



While property and gas taxes are used primarily to maintain existing sidewalks and streets, there are four programs that support construction of new sidewalks:

- **Active Transportation Program Grants**
- **Assessment Districts**
- **Community Development Block Grant**
- **Property Owner “No Fee” Permitting**

Assessment Districts

- ⇒ Neighborhood survey demonstrating majority property owner interest
- ⇒ Property owners vote for a special assessment on their property tax bill to pay for cost of sidewalk.
- ⇒ Only properties benefitting are assessed
- ⇒ A majority vote 50% + 1 by affected property owners is needed for passage
- ⇒ The City designs and hires a contractor to construct the sidewalks.

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Community Development Block Grant

- ⇒ Funds can be used only in income eligible areas
- ⇒ Organized Neighborhood Groups help establish priorities within their areas
- ⇒ Projects are selected based on need while considering equitable distribution among groups

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Active Transportation Program Grants

- ⇒ City applies to State and Local agencies for a grant to fund a specific sidewalk project
- ⇒ Projects are selected based on input from multiple stakeholders including School Districts
- ⇒ Grant criteria favors projects with high pedestrian demand (generally along routes to schools)

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Property Owner “No Fee” Permitting

- ⇒ If a property owner wishes to install a sidewalk in front of their own property, the City will issue a “no fee” permit for this work
- ⇒ Property owner hires a licensed contractor
- ⇒ Contractor submits encroachment permit application
- ⇒ Road must be improved to full width with curb

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