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Commissioner of Public Works

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TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*
CC: Christine Clancy, P.E. City Engineer
FROM: Jim Donison, P.E., DPW Commissioner

SUBJECT: 10/24/2018 Motion 9.1 C. Mercier and C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. to place Andover Street sidewalks on a schedule to replace and/or repair sidewalks to handicap specifications.

I am writing in response to the above motion made by Councilors Mercier and Conway. DPW/Parks has investigated this request.

It is proposed that DPW/Engineering perform a sidewalk condition assessment of City sidewalks over the next two years during the winter months (when engineering staff have more time available to perform this task). This condition assessment of sidewalks will result in a prioritized list of improvements to address conditions and ADA accessibility issues along with costs for the improvements. The City recently applied for an ADA Transition Plan grant. If awarded to the City, the plan will be coordinated with the condition assessment in determining the priority of required sidewalk improvements.

Further, the City FY2019 budget is \$3,205,090 for roadway/curbing/sidewalk related improvements. This includes \$1,855,090 in Chapter 90 State funding and \$1,350,000 in City Capital funds. It is proposed that 10% (\$320,000) of these annual funds be used for sidewalk related improvements of which \$120,000 will be used for sidewalk repairs in the downtown area and throughout the City as part of a priority request list, \$100,000 used for sidewalks as part of the roadway paving projects where sidewalks are impacted and \$100,000 for replacement/repairs to the Andover Street sidewalks.

The estimate for Andover Street sidewalks is currently being developed by staff. It is expected that the total project repairs will require multiple years of \$100,000 sidewalk expenditures.

Improvements will include ADA concrete ramps and detectable warning plates, innovative flexible paving materials around trees, and replacement of sidewalks with similar materials to that which is currently in place, i.e. concrete or bituminous pavement.

We trust that this sidewalk plan will address the motion request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this motion response. Thank you.