

Engineering Department

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MEMORANDUM

To: City of La Crosse Board of Public Works **From:** Cullen Haldeman, Sidewalk ADA Technician

Date: 1/26/2022

Subject: Proposed Annual Sidewalk Infill Program for CIP Budget

The Engineering Department has prepared a program request for annual sidewalk infill as a program in the CIP budget. This program has been set up to provide approximately six block faces of new concrete sidewalk per year. The requested annual allotment is \$100,000. This budget can be adjusted year to year if needed, based upon annual performance or updated sidewalk requests.

The previously established criteria for infill of sidewalk was for the following locations: near schools, areas highlighted by the Safe Routes to School plan, Municipal Transit Utility bus routes/stops, and other blocks with detached sidewalk already installed. This new program will follow the same criteria and set priority based upon input from the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the Committee for Citizens with Disabilities, and any City of La Crosse Neighborhood Associations.

The initial infill area that we have identified, to begin with the 2023 construction year, is the Hintgen neighborhood, near Hintgen Elementary School. This area includes: 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th Streets, from Birch Street to Diagonal Road. These blocks will be phased across multiple years, as necessary, to completely infill the area. Should there be standalone sidewalk infill Capital Budget project requests, this program will update its list accordingly to target new and different areas.

It is the intent that this program can be continually renewed year after year to assist with access and mobility citywide, and help bring the City of La Crosse systematically closer to ADA compliant sidewalks throughout the city.