Neighborhood Sidewalks Program Overview

Transportation Commission
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Tonight’s Discussion

- What is a Neighborhood Sidewalk?
- Neighborhood Sidewalks Program
  - CIP Program No. PW-W/B-76
- Neighborhood Sidewalk Project Distribution
- Background on Criteria
- Next steps
What is a Neighborhood Sidewalk?

- A pedestrian facility connecting neighborhood residents to neighborhood destinations:
  - Housing
  - Parks
  - Schools
  - Shopping & Services
  - Employment
  - Transit/School Bus Systems

- Helps address safety issues
- Promotes walking and a healthy lifestyle
Where did the projects come from?

- All projects have been frequently requested and long supported by residents through NEP or other neighborhood outreach programs.
- All projects too large/expensive for NEP or other minor capital programs.
Established in 2007, through a supplemental CIP process.
Initial funding allocation $3,000,000.
First list had 29 candidate projects, three were funded:
- SE 26th Street – SE 24th Street to West Lake Sammamish Parkway
- Somerset Avenue SE – SE Somerset Boulevard to 136th Place SE
- 128th Avenue SE – SE 25th to SE 32nd Streets
SE 26th Street – SE 24th Street to West Lake Sammamish Parkway

This project constructed curb, gutter and six foot sidewalk on the south side of the street.

Before

Cost: $ 1,305,540
Completed 2010

After
Somerset Avenue SE – SE Somerset Boulevard to 136\textsuperscript{th} Place SE

This project constructed curb, gutter and five foot sidewalk on the west side of the road.

Before

Cost: $340,590
Completed 2008

After
128th Avenue SE – SE 25th to SE 32nd Streets

This project constructed curb, gutter and separated six foot sidewalk on the west side of the street.

Before

Cost: $860,407
Completed in 2009

After
Neighborhood Sidewalks Program (PW-W/B-76)

- The 2011-2017 CIP, continued with a funding allocation of $1,553,000 (2012-2014)
- The 2013-2019 CIP extended funding with allocation of $1,000,000 per year starting in 2015
- Three projects were funded – two fully; one partially
  - SE 16th Street - 104th Avenue SE to Bellevue Way (completed 2014)
  - 123rd Avenue SE - SE 20th Place to SE 26th Street (construction Spring/Summer 2016)
  - Newport Way - 150th to 152nd Avenues SE (completed 2015)
- 34 candidate projects remain on the list
SE 16th Street - 104th Avenue SE to Bellevue Way

After working closely with the community on project options, this project constructed curb, gutter and six foot sidewalk on the south side of the street.

Before

Cost: $ 350,000
Completed in 2014

After
After working closely with the community on project options, the following will be built:

- a 5’ sidewalk on the east side of 123rd Ave SE from SE 20th Pl to SE 26th St
- a traffic circle at 123rd Ave SE and SE 21st St
- a series of medians and curb extensions between SE 20th Pl to SE 26th St

Cost: $ 1,926,400

Construction – Summer/Fall 2016
Newport Way - 150th to 152nd Avenues SE

Before
W/B-76 portion of Cost: $895,730
Total Cost: $2,898,610
Completed in 2015

This project constructed curb, gutter and six foot sidewalk on the south side of the street with planter strip where feasible and five-foot bike lanes on both sides.

After
Neighborhood Sidewalk Project Distribution

- The current candidate list is comprised of 34 projects distributed throughout the City
- Red lines represent the initial three completed sidewalk projects
- Green circles represent the three projects funded since 2012
Background for Neighborhood Sidewalk project prioritization Criteria

- Pedestrian/Bicycle scoring criteria has been established & refined over the years for the biennial TFP & CIP update processes.
- Criteria intended to help link the vision of the citizen, contained in the city’s Comprehensive Plan, to capital budget funding decisions.
- Criteria based on specific Comp. Plan policy language including:
Background for Neighborhood Sidewalk project prioritization Criteria

- High priority should be assigned to pedestrian & bicycle plan projects that: (Comp. Plan Policy TR-105)
  - Address Safety issues;
  - Provide access to activity centers such as schools, parks & commercial areas;
  - Provide accessible linkages to the transit & school bus systems;
  - Complete planned pedestrian or bicycle facilities.

- Destinations and Balancing Factors were updated in 2012 by the Commission to show connectivity and to reflect the relationship with other transportation elements.
Neighborhood Sidewalks Prioritization Process

Next Steps

- Staff evaluates the cost and feasibility of the existing ranked list of candidate projects
- Implement top feasible project – 2016/17
- An intradepartmental staff team works on updating the candidate identification and ranking processes
- Staff returns with program update, late 2016
Questions?