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GOAL, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS

Goal

TO PROVIDE A SAFE, CONVENIENT, AND COMPLETE SIDEWALK SYSTEM FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Policies and Actions

To achieve this goal the city will pursue the following policies and actions:

Policy 3.1.1: It is the policy of the city to maintain existing sidewalks in good condition and replace substandard sidewalks where needed.

Actions

- Actively enforce the sidewalk maintenance regulations so that city sidewalks can be enjoyed to the fullest.
- Repair and properly maintain those sidewalks which were rated “Poor” in the 2005 Public Works Department Sidewalk Study.

Policy 3.1.2: It is the policy of the city to promote improved fitness, safety, and quality of life by providing a sidewalk network that allows pedestrian access to all parts of the city.

Actions

- Continue to require sidewalks as part of all multi-family developments and along streets of all new subdivisions.
- Continue to require sidewalks as part of all commercial developments and along streets of all commercial subdivisions.

Policy 3.1.3: It is the policy of the city to construct sidewalks along new streets and when major improvements occur.

Actions

- Construct new sidewalks as part of **any major** street improvements (widening, utility upgrades, etc.).
- Require sidewalks as part of all new street construction projects.

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Policy 3.1.4: It is the policy of the city to adopt a sidewalk priority scoring system which gives priority to sidewalk improvements in close proximity of schools, park and recreational facilities, major commercial and employment centers, and community centers, which are located along collector and arterial streets, along public transit routes, or in the vicinity, or to complete sidewalk networks.

Action:

- Adopt the following scoring system for new sidewalk construction projects:

Feature	Point Value	
	1/4 Mile Radius	1/2 Mile Radius
Pedestrian Trip Generators		
Schools	25	10
Parks and Recreational Facilities	20	15
Public Buildings	10	5
Community/Senior Centers	10	5
Major Commercial/Employment Centers	15	10
Street Classification		
Arterial Streets	15	
Collector Streets	10	
Other Considerations		
Close Proximity to Transit Route	10	
Completing Sidewalk Networks	15	

- Develop a fee system which would allow resident-requested sidewalk projects along neighborhood streets which do not score highly in the adopted scoring system above.
- Maintain a project list on FY calendar based on the Sidewalk Priority Scoring System. The projects comprising the list will be reviewed by the Regional Planning Commission for a recommendation prior to annual budgeting for each project.

Policy 3.1.5: It is the policy of the city to pursue alternative funding sources to construct sidewalks.

Actions

- Investigate the use of the federally-funded Safe Routes to School Program as a revenue source to construct sidewalks near school facilities.

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- Coordinate efforts with the Johnson City Metropolitan Planning Organization to secure funding for sidewalks in Johnson City.
 - Investigate the creation of a Special Assessment District for the purpose of sharing the cost of sidewalk construction within participating neighborhoods.
 - Investigate the creation of a Fee-in-Lieu provision to be included in the Zoning Code. ~~Subdivision Regulations.~~
 - Reevaluate the criteria for the Fee-in-Lieu of construction of sidewalks to determine if stated distances and proximity requirements are sufficient.
 - Reevaluate the fee-in-lieu rates

Policy 3.1.6: It is the policy of the city to provide and maintain safe and convenient crosswalks and ramps meeting current ADA standards.

Actions

- Maintain and enhance safe crosswalks to ensure they are visible to passing motorists - utilizing a high-visibility crosswalk design (zebra style) that is standardized across the city.
 - Reduce crossing distances and increase pedestrian visibility through the construction of bulb-outs or curb extensions and improved lighting.
 - Where feasible, install center medians to provide a safe zone for pedestrians.
 - Where feasible, increase crossing times so that people who walk slowly will have sufficient time to cross before the signal changes.
 - Install ~~pavement~~ warning techniques such as rumble strips, rapid flashing beacons, pedestrian activated signals, or signage to alert motorists of an approaching pedestrian crosswalk at major intersections.
 - Coordinate with the City's ADA Coordinator & Public Works to ensure a plan / methodology is in place to monitor and repair sidewalks meeting ADA standards.
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