

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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Legislative	Chow/x4-4652	N/A

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to sidewalk construction and pedestrian mobility improvements; adding a new Section 15.70.040 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This legislation would place requirements on the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) when constructing a major paving project to: a) include installation of a sidewalk on at least one side of the street when sidewalks are missing; and b) evaluate and correct sidewalk deficiencies. The legislation allows for the SDOT Director to determine if full compliance with these requirements is not possible. The legislation requires an annual report to Council by February 1st of each year, identifying the major paving projects to be undertaken for that year, the presence or absence of sidewalks for those projects, and any determinations where the SDOT Director deems full compliance is not possible.

This legislation would also establish policy to prioritize missing sidewalks and sidewalk repair for: 1) improving pedestrian movement; 2) access to schools; 3) access to parks and recreational facilities; 4) access to transit stops; 5) supporting high-density land uses; and 6) supporting equity-priority areas at high risk of displacement.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

This legislation places additional requirements to construct and improve sidewalks as part of major paving projects. These additional costs may require changes to project budgets or use of other programmatic budget within SDOT to meet these requirements. Specific costs will need to be determined for individual projects and addressed in future budget development.

While the proposed legislation does not directly address the issue of private liability, Chapter 15 SMC places the responsibility for maintaining sidewalks in good condition on the

adjoining property owner, including repair of cracks and damage from privately owned street trees. Repairing sidewalks as part of major paving projects may reduce private liability.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

No specific costs or impacts of not implementing the legislation have been identified.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
This legislation places requirements on SDOT project delivery and impacts CBO in the development of the budget.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No public hearing required.
- c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No publication of notice required.
- d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No specific piece of property affected. Proposed requirements would direct future construction in the right of way.
- e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**
This legislation requires that SDOT include sidewalks and sidewalk maintenance as part of major paving projects. Historically, north and south Seattle were developed without sidewalk requirements and these areas have a higher proportion of vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities.

There is no specific Language Access plan related to this proposed legislation as it is intended to guide internal city operations.
- f. Climate Change Implications**
- 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**
To the extent this legislation supports walking and non-motorized transportation, this legislation supports reduced carbon emissions in the transportation sector.
 - 2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**
No specific climate resiliency impacts identified.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)?

In 2017, SDOT completed a sidewalk survey to assess the condition of the city's 34,000 blocks of sidewalk to inform maintenance and repair needs. This legislation is intended to make use of this information and to correct sidewalk deficiencies as part of major paving projects.

Summary Attachments (if any):

None.