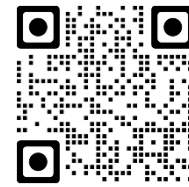


February 24, 2025

Dear Property Owners,

We are writing to provide information about the 2025 Sidewalk Repair Project. On November 14, 2022, the City Council adopted a Sidewalk Improvement District (SID) Policy to administer the City's annual sidewalk replacement and repair projects.

The SID Program designates districts where the cost of repairing pedestrian facilities is spread across all parcels based on real estate classification. Under the new program, all Rochester residents are supporting the cost of a walkable community.



**Learn more online.**

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heli karaa khadka isagoo  
Soomaali ku qoran.

Esta información está  
disponible en línea en español.

### **What does this mean for you?**

1. You are no longer solely responsible for paying for and coordinating repairs to sidewalks adjacent to your property.
2. All property owners within the District, even those without sidewalks, will pay an annual fee to cover the cost of sidewalk maintenance in the District. (Fee chart is below.)
3. A sidewalk project will occur within your district every 5 years. Every sidewalk in the district will be inspected at least every 20 years.

### **Why are you receiving this letter?**

You own at least one property in District NW-1 and this is the focus area for the 2025 construction season. The majority of sidewalk replacements and repairs will occur in Project Area 1-2 (see included information). A sidewalk project will occur in the NW-1 district every 5 years (Project Area 1-3 in 2030, Project Area 1-4 in 2035, Project Area 1-1 in 2040, Project Area 1-2 in 2045, etc.).

### **How much will I contribute to the SID program?**

The sidewalk maintenance/repairs and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements in Project Area 1-2 will result in an estimated \$4,047,124 investment in pedestrian facilities in District NW-1 in 2025.

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Distributing this estimated budget according to the policy (<https://qr1.be/P9JM>) results in the following estimated rates:

| Parcel Type                                                   | Annual Parcel Fee |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Residential <b>without</b> abutting pedestrian facilities     | \$33.12           |
| Residential <b>with</b> abutting pedestrian facilities        | \$64.24           |
| Non-Residential <b>without</b> abutting pedestrian facilities | \$188.72          |
| Non-Residential <b>with</b> abutting pedestrian facilities    | \$375.44          |

Notes on fees:

- Properties up to and including three units (3-plexes) are considered “Residential” parcels in the table above. Properties with four or more units are included in the “Non-Residential” parcel type with commercial parcels, industrial parcels, etc. More details on SID Categories can be found at <https://qr1.be/P9JM>.
- Parcels with recent sidewalk construction in the last 5 years and on record with the City will not be assessed in the first 5 years of the SID program.
- Those without pedestrian facilities abutting their parcel will pay 50% of the rates calculated for their parcel type.
- 2025 SID fees will be collected with property taxes over a period of five years, from 2026-2030. A new SID fee for District NW-1 will be adopted for 2031-2035 and every five-year cycle thereafter.

The project budget and SID fees above are based on estimates from Public Works. The Council will consider formally adopting the 2025 Sidewalk Improvement District and awarding a construction contract at the March 17, 2025 City Council Meeting. **This letter serves as Notice of Public Comment at the March 17 meeting.** Anyone wishing to comment on this project is welcome to speak during the Open Comment Period at this meeting.

**Actual fees will be based on the construction contract awarded by the City Council on March 17. Approved fees will be posted online at [rochestermn.gov/sidewalks](https://rochestermn.gov/sidewalks).**

More information about his program is available at [rochestermn.gov/sidewalks](https://rochestermn.gov/sidewalks). Resources include an educational video and Frequently Asked Questions. You may also contact Public Works for assistance.

Respectfully,



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