map of APS have been added to the city's accessibility resources web page.
 - We talked about Engineering inspectors educating contractors to property close sidewalks during construction.
4. Action items for next meeting
 - N. Koonce to update and prioritize Parkway infill recommendations adjacent to APZs.
 - D. Bailey to work w/ Arborist to find alternative to Flexipave or maintenance solution to address concerns.