



**Board of Directors**

January 5, 2026

Denyse Trepanier  
*President*

[RE: Item 7-C: Sidewalks Repair Process Updates](#)

Brian Fowler  
*Treasurer*

Dear Councilmembers and Staff,

Tim Beloney  
*Secretary*

We are writing to express our support for this item.

Maria Piper  
*Board Member*

Safe, well-maintained sidewalks are essential public infrastructure. They enable mobility for people of all ages and abilities, reduce the risk of injury, and encourage walking as a healthy and sustainable form of transportation. Clear, consistent, and transparent procedures for addressing repairs benefit both adjacent property owners and the broader community.

Cyndy Johnsen  
*Board Member*

We also appreciate the sidewalk pilot program launched last February. Together, these measures help ensure sidewalks are kept in good condition while offering property owners clarity, support, and flexibility in meeting their responsibilities.

Lucy Gigli  
*Founder, non-voting*

While a different funding and collection model—such as a parcel tax—may be more efficient and worth considering in the future, we see this ordinance as a positive and practical next step.

Bike Walk Alameda is fiscally sponsored by Bike East Bay, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

A related, though less urgent, issue is sidewalk obstruction from landscaping such as hedges and bushes. These obstructions degrade the walking experience and can render sidewalks non-compliant with ADA standards. We encourage the City to consider a similar, clear process to ensure landscaping adjacent to sidewalks is properly maintained.

[bikewalkalameda.org](http://bikewalkalameda.org)

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Sincerely,

Bike Walk Alameda Board