



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Community Impact Statement



TITLE: [Council File 21-1469-S2 \(Alternative Sidewalk Corrective Measures/Sidewalk Repairs/Diamond Cutting\)](#)

COMMITTEE: Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (T&I) Committee

POSITION: SUPPORT

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Neighborhood Council supports the motion to explore and use alternative sidewalk corrective measures, including diamond and precision concrete cutting, to more quickly address needed sidewalk repairs.

BACKGROUND: In 2016, [Willitsv.CityofLosAngeles](#) was a landmark disability access class action settlement that required the City of LA to spend more than \$1.4 billion to make its sidewalks and other walkways accessible, ensuring annual funding minimums for sidewalk repair. However, delays and inefficiencies remain the norm. According to an [audit by the Los Angeles City Controller in 2021](#), it took StreetsLA an average of 41 days to complete sidewalk repair requests with short-term asphalt patches (a temporary solution), compared to just three days to close street pothole repair requests. Additionally, there is a substantial backlog of reported sidewalk problems not addressed by this established repair work. The MVCC has heard many complaints regarding sidewalks and sidewalk repair over the past year.

The Los Angeles city sidewalk network is [estimated at more than 9,000 miles long](#), serving millions of Angelenos daily. This network is notoriously broken, creating hazards for people in wheelchairs, on foot, and using active mobility modes (bicycles, scooters, etc.). The rates above indicate that the City is painfully slow at addressing this issue. While the City explores ways to update its current repair and maintenance policies, we need a short-term solution to expedite necessary repairs in the meantime. The City has already explored short-term solutions, such as diamond cutting, and has funded a Risk and Liability Mitigation program to fund repairs of unsafe sidewalks outside of the normal Sidewalk Repair Program. Let's leverage these short-term solutions immediately.

DIRECTED TO: John Lee, Chair of the LA City Council Public Works Committee ACTION/VOTE COUNT:



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MVCC T&I Committee meeting, **October 4, 2023**

Motion of support moved by **Peterson**, seconded by **Marton**

Motion of **support** approved by MVCC T&I Committee **17-0-0**