
SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Staff Rating Guidelines

NONELIGIBLE WORK

- Drainage for road
- Bike lanes
- Parking lane or street paving
- Non-sidewalk related signage or markings

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (50 pt max)

EXISTING CONDITIONS (30 pt max)

- POSTED SPEED (10 pt max)
 - 25 mph 1
 - 30 mph 3
 - 35 mph 5
 - 40 mph 7
 - 45 mph 9
 - 50 mph or greater 10
- EXISTING PEDESTRIAN WALK ROUTE (20 pt max)

When parking is present, consider the options pedestrians have
If sidewalk exists on one side, review the application with existing sidewalk as the existing pedestrian walk route

- IN TRAVEL LANE
 - Pavement Width 20 ft or less 20
 - If Pavement Width > 20 ft ~ consider excess as Shoulder
 (Pavement Width - 20 ft) / 2 = Shoulder Width

OR

- ON SHOULDER

Shoulder Width in Feet			
UNSURFACED	Pts	SURFACED	Pts
Less than 3 ft	18	Less than 3 ft	15
3 ft	16	3 ft	10
4 ft	14	4 ft	8
5 ft	12	5 ft	6
6 ft	10	6 ft	4
7 ft	5	7 ft	2
8 ft	5	8 ft	0
9 ft +	0		

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- ON EXISTING SIDEWALK

If curb exists, consider the pedestrian walk route as sidewalk

- Less than 500 vpd 1
- 500 to 1,000 vpd 2
- Over 1,000 vpd 3

Sidewalk Width in Feet			
UNSURFACED	Pts	SURFACED	Pts
Less than 3 ft	5	Less than 3 ft	3
3 ft	4	3 ft	2
4 ft	3	4 ft	1
5 ft	2	5 ft	0
6 ft	1		
7 ft	0		

- EXISTING SIDEWALK CONDITION 0 to 10
 - Good 3
 - Fair 6
 - Poor 10
- EXISTING ADA BARRIERS
 - No Ramps 3
 - Deficient Ramps (Steep Slopes) 2
 - Ramps with No Domes 1
 - Compliant Ramps with Domes 0

CRASH HISTORY (25 pt max)

Crashes must be correctable & occur within the project limits

- Ped/Vehicle 0 to 20
 - 10 pt per incident
- Ped Only 0 to 15
 - 5 points per incident

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EXISTING HAZARDS (15 pt max)

Hazards must be correctable & occur within the project limits

- Sight Distance 0-3
 - Horizontal, vertical or intersection alignment
- Deep Ditches 0-3
 - Evaluate depth & proximity to the road
- Truck Volume 2-3
 - Distribution Center or High Commercial/Industrial
 - Semi-trucks 1
 - Central Business District 1
 - Delivery trucks
- Traffic Volume
 - Urban
 - 2.5 to 5K vpd 1
 - 5K to 10K vpd 2
 - Over 10K vpd 3
 - Small City
 - Less than 500 vpd 1
 - 500 to 1K vpd 2
 - Over 1K vpd 3
- Obstructions 0-3

Evaluate permanence & magnitude of obstacle to peds. Examples of obstructions are ditches, power poles, mail boxes, parked cars, vegetation

 - Over 50 percent of project length 3
 - 25 to 50 percent of project length 2
 - Less than 25 percent of project length 1
- Existing lighting
 - No lighting 2
 - Ambient (from businesses/buildings) 1
 - Street Lighting 0
- Drainage/Snow Issues
 - Annotated or obvious by visual inspection 0-2
- Posted School Zone 2

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Direct Access - Within project limits

Indirect Access – Outside project limits but on same route

PEDESTRIAN DESTINATIONS (30 pt max)

- Central Business District 5
As defined by Agency Comp Plan

OR

- Commercial Development 0-5
 - Direct access- 2 points per facility
 - Indirect access - 1 point per facility
- Industrial Area 0-3
 - Direct access- 3 points
 - Indirect access - 1 point
- Schools 0-9
 - Direct access- 3 points per facility
 - Indirect access - 2 points per facility
- Public Facilities 0-6
 - Direct access- 2 points per facility
 - Indirect access - 1 point per facility
- Recreational Facilities 0-5
 - Direct access– 2 points per facility
 - Indirect access – 1 point per facility
- Medical Facilities 0-3
 - Direct access– Hospital (3), Clinic (2), Doctor Office (1)
 - Indirect access – Hospital (2), Clinic (1), Doctor Office (1)
- Senior Center, Signed Senior Housing or Assisted Living Facility 0-2
 - Direct access- 2 points per facility
 - Indirect access - 1 point per facility
- High Density Housing (15 units or greater) 0-2
 - Within project limit - 2 points
 - Within 3 blocks of project – 1 point
- Signed Transit Stop 0-2
 - Direct access- 2 points
 - Indirect access – 1 point

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SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY (5 pt max)

- Completes Gap 5
- Extends Existing Sidewalk 3

LOCAL SUPPORT (10 pt max)

- Adopted TBD or locally dedicated transportation funding by ordinance 1
- No federal funding 3
- Utilities relocated previous to project, or no relocation required 2
- Local Match 0-6
 - 1 point for each 1 percent above minimum local match

SUSTAINABILITY (10 pt max)

- Adopted Greenhouse Gas Emissions Policy 1
- Adopted Complete Streets ordinance 1
- Appropriate sidewalk cross-section 5
- Hardscaping or climate-appropriate plantings 1
- Solar powered signage 1
- Low Impact Drainage Practice 2
 - Use bio-swales, rain gardens or other low impact drainage practices