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## **City of Dallas introduces new sidewalk replacement program**

*Fast Fix program offers property owners a faster, more convenient option*

Fast Fix is the new 100% resident funded sidewalk replacement program which allows citizens the option to pay for residential sidewalk repair/replacement without having to wait. The property owner pays 100% of the repair work, cash & carry, that is, prior to the work being done through an existing City of Dallas price agreement with a contractor. This program also includes replacement/repair of curb and gutter, drive approaches in addition to the installation of barrier free ramps.

“There are several advantages in using this program,” says Rick Galceran, Director, Public Works and Transportation. “The property owner doesn’t have to wait nearly as long or go to the trouble of selecting a ‘reputable’ contractor and secure a building permit. All you do is call 214-948-4287 and ask for Fast Fix. The work requested will be done in a few weeks after payment,” Galceran continued.

The other program available to residents is the traditional Cost Share Program where the City partners with residents to share 50/50 in the cost of replacement of sidewalks. Also included in this program is drive approach replacement which is 100% property owner cost with curb/gutter replacement and the installation of barrier free ramps being 100% City of Dallas cost. The City hires contractors for this program as well; however, funding for the City’s share of the cost is limited which leaves residents having to wait for some time until funding becomes available. Repairs are made on a first-come, first-served basis until the City funding is depleted. The City’s portion of the funding is allocated from the Capital Bond program or general funds approved by Council.

It is important to note that by City ordinance when a sidewalk, drive approach, or any appurtenance becomes defective, unsafe or hazardous, the abutting property owner is responsible for repair/replacement.

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