



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL  
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# **Sidewalk Construction Requirements and Priorities – CB 120658**

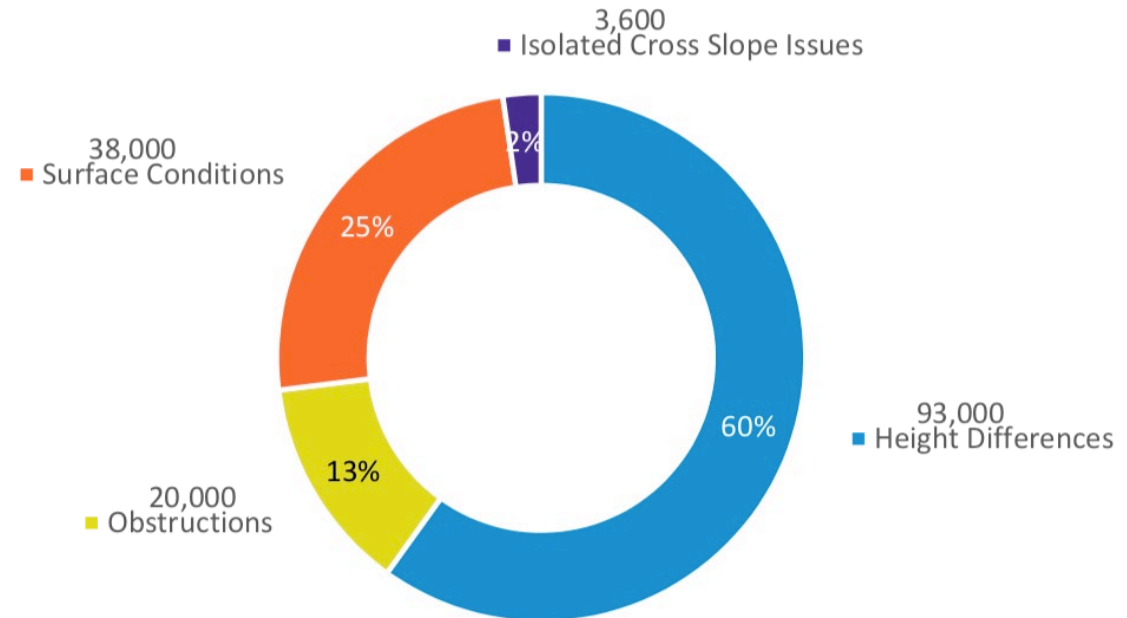
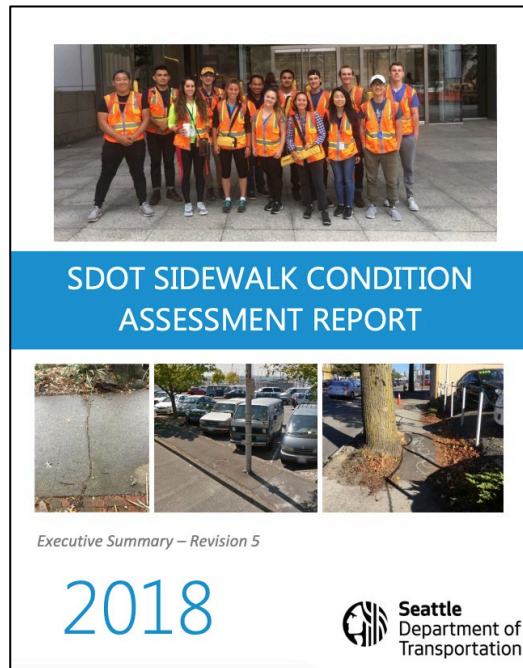
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# Missing Sidewalks and Deficiencies

- Legislation drafted for CM Morales.
- Seattle is missing approximately 11,000 blocks of sidewalk.
- 2018 Sidewalk Assessment identified 154,000 instances of sidewalk deficiencies.



*Distribution of Conditions Identified*

# Establishes New Sidewalk Requirements in Code

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- Adds a new Section 15.70.040 to the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC).
- When the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) undertakes a major paving project, the project must:
  - include installation of a sidewalk on at least one side of the street (when the street lacks sidewalks); and
  - evaluate sidewalk conditions and correct identified deficiencies.
- Allows for the SDOT Director to determine that full compliance is not possible due to physical features of the street, usage of the street, or financial constraints.
- Requires the SDOT Director to present an annual report to Council identifying the major paving projects anticipated for that year, noting where sidewalks are missing, and detailing any instances where full compliance is not possible.

# Priorities for Sidewalk Installation and Repair

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Proposed SMC language also establishes sidewalk priorities for other SDOT projects that are not major paving projects:

1. Locations where absence of sidewalk impairs pedestrian movement.
2. Missing sidewalks providing access to schools.
3. Missing sidewalks providing access to parks and recreational facilities.
4. Blocks with transit stops and their adjacent cross streets.
5. Areas including high-density land uses.
6. Areas including equity-priority areas at high risk of displacement.

# Questions?