



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Regulatory Services and Public Works**

Date: August 23, 2006
To: Honorable Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety and Regulatory Services
Referral to: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: Interim Sidewalks and Boulevards Standards and Guidelines

Recommendation:

- a) Receive and File Interim Sidewalks and Boulevards Standards and Guidelines

Previous Directives:

- **July 12, 2006 (PS&RS Committee):** Request by CM Schiff--report back to Committee from Director of Inspections regarding a plan to address inconsistencies with boulevard and sidewalk standards through the plan development review process.
- **June 21, 2006 (PS&RS Committee):** Request by CM Schiff for the Director of Inspections directed to report back to Committee at the next meeting with a plan to address inconsistencies with boulevard and sidewalk standards through the plan development review process.
- **March 3, 2006:** Ten-Year Transportation Action Plan City Council Study Session

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: CONNECTED COMMUNITIES, A PREMIER DESTINATION

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

A key element of the Transportation Action Plan is the Street Design Guidelines. A draft Action Plan report is due this fall. To date, the Street Design Guidelines are based on place characteristics that inform and link directly to the street types.

These places and types will create the basis for a design realm. A frontage prototype has been developed and will be used to determine the sidewalk and boulevard parameters such as widths, placement, etc. (See the attached tables and figures.)

Until the draft Transportation Action Plan Street Design Guidelines are released this fall and later adopted by the City Council, the interim Streets and Boulevard guidelines developed by Public Works, Regulatory Services and CPED will be used for the plan development review process (See the attached three pages.)

Attachments

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