



# CITY OF CONCORD

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General Services Department

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Jeffrey K. Hoadley, General Services Director

**DATE:** July 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Response to a City Council-referred petition requesting that the sidewalks on both sides of Auburn Street be repaved.

### Recommendation

Accept this report.

### Background

The City Council has adopted the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Improvement Program, which includes funding for the full-length reclamation of Auburn Street (CIP #78 – Annual Highway Improvement Program). Although the project is funded in the FY 2027 budget, construction is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2028. As part of the City's standard practice, when a roadway undergoes full reclamation, the associated sidewalks are reconstructed or repaved as needed. Coordinating these improvements allows the City to address the entire transportation corridor at once, minimize disruption to residents, and make the most effective use of available resources.

### Discussion

Completing the sidewalk improvements as part of the roadway reclamation also provides an opportunity to ensure that the sidewalks, curb ramps, and pedestrian crossings comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards. A corridor-wide approach helps provide a safe, accessible pedestrian network while avoiding the need to reconstruct recently completed work when the roadway project is undertaken.

As a general practice, the City does not undertake sidewalk paving as a standalone project. Instead, sidewalk improvements are coordinated with street paving and reconstruction projects, especially when a roadway is being reconstructed. This approach is more cost-effective, improves construction efficiency, reduces impacts on residents, and helps the City maximize the value of its capital investment.

We recognize that residents would like to see improvements sooner and appreciate their patience. Because Auburn Street is already included in the adopted FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program for reclamation in FY 2028, the planned roadway project is the most appropriate and efficient way to coordinate roadway and sidewalk improvements and ensure the completed corridor meets current accessibility standards.