



Sidewalk Funding Mechanisms

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Current State of Sidewalk Funding

Individual owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks

Elevate Denver has earmarked \$30.7 million for sidewalk construction

2018 budget allotted \$4 million to identify sidewalks in need of repair and offer assistance

Neighborhood Sidewalk Repair Program created to assist with sidewalk repair.



How Can Denver Fix Sidewalks?



Denver would need \$800 million to \$1.4 billion to complete its sidewalk network. Denver's 2019 General Fund Budget was \$1.46 billion.

Solutions From Other Cities

Tax or Fee

Point-of-Sale

Sidewalk Repair Districts

Shared Cost Programs and Mobility Fees



Tax or Fee

Los Angeles, CA

- \$4.5 billion needed to repair sidewalks
- Examined half-cent sales tax increase
- Abandoned Due to Passage Concerns

Bay City, MI

- \$6.5 million needed for repair.
- Added 1% admin. fee to property taxes
- Generated \$300,000 in first year.

Englewood, CO

- Created a Concrete Utility Fee in 1997
- Homeowners charged 12 cents per sq. ft.
- Passed through City Council and not through citizen vote
- Owners can opt out

Feasibility for Denver

- From 2008-2018, ten municipal tax measures came to Denver voters
- 9 out of those 10 were approved

Passage Rates

Prop. Tax Refund Elim.: 74% - 26%

Add'l MJ Tax Rate: 69% - 31%

Continuation of MJ Tax: 81% - 19%

Tax Extension for NWC: 66% - 34%

College Affordability Tax: 51% - 49%

Parks Tax: 62% - 38%

College Scholarship Tax: 52% - 48%

Mental Health... Tax: 70% - 30%

Food for Youth Tax: 59% - 41%

Urb. Drain. ... Tax: 60% - 40%

Point-of-Sale

Required Repairs Upon Sale of Land or Property

Questions About Constitutionality

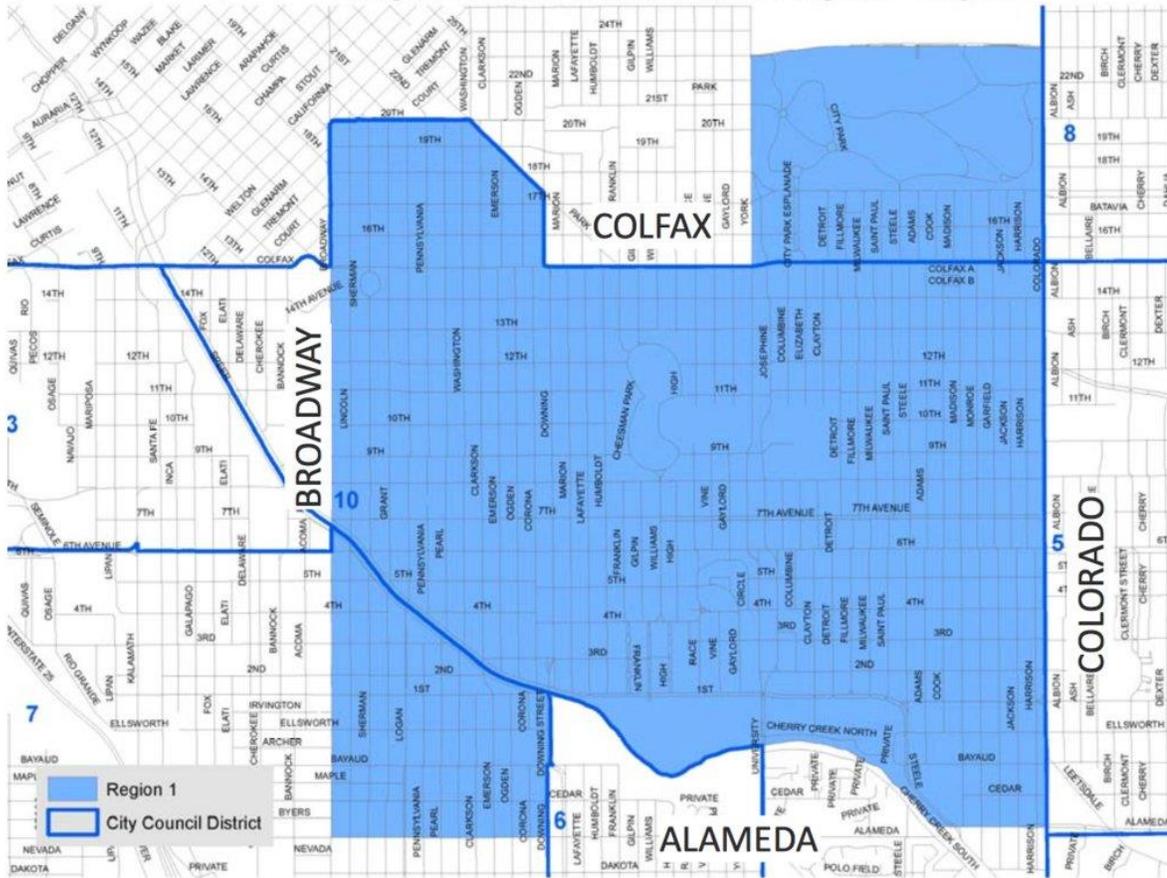
Recommended by Seattle Dept. of Transportation

239,431 homes have been sold from 2013-2017



Sidewalk Improvement Districts

Neighborhood Sidewalk Repair Program - Region 1



- Authorized under C.R.S. §31-25-501, *et seq.*
- Each property owner contributes an annual fee to their respective district.
- Allows different fees to be set based on density and foot traffic.
- Would require voter approval under TABOR

Shared Cost Programs

Boulder, CO

- Zones are prioritized around city
- City repairs sidewalk and bills owner for 50% of repair costs
- SRFs can not be billed more than \$450, no matter the final cost
- City offers installment plan

In addition to Boulder:

- Flint, Michigan offers a 50/50 split with residents
- Richardson, Texas also offers a funding match, but only does so for severe sidewalk hazards

Mobility Fees

Notably used in Portland, Oregon

Passed by ordinance in 1997 and has generated \$129 million in the program's first ten years

Charges developers fees based on increase in trips during evening commute hour

Fees are then used to pay for projects identified as in need.





Questions?