

## **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

The City Council of the City of McKinney, Texas met in work session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 222 N. Tennessee Street, McKinney, Texas on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was broadcast live on cable television Spectrum Channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99; and online at <https://mckinneytx.new.swagit.com/views/130>. A video recording of the meeting is available to members of the public through the City of McKinney meeting archive.

Mayor George Fuller called the work session to order at 4:22 p.m. upon determining a quorum of the City Council consisting of himself and the following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem Charlie Philips, and Councilmembers Justin Beller, Geré Feltus, Rick Franklin, Michael Jones. Councilmember Patrick Cloutier was absent.

The following City of McKinney staff was present: City Manager, Paul Grimes; Assistant City Managers Kim Flom, Barry Shelton and Steve Tilton; Executive Director of Development Services, Michael Quint; Chief Financial Officer, Mark Holloway; City Attorney, Mark Houser; Director of Public Safety, Greg Conley; Director of Strategic Services, Trevor Minyard; City Secretary, Empress Drane; Director of Planning, Jennifer Arnold; Director of Public Works, Ryan Gillingham; Director of Engineering, Gary Graham; Director of Airport, Ken Carley; Police Chief, Joe Ellenburg; Assistant Director of Public Works, Paul Sparkman; Assistant Director of Engineering, Shelley Lang; Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Ryan Mullins; Assistant Fire Chief Jim Floyd; Parks Planning Manager, Jill Yount; Facilities Construction Manager, Patricia Jackson; Civil Engineer, Robyn Root; CIP Manager, Blake Sills; Transportation Engineering Manager, Thuan Huynh; Video Producer, Joey Barr; Information Technology, Logan Atwood; Deputy City Secretary, Tenitrus Bethel.

Mayor Fuller called for Public Comments at which time there were no requests to address the Council.

Mayor Fuller called for discussion on regular meeting agenda items for the City Council Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Philips inquired about agenda item 23-001M2 related to the tree ordinance. Ms. Arnold addressed the Council and provided an overview of the tree ordinance.

Mayor Fuller called for the work session agenda:

**23-0765** Discuss Sidewalk Projects Prioritization

The presentation for this item will be included in the appendix of these minutes as "Appendix A – WS Sidewalk Project Presentation"

Mayor Fuller called for Council Liaison Updates regarding City Boards & Commissions at which time there were no updates.

Mayor Fuller called for Executive Session at 4:55 p.m.

In Accordance with the Texas Government Code: A. Section 551.071(2) Consultations with Attorney on any Work Session, Special Session, or Regular Session agenda item requiring confidential attorney/client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed) - Master Services Agreement by and between City of McKinney, Texas and Sierra-Cedar, LLC dated January 25, 2021 B. Section 551.072. Deliberations about Real Property - Municipal Facilities C. Section 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Matters - Project De La Vega

The Council unanimously approved the motion by Mayor Pro Tem Philips and seconded by Councilmember Feltus, to approve amending Project De La Vega as discussed in Executive Session.

The Council unanimously approved the motion by Councilmember Feltus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Philips, to Adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the City Council on October 2, 2023.

SIGNED:

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GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor  
CHARLIE PHILIPS, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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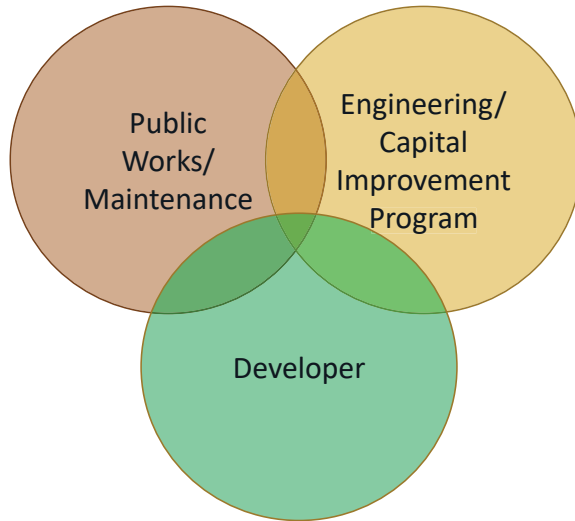
EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary  
TENITRUS  
BETHEL, Deputy City Secretary

City of McKinney, Texas

# Sidewalk Improvement & Management Plan



## SIDEWALK PROGRAM OVERVIEW



- New Sidewalk Construction
- Sidewalk Reconstruction
- Repair Requests
- ADA Compliance



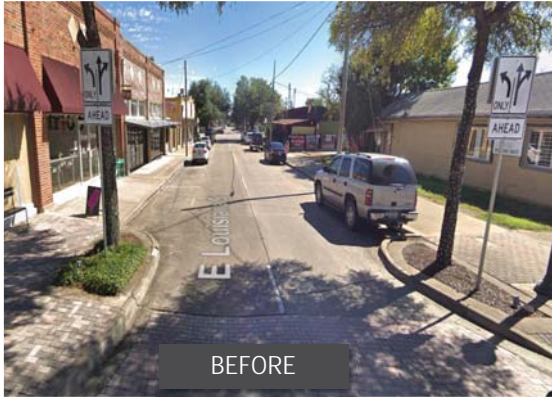
## PUBLIC WORKS SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

- Sidewalks repairs are resident complaint driven
  - 250+ repair requests annually
  - 2/3 of street repair requests are for sidewalks
- Prioritization based on city's Sidewalk Maintenance Policy
  - First come, first served
  - Nature and severity of issues (separation, cross slopes, holes, etc.)
  - Location and amount of pedestrian traffic
  - Proximity of other streets or sidewalks repair projects

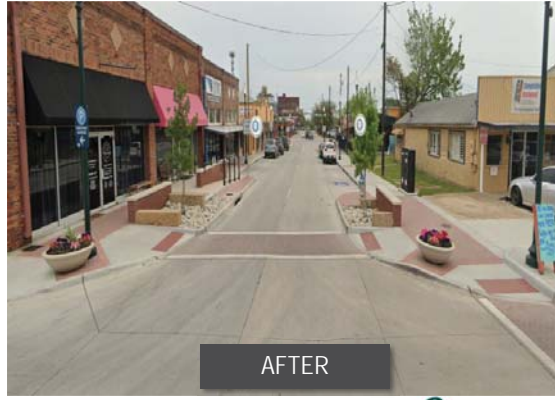


## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- Improvement includes:
  - Sidewalks, curb ramps, driveways, intersection
  - May be combined with other infrastructure improvements or be developed as a standalone sidewalk improvement project.



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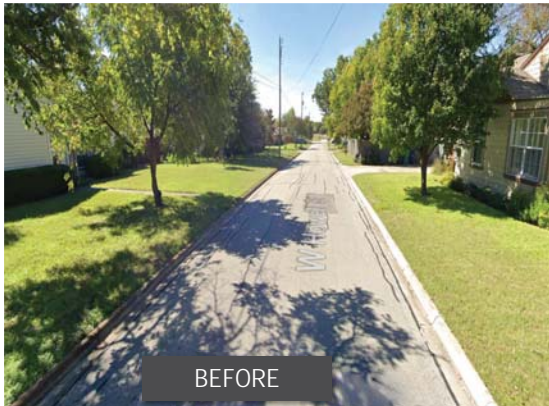
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Existing Sidewalk  
Reconstruction



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Contd.)

- Sidewalk improvements occur during:
  - Construction of new roadways
  - Reconstruction of existing roadways



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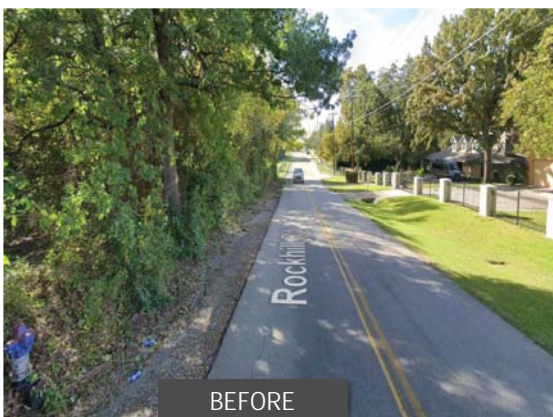
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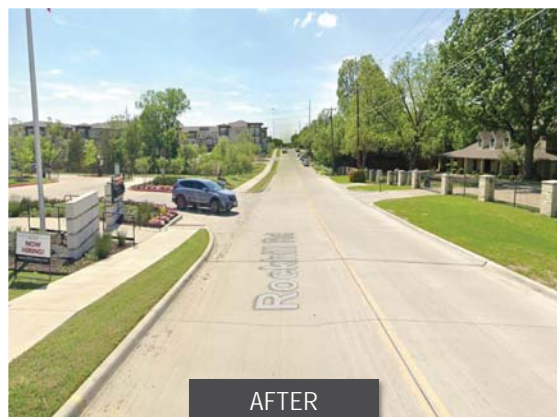


## SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT – DEVELOPER

- As required by the Engineering Design Manual for construction of public right-of-way improvements adjacent to development.
- Help in filling gaps in sidewalk network



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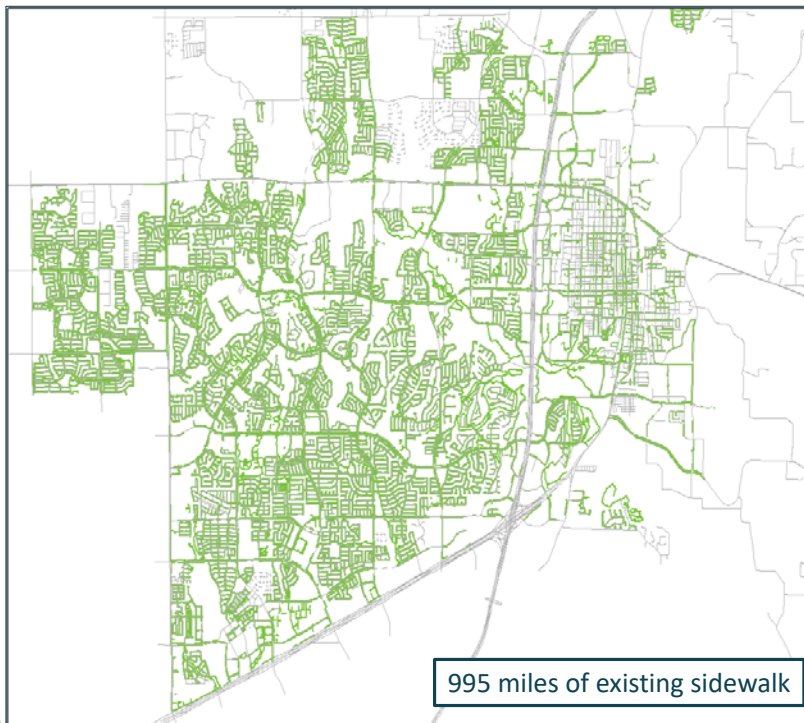


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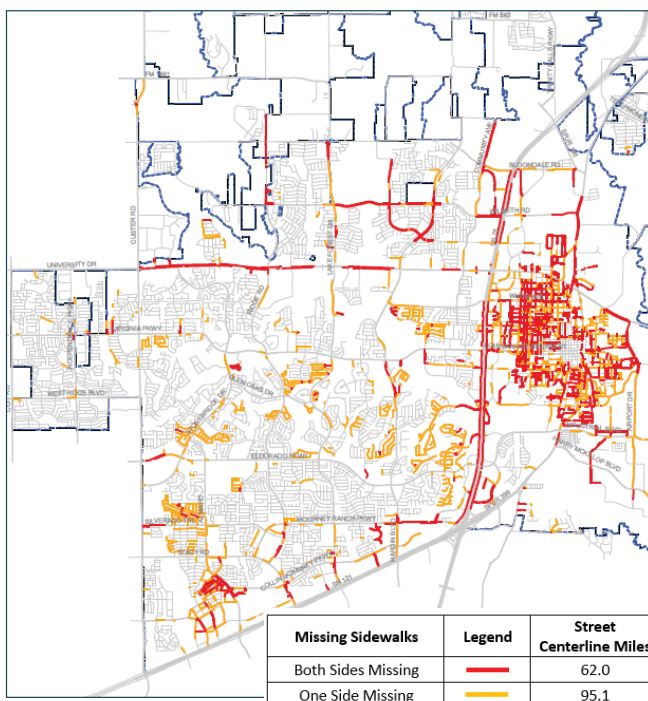
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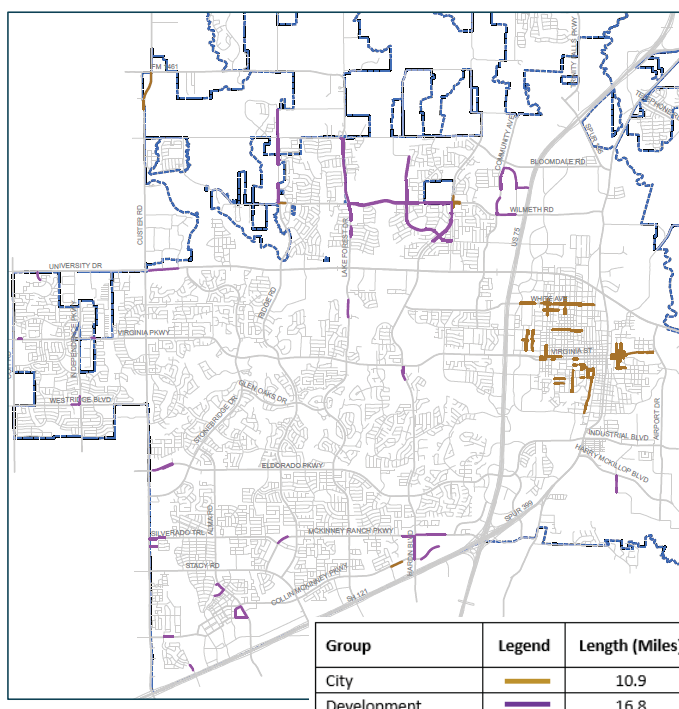
## EXISTING SIDEWALK NETWORK



## MISSING SIDEWALK NETWORK



## SIDEWALKS CONSTRUCTION – PLANNED/UNDERWAY

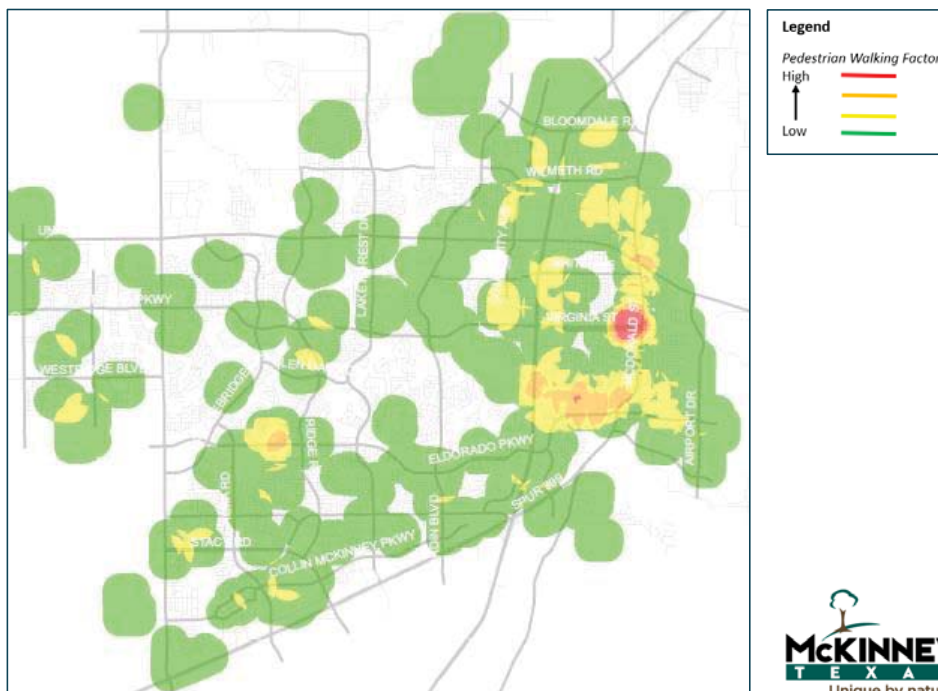


## SIDEWALK PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION

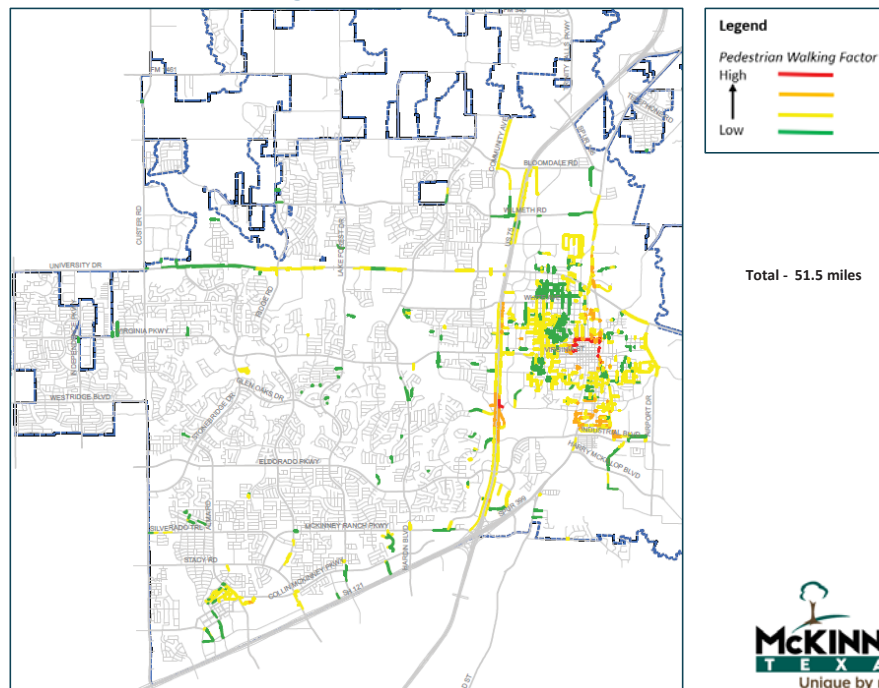
- Identifies sidewalk priority or pedestrian attraction areas based on **Council Goal 5F**.
  - Within ¼ mile from:
    - Schools
    - Parks and Civic facilities
    - Health care providers
    - Commercial areas
  - Additional criteria:
    - Low-income housing
    - Large employers
    - Street functional classifications



## PEDESTRIAN ATTRACTION HEAT MAP



## SIDEWALK PRIORITIZATION (Sidewalks missing on both side of streets)



## CURRENT FUNDING & FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Group	Current Annual Funding	Source
Maintenance and Repair	\$300 k	General Fund
Accessibility Improvement	\$500 k	ADA Fund

- Annual sidewalk improvement rate (new or replacement) from city projects: ~3.5 miles/year
- CIP Program projects
  - Virginia Street and Louisiana Street Sidewalk Accessibility Improvements -
    - 2.6 miles of sidewalk - \$1.7M - \$650K/mile
  - Pine Street and Griffin Street Reconstruction -
    - .3 miles of sidewalk - \$70,000 - \$230K/mile
- New sidewalks can be installed by:
  - City as part of street reconstruction
  - Developer as part of adjacent development activities
- Safe Routes to School Program



## SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CHALLENGES



- Areas of Limited Right-of-Way
  - Requires city-initiated ROW acquisitions (not always supported).
  - Can be costly for long corridors.
- Areas with Mature Landscaping
  - May require removal of mature trees / landscaping in the ROW (not always supported).
  - May disrupt character of established neighborhoods.



- Areas with Significant Grade
  - May impact driveways and intersections or require retaining walls.
  - Can add a significant cost to projects.
- Conflicts with Franchise Utilities
  - Typically requires long lead time to relocate and may require additional ROW



## SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CHALLENGES (Contd.)



- Peachtree Lane
  - Resident opposition for placing sidewalks due to mature trees



## KEY TAKEWAYS

- The city has 995 miles of sidewalks, but we still have about 51.5 miles of streets without sidewalks on either side.
- New sidewalk installation is challenging in downtown areas, due to limited ROW, issues with grading, mature landscape, conflict with Franchise utilities.
- Standalone sidewalk installation projects are more challenging and less efficient, and it is better to address sidewalk gaps along with street or combined reconstruction projects.

