To: Chair and Members  
Public Works Committee  
Outstanding Business Item from Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee: Petition - Mountain Avenue Sidewalks - (PW07034)

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Re: Petition - Mountain Avenue Sidewalks (PW07034) (Ward 9)

Council Direction:

Council, at its meeting of September 27, 2006, considered the attached petition be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for a report to the Public Works Committee.

Information:

Pursuant to the petition forwarded and received by the Office of the City Clerk, identifying the concerns of area residents pertaining to a request for sidewalk on Mountain Avenue North from Collegiate Avenue to King Street West, staff have reviewed the same. Based on staff review, the petition consisted of forty-four (44) signatures from twenty-nine (29) homes. Due to the existing horizontal alignment of the roadway, along with excessive vehicular speed the residences have identified a safety condition and therefore the need for sidewalk.

Given the existing conditions, placement of sidewalk at the subject location would result in a large impact to the area, and may result in a false sense of security with the existing rural road profile. With the confinement of the existing road allowance, full urbanization would be required for the placement of the sidewalk; however minimal improvements to the horizontal alignment of the roadway would be achievable.

In order to urbanize roadways to provide for sidewalks and/or curb, full reconstruction is required to accommodate the installation of storm sewers. Upon a recent review of the roadway in question, the existing condition and function of the roadway does meet acceptable service levels. Therefore based on the existing condition, the need to reconstruct the subject roadway is not practical at this time. The actual feasibility of roadway urbanization will be considered at the time of Capital renewal, however, the roadway in question remains outside a five (5) year window of opportunity.
Review of the pavement condition data, has identified a deficiency in our major arterial road network, which must take precedence over local roads due to the high traffic volumes these roads maintain. To maintain currency in our condition data our entire road network was re-inspected from the spring to fall of 2006, and therefore our road priorities will be re-evaluated throughout 2007. This, along with our demand for subsurface infrastructure renewal, will be coordinated and subsequently brought forward through the ongoing Capital Budget process.

The prioritization of Capital renewal is completed on an integrated basis with all assets within the roadway corridor. The co-ordination of infrastructure needs along with the maximum life cycle of those assets is critical due to the demand for infrastructure renewal, for roadways under a local classification. With the limited resources of the road rehabilitation and replacement programs, the coordination of the right of way assets, provides the maximum impact to service levels, along with the most effective cost initiative and minimizes risk for the utilization of the right of way assets.

The proposed request for sidewalks at this location has been noted and will be given future consideration through the Infrastructure Extensions Policy.

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Request for Sidewalks Construction on Mountain Avenue North - King Street and Collegiate Ave

Legend
- Requested Residents

Location Map
October 2006
Map Not to Scale