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SUBJECT: City Sidewalk Data Collection and Sidewalk Program Update
DATE: October 2, 2019

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Staff from the Public Works Department (Department) will provide an update on a number of sidewalk-related items covering data collection and revisions to the sidewalk program.

BACKGROUND:

The City's sidewalk network and pedestrian facilities are incomplete and, in many cases, in disrepair. Missing sidewalk and bad sidewalk can negatively influence pedestrian access. Maintaining and improving pedestrian amenities throughout the City is vital to the Tacoma 2025 focus area of Livability, which speaks to amenities such as "connected neighborhoods, accessible and efficient transportation options".

ISSUE:

The data collection projects taking place this fall will help the Department identify barriers to pedestrian access, which will in turn help the City direct resources in a more efficient manner.

This year the Department is also making changes to the sidewalk program in an effort to better prioritize defective sidewalk locations in areas where the pedestrian access is most needed and improvements will be the most impactful.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.