

**SIDEWALK REPAIR  
COST SHARING  
REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

**April 8, 2015**

# City Inspection Program

- Current City Program

- 100+ miles of sidewalks within City's jurisdiction
- Recently implemented proactive inspection program
  - ❑ Limited staffing and resources for routine inspections to find sidewalk defects; coordination with meter readers and police department has improved efficiency
- Program still relies heavily on public notification
- Staff do not replace defective private sidewalks, just make temporary repairs to try and prevent trip and fall injuries
  - ❑ Sidewalk repair letter is generated and mailed to property owner
  - ❑ Photos are taken and records kept in a binder

# Dangerous Condition – Lift



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# Dangerous Condition – Cracks



# Temporary Patch



# Sidewalk Lift - with Old Patch



# Temporary Patch - Never Fixed



# Cost Sharing Reimbursement Program

## Key Provisions

- Key Provisions:
  - Adopted by Council on February 18, 2015
  - Program eligibility is once every 5 years
  - Program funded as separate line item in annual budget; recommended FY 2014-15 funding of \$15K
  - Reimbursements are on first come, first serve basis
  - Reimbursements of 50% of cost (up to a maximum of \$500, or \$1,000 if corner lots with work on both frontages), for sidewalks qualifying as dangerous condition per City Engineer
  - In-lieu of reimbursement, City may offer in-kind assistance such as concrete removal and disposal (subject to staff availability within a two-hour work window)

# Cost Sharing Reimbursement Program Quality Controls

- Quality Controls:
  - No-fee Encroachment Permit required (\$250 refundable deposit)
  - Proper insurance included with Encroachment Permit
  - City staff perform initial site review, verify eligibility for reimbursement
  - City staff perform form and final inspections
  - Materials/workmanship subject to City construction standards

# Cost Sharing Reimbursement Program Eligibility

- Eligibility:
  - Limited to Martinez properties (residential and commercial)
  - Replacement of sidewalk and/or driveways in the right-of-way parallel to the street for repair of trip hazards
  - No allowance for extension of walkway where it does not currently exist

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## Qualifying Conditions

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  - Lifts or depressions equal to or greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$ "
  - Cracks greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$ "
  - Spalling over 25% of surface
  - Chipped edges over 4"
  - Any other sidewalk defects determined by City Engineer to be a potential hazard to pedestrian travel

# Questions?