



Sidewalk Safety Repair Program

Sidewalk Safety Repair Program (SSRP)

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New Sidewalk Program

- 8 Neighborhood Walkshops Held in 2025
 - Pinehurst
 - Northgate
 - North Delridge
 - Westwood / South Delridge
 - Highland Park
 - Hillman City
 - South Park
 - Little Brook
- 2 More Planned this Fall
 - Cedar Park
 - Arbor Heights



North Delridge Walkshop March 2025

New Sidewalk Program

- Anticipate construction of 40-50 blocks of new sidewalk by the end of 2025
- Nearly 70 blocks in design for construction as soon as 2026



New walkway on Corliss Ave N completed in July 2025

SSRP Overview

- The Sidewalk Safety Repair Program (SSRP) oversees the maintenance of the City's existing sidewalks.
- The program's goal is to make sidewalks safe and accessible.
- The program is funded to repair sidewalks damaged by SDOT street trees or adjacent to City-owned property.
- We perform full sidewalk replacement (concrete or asphalt) and preventative maintenance (shims and bevels).



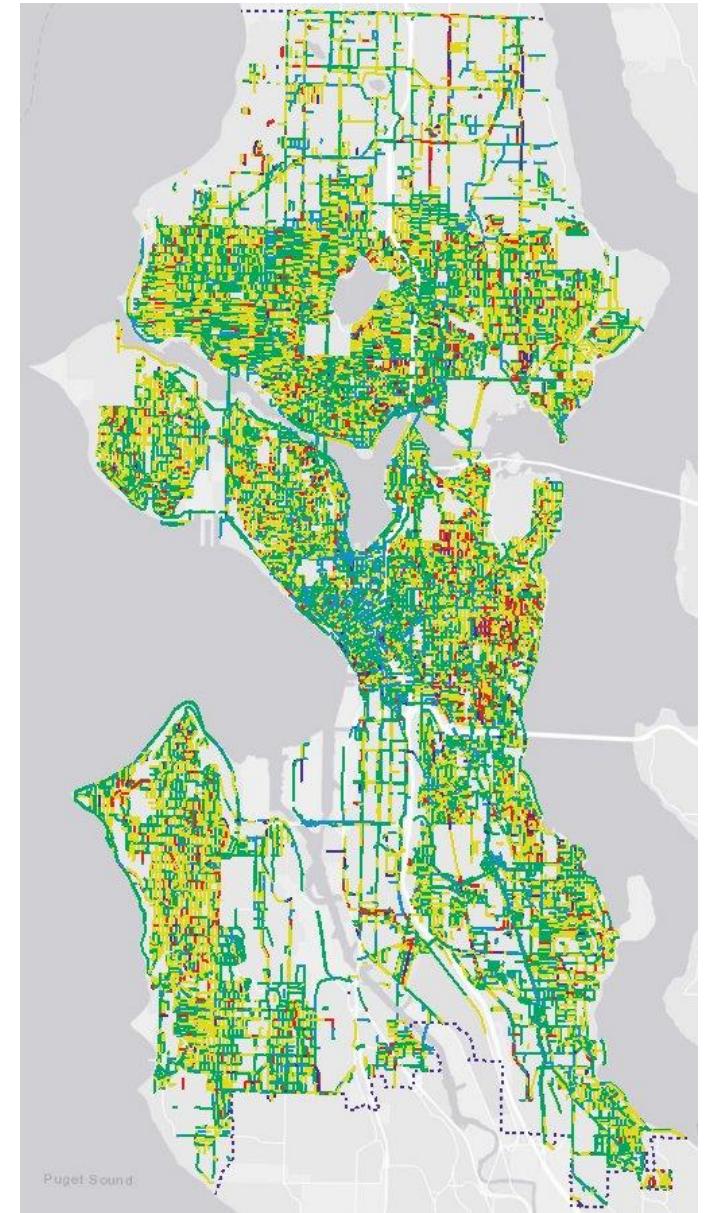
Sidewalk Assessment

Seattle's Sidewalk Network

- Over 34,000 blocks of sidewalk
- 2,300 miles of sidewalk

2017 Sidewalk Assessment Findings

- 92,000 uplifts
- 38,000 surface conditions
- 20,000 obstructions
- 3,600 isolated cross slopes



Sidewalk Repair Policy Report and Audit

2020 Policy Report by UW Evans School of Public Policy & Governance

Key Recommendations:

- 1. Streamlined enforcement methods**
- 2. Explore the use of a Buy, Sell, Repair Ordinance**
- 3. Implement a sidewalk repair financing program**
- 4. Institute an income-based cost-sharing program**
- 5. Implement a 5-year sidewalk shim/bevel plan**
- 6. Simplify the permitting process**

SSRP Program Staff & Supporting Groups

- 3 full-time SSRP staff
 - SSRP Program Manager + 2 associates
- 6 concrete crews
- 2 asphalt crews
- 4 street maintenance crews (asphalt sidewalk shims)
- Bevel contractor
- Capital project partnerships



Example of a beveled sidewalk in Belltown

Property Owner Responsibilities

- Clear snow and ice from sidewalks
- Clear leaves and overgrown vegetation
- Make repairs to damaged sidewalks
- Enforcement method – notice letters

VEGETATION REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO YOUR PROPERTY



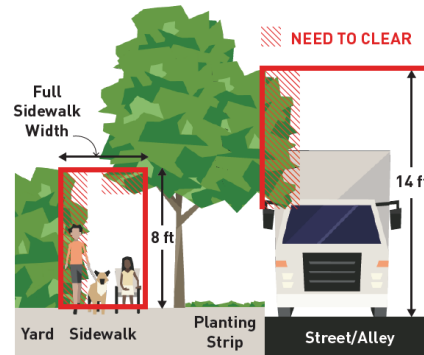
Did you know?

The area between the curb and property line, including sidewalks, planting strip area and vegetation, is the maintenance responsibility of the adjacent property owner?

It is the responsibility of the property owner to:

- Keep the sidewalk or pedestrian pathway clear from vegetation overgrowth.
- Prevent weeds, grass and shrubs from growing in and over sidewalk.
- Remove moss and rake leaves from sidewalk.
- Trim vegetation blocking streetlights, traffic signs and drivers' view at intersection.

Vegetation hanging over the sidewalk must be trimmed to a minimum clearance of 8 feet above the sidewalk grade and 14 feet above street surface - Permits are not required to remove limbs less than 2 inches in diameter.



SSRP - Beacon Ave S



Beacon Ave S (before & after)

SSRP - Beacon Ave S



Beacon Ave S (during & after)

SDOT is leading engineering and design solutions for mitigating tree roots and ADA compliance!



Repair Prioritization

- Prioritization model
- Partnering with ADA ramp projects
- Leveraging opportunities with other capital projects (e.g. roadway paving)
- Geographic & social justice distribution
- Emergent repair needs or high complaint locations on a case-by-case basis



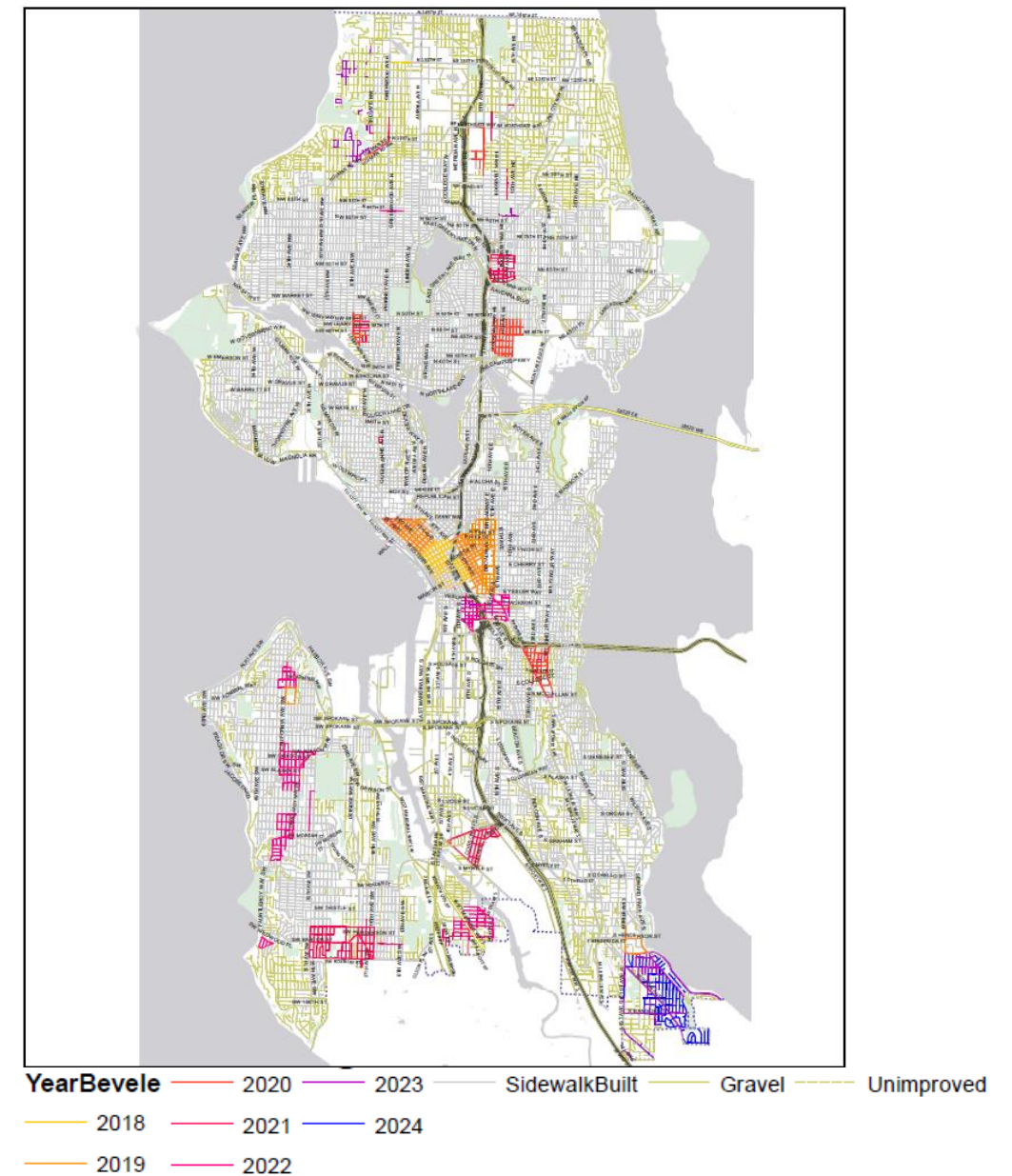
MLK Jr Way Safety Project

Proactive Bevels

2020 - 2024 Beveling in grids



Beveled sidewalks on Fauntleroy Way SW



SSRP & Seattle Transportation Levy

Levy Legislation: 34,000 spot repairs over eight years

Targets:

- 4,250 sidewalk spot repairs per year with bevels and shims

Backlog:

- Estimated **up to \$1.3 billion** needed to fully repair all sidewalks and remove obstacles
- \$5.9 billion: total replacement value of Seattle sidewalks

2025 accomplishments – 11,543 spot repairs, 21.7 block equivalent of sidewalk repair with \$8 million budget

Sidewalk Safety Repair - Future of the Program

- Continued education to adjacent property owners
- Task force development
- Additional levy funding = larger repair projects
- Continued shim and beveling efforts
- Innovative solutions are the key!



Right of Way Maintenance and Urban Forestry Division

- Installs temporary shims to address uplifts
- Provides technical support on tree management including root pruning
- Provides formal and informal landscape management to optimize pedestrian experience



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