

**City of Dallas
Sidewalk Replacement Program
Cost Share Program with Swiss Avenue Historic District**

How does SAHD's partnership with the city's sidewalk replacement program work?

The city partners with citizens throughout Dallas to share the cost of removing and replacing sidewalks that are defective, unsafe, or hazardous (50/50).

Through SAHD's partnership, the district has set aside a limited amount of funds to encourage homeowners to replace hazardous sidewalks as a way to make our district a safer place to walk and enjoy. SAHD contributes to the program by paying half (50%) of the homeowner's share of the cost to remove and replace the sidewalk in front of their home.

Further, if you live on a corner and the sidewalk runs alongside a house, the city pays 75% of the cost to remove and replace that sidewalk. The district and homeowners share the remaining 25% of the cost.

How do I apply for the program? (See attached brochure from the City of Dallas' Public Works Department)

SAHD's Beautification Committee is overseeing the distribution of the district's matching funds. Homeowners wishing to take advantage of the program should call the Public Works Department at 214.948.4127 or 214.948.4287 to indicate their desire to participate.

Sidewalk removal and replacement requests are logged by the department by the date they are received. From the initial inquiry it takes two to three months for the city to assess the property and provide a quote and explanation of work by mail.

When the quote is received, the homeowner decides if they want to proceed with the work. If the answer is yes, the homeowner applies to the Beautification Committee for the district's share of the project by emailing a copy of the quote from the city to Laura Duty at lauraduty@icloud.com. **Upon approval by the district, the resident will receive a check from SAHD made payable to the City of Dallas for the district's portion. That check, along with a check from the homeowner for their share are sent to the city to indicate the acceptance of the quote.**

The city bundles and submits projects to approved vendors for bids. Please note, it can take as much as nine months from the time the city receives your checks and okay for the work to take place. **This process is not speedy, but it works.** Over the last four years many SAHD residents have taken advantage of this program and the walkability of our neighborhood has improved.

Do I need to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (CA)?

The vendor secures all necessary permits for the work. However, you must obtain a CA prior to the start of the project. If you are simply replacing a driveway or an existing sidewalk, without changing materials, the CA can be approved in house and the turn around should be fairly quick.

To obtain the CA, submit a completed application along with photographs of the sidewalk by email to Melissa Parent, Planner - Historic Preservation, City of Dallas, at melissa.parent@dallascityhall.com.

Where do the District's money come from for the program?

The funds come from the proceeds of the Home Tour. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and property owners and the generosity of sponsors, the district had another successful Home Tour in 2019.

Everyone in the district and our surrounding neighborhoods benefit from the more walkable sidewalks and other projects the district undertakes due to the success of the Home Tour. Please remember to volunteer and participate in the 2020 Mother's Day Home Tour.

For more information concerning this program or to submit your application for the district's share of your sidewalk replacement please email Laura Duty at lauraduty@icloud.com or call 830.214.4528.