


Draft Environmental Impact Report - Available Now

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The entire Draft EIR is available online below, and hard-copies of the report are available at the following locations. To see the map of locations where the copies are available, click  here (https://sidewalks.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph661/f/SRP-Communities-Map-v5_8.5x11.pdf).

The City of Los Angeles (City) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program (proposed Project) that addresses the manner in which sidewalk repair projects are undertaken pursuant to the City's obligations under the *Willits Settlement Agreement* (Settlement). The City is requesting input on the Draft EIR from public agencies, residents, and other interested project stakeholders.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Under the proposed Project, the City would adopt a new uncoded ordinance to revise the way sidewalk repairs undertaken pursuant to the Settlement are reviewed and approved, with a primary goal of streamlining the Settlement implementation process.

The key components of the ordinance include:

- A ministerial approval process to enable sidewalk repair projects falling within certain specified parameters to proceed upon approval by the City Engineer or a designee, without undergoing further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- A streamlined discretionary approval process by the City Engineer or a designee for sidewalk repair projects falling outside the specific parameters for a ministerial sidewalk repair approval;
- A revised Street Tree Retention, Removal and Replacement Policy establishing a 2:1 street tree replacement to removal ratio requirement for years 1-10, 3:1 for years 11-21, and 2:1 for years 22-30, and;
- Mandatory Project Design Features (PDFs) generally consisting of regulatory compliance measures and standard construction conditions and procedures.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES: The following is a list of objectives for the proposed Project that support the underlying purpose, including the fundamental project objective which is to:

- Ensure the continued and efficient compliance with the requirements of the Settlement while amending the existing program for sidewalk and curb ramp improvements within the City, in accordance with the applicable accessibility requirements, including those required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The following additional project objectives have also been identified:

- Retain existing street trees that are the cause of sidewalk barriers to the extent feasible, provided the sidewalk improvements would not result in street tree mortality or compromise public safety;
- If the removal of one or more street trees is required, ensure compliance with the City's replacement requirements adopted to ensure no net street tree canopy loss at the end of the Project implementation period; and
- Identify the criteria and process for ministerial approval of future sidewalk improvements and street tree removals and replacements, with the goal of avoiding the need to undertake individualized environmental review of every repair of every City sidewalk or of every street tree removal and replacement and the potential legal challenge to each such approval; thereby streamlining the Settlement implementation and providing certainty to the City and its disabled community.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

The Draft EIR Public Review and Comment Period begins December 26th, 2019 until February 24, 2020. Options for providing comments during the Draft EIR Public Review and Comment Period include the following:

1. Attend a Public Meeting and provide verbal and/or written comments during the Draft EIR Review Period. (See below for locations and dates of the meetings)
2. Submit comments online until February 24, 2020 at the following link: <http://sidewalks.lacity.commentinput.com/> (<http://sidewalks.lacity.commentinput.com/>). Please be sure to include your contact information.
3. Email your comment to Shilpa.Gupta@lacity.org (<mailto:Shilpa.Gupta@lacity.org>) during the Draft EIR Review Period and include "SRP DEIR" in the subject line. Please include your contact information including name, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address so that we can contact you if we have any questions regarding your comment.
4. Mail your comments during the Draft EIR Review Period to:

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Environmental Management Group
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Los Angeles, CA 90015

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

January 29, 2020 at 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Sunland – Tujunga Branch Library
7771 W Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA 91042

January 30, 2020 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Watts Senior Citizen Center
1657 E Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90002

February 5, 2020 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Lafayette Multipurpose Community Center
625 S La Fayette Park Pl, Los Angeles, CA 90057

February 6, 2020 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Reseda Recreation Center
18411 W Victory Blvd, Reseda, CA 91335

February 12, 2020 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Westchester Senior Citizen Center
8740 S Lincoln Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045

February 13, 2020 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm
















Normandale Recreation Center
22400 S Halldale Ave, Torrance, CA 90501









February 15, 2020 at 10:00am - 12:00pm

Robert Louis Stevenson Branch Library
803 S Spence St, Los Angeles, CA 90023

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

 [Notice of Availability of Draft EIR](https://sidewalks.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph661/f/%28Revised%29%20Draft%20EIR%20Notice%20of%20Availability%20for%20Sidewalk%20Repair%20Program.pdf)

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 [EIR Availability Locations Map \(https://sidewalks.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph661/f/SRP-Communities-Map-v5_8.5x11_0.pdf\)](https://sidewalks.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph661/f/SRP-Communities-Map-v5_8.5x11_0.pdf).

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