

Planning Commission Questions – June 3, 2024

Answers per Transportation and CP&D staff

What projects are eligible for sidewalk fee-in-lieu? What are the fees used for?

Fee-in-lieu is limited to streets designated as local-access. The fees are used in the sidewalk maintenance fund.

2.040 Street and Transportation Requirements (link)

2. Construction of a new individual single family residence or duplex on Local [Access](#) streets, provided that a sidewalk shall still be constructed along the frontage of the site if any segment of sidewalk exists on the block face of the proposed site. If there is not sidewalk in place along the block face, the [applicant](#) has the option to either construct a sidewalk or pay a fee-in-lieu of construction. A block face is defined as the length of the block between two intersections, on one side of the [street](#).

Does Public Works Transportation do a cost/benefit analysis of pervious sidewalks that includes their increased maintenance costs?

- In the early 2000s, the City opted to use pervious concrete even though it was more expensive due to the environmental and stormwater benefits. This preceded the state's low impact development standards.
- Using pervious concrete is one of the ways we are able to meet stormwater requirements.
- If site conditions limit or prohibit the use of pervious concrete, the City Engineer may approve a request to use impervious concrete.
- If impervious concrete is used, other stormwater treatments need to be implemented, and they can be costly.