

# **Brockman & Crestland Engagement Guided Walk Summary**

**Oct. 3, 2024, 6-7 p.m.**

- Main purpose of this guided walk is to gather community feedback, concerns, comments, questions pertaining to the 2026 Sidewalk Gap Elimination Project along Brockman and Crestland from Packard to Ferdon. For the next hour we will walk and stop at different places along the project area, but feel free to raise your hand for a question so we can capture your questions and/or comments.
- We have a project overview informational video on our website where we introduce the purpose and timeline and more information on the project, we encourage all of you to watch that if you haven't already.
- We have not started any design so we may not be able to answer any specific questions, however once we do have a preliminary design we will have another public engagement meeting and gather community feedback at that time as well.
- The project team will consider community feedback results and engineering best practice recommendations as they continue with the project design.

## **Questions by the Public Present**

1) Is it possible for the sidewalk to be on just one side of the street?

The current proposal is to construct sidewalk on both sides of the street. There are instances, where staff considers sidewalk on one side, mostly in cases of long stretches with high cost, or where there are high technical challenges. However, this is generally considered to be a short-term solution, and eventually sidewalk installation will be considered for both sides of the street in most cases.

2) Is it possible for the existing sidewalk to be extended, i.e. keep the alignment of the existing sidewalk for the new sidewalk?

The project team will evaluate the feasibility during the preliminary design as we consider other factors and concerns.

3) The existing sidewalk on the opposite side of Brockman is only about 4-ft wide. Can the new sidewalk also be that narrow?

No, the new sidewalk must be a minimum of five feet wide in order to meet City of Ann Arbor requirements.

4) Is narrowing Brockman, to help reduce the speed of cars, something that could be considered in this project?

Traffic calming measures are not part of this project. Traffic calming is done through our Traffic Calming Program. This is a separate, petition-based effort could take place after this project is completed. More information regarding the program can be found at [www.a2gov.org/TrafficCalming](http://www.a2gov.org/TrafficCalming).

5) What will happen if the sidewalk impacts my landscape?

Landscaping in the public right-of-way would have to be removed, either by the contractor, or by the property owner in advance of the project. We will do our best to minimize impacts on landscaping on private property and can speak to the property owner during preliminary design once we know what impacts may be.

6) Will I be reimbursed for loss of trees?

Not for city-owned trees located in the public right-of-way, which is likely to be the case in most scenarios.

7) We want to save as many trees as possible. Is it possible to build the sidewalk around the trees?

We strive to avoid taking down trees as part of sidewalk construction. Meandering the sidewalk around trees is a possibility and/or narrowing the street can be explored if technically feasible and is in compliance with ADA. The project team will evaluate the feasibility of various options during the preliminary design.

8) What are the regulations on how close a sidewalk can be to someone's home?

To our knowledge there is no regulations on how close a sidewalk can be to someone's home. The sidewalk will be installed entirely within public right-of-way unless an easement is obtained.

9) When do you mark trees that are slated for demolition?

Possible tree removals will be discussed at a future engagement meeting. Once the design is finalized, if trees are selected for removal, adjacent property owners will be notified at least a month before construction.

## General Comments

Can the sidewalk selection process be better explained in the information video and prior to the guided walks.

The informational video for the project that can be found on the project website, additional information on sidewalk selection process can be found here: New Sidewalk FAQ page: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/Pages/New-Sidewalks-FAQ.aspx>

Who do we give feedback regarding the sidewalk selection process?

For feedback regarding the sidewalk selection process, please email City Engineer, Nicholas Hutchinson, [nhutchinson@a2gov.org](mailto:nhutchinson@a2gov.org).

Many vehicles do not stop at the Brockman/Ferdon intersection. Can something be done as part of the sidewalk project to help fix that?

This concern seems to be more of an enforcement issue, we can communicate this to the Ann Arbor Police Department for enforcement.