

# CAMP Meeting

January 29, 2019

# CAMP Agenda

## **5.01 Sidewalks and Street Trees**

1. Council's Past Actions and Direction
2. Public Engagement Concept
3. Proposed Ordinance Language, Policies, Procedures, and other Materials
4. Organization/Facilitation for February 26<sup>th</sup> CAMP Meeting

## **5.02 Next Steps for Asset Management**

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Council's Past Action and Direction*

**Accomplished:** eliminated inefficient sidewalk subsidy program (saving \$1.5M/year)

**June Council Direction:** simplify process to remove street tree causing sidewalk defect AND limit City liability for sidewalk defects

**November Council Direction:** Clarify details of the proposed ordinances AND conduct public information campaign

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Council's Past Action and Direction*

- **Social Media** - Popular topic on social media (Next Door, Facebook, Rants and Raves)
- **Emails** to Council
- **Public Comment** at Council Meeting
- Overall feedback was the need for more clarity and to answer a variety of questions

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Council's Past Action and Direction*

### Variety of Questions:

#### **Street Trees**

- Definition of a Street Tree?
- Ownership of Street Trees?
- Are permits always required to remove a street tree?
- When can a street tree be removed?

#### **Sidewalks**

- Cost for City to repair sidewalks?
  - When is sidewalk repair triggered? (offset dimensions)
  - Who is responsible for curb/gutter, utility box, ADA ramp?
  - What are the approved methods of sidewalk repair?
  - When must sidewalk repair be completed?
  - What will the City do if I don't repair my sidewalk? (lien process)
  - Legality to change liability?
  - Inequity (corner lot, high pedestrian activity, old trees)
  - Landscape Maintenance Districts – gift of public funds?
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- Financial hardship?

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## *Public Information Campaign*

### **Public Information Campaign**

- Provide materials to public for review
- Robust online presence – dedicated website, social media posts
- Library Event – February 7
- Farmers Market – February 17 or 24
- Publically Advertised CAMP Committee Meeting – February 26
- City Council meeting – March 25 or April 22

### **CAMP Member's Role:**

- Review materials and identify where more detail is needed
- Participate at library or farmers market events
- Social media responses – direct to Asset Management website
- Attend City Council meeting

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Proposed Materials*

1. Draft Sidewalk Ordinance
2. Draft Sidewalk Repair Program
3. Sidewalk Repair Standard Detail
4. Draft Street Trees Ordinance
5. Draft Street Tree Replanting Policy
6. Street Tree Standard Details
7. Street Tree Benefits/Proper Planting and Maintenance Information
8. Draft Hardship Policy

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Draft Sidewalk Ordinance*

- Adjacent property owner maintain sidewalk area adjacent to front and side yard in good repair
- Adjacent property owner responsible for sidewalk liability adjacent to front and side yard
- City to maintain sidewalk adjacent to City property, along backing lots, and at pedestrian access ramps and medians



# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Draft Sidewalk Repair Program*

- Existing Sidewalk Repair Handout
- Expanding handout to additional information, for example:
  - Who is responsible for curb/gutter, utility box, ADA ramp?
  - What are the approved methods of sidewalk repair?
  - When must sidewalk repair be completed?
  - What will the City do if I don't repair my sidewalk? (lien process)

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Sidewalk Repair Standard Details*

- Sidewalk Repair = Standard Detail ST-31
- Sidewalk Grinding/Slicing Repair = Standard Detail ST-32
- Sidewalk Repair Criteria = Standard Detail ST-33

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Draft Street Trees Ordinance*

- Retains requirement of adjacent property owners to maintain street trees in front and side yards
- Retains City as street tree owner
- Defines Street Tree
- Adds ability to remove street tree if causing sidewalk damage unless root pruning or other control measures can help
- Allows City to maintain a street tree that is causing a hazard and charge the property owner if they refuse to complete the work
- Adds replanting requirements
- Adds fines for non-compliance
- Requires new or 50% valuation improved lots to irrigate existing adjacent landscape areas

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Draft Street Trees Replanting Policy*

- Each street tree removed = 15-gallon replacement tree and \$100 to the Urban Forestry Fund
- If no suitable location to replant in right-of-way, then:
  1. Plant on a portion of the applicant's property visible from the adjacent public right-of-way; or
  2. Payment to the City's Urban Forestry Fund of \$200 in-lieu of each replacement tree
- Street Tree replacement recommendations from City Arborist
- Replacement tree shall be planted within 120 days of tree removal
- Four or more street trees on developed commercial, industrial, institutional, or mixed-use property to be referred to the Community Development Department for determination

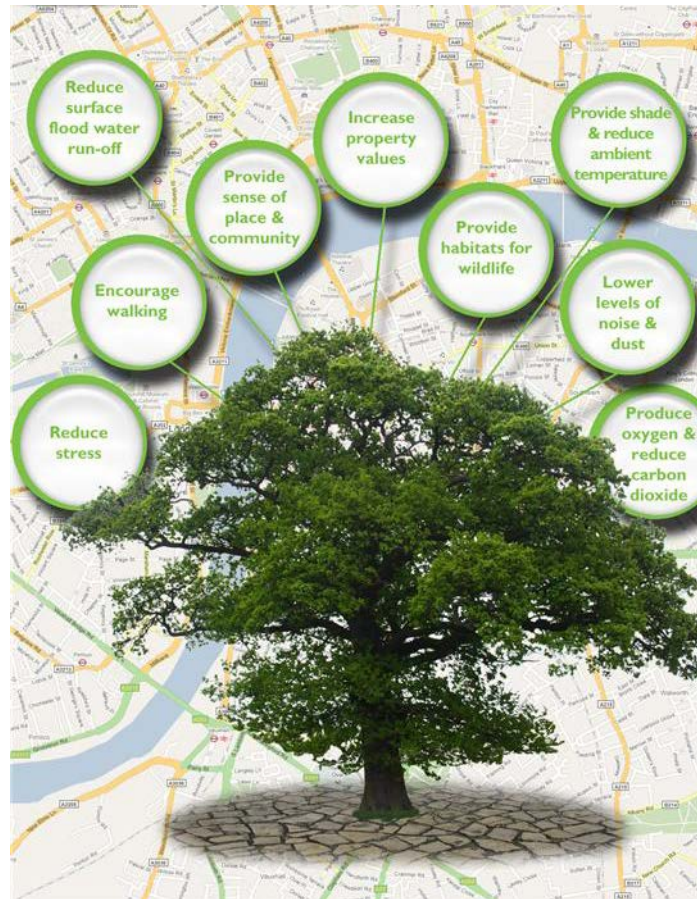
# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Street Tree Standard Details*

- Tree Planting Guide (Master Street Tree List) = Standard Detail L-18A
- Street Tree Planting Quantities and Clearances = Standard Detail L-3A
- Street Tree Planting = Standard Detail L-3B, C, D,E

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## *Street Tree Benefits/Proper Planting and Maintenance*



# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *Hardship Policy*

- A property owner may request financial hardship assistance if the annual family income is less than 80% the annual median income for Alameda County.
- The note is due and payable upon the sale or any other transfer of any interest of the property.

Persons in Family	Income Limits
1	\$56,300
2	\$64,350
3	\$72,400
4	\$80,400
5	\$86,850
6	\$93,300
7	\$99,700
8	\$106,150

# Sidewalks and Street Trees

## *February 26 CAMP Special Meeting*

**Goal:** Share information with the public about proposed street tree and sidewalk repair program

- Provide additional program details for clarity
- Provide opportunity for community members to ask questions
- Not looking for new direction, Council already established the policy direction: simplify process to remove street tree causing sidewalk defect AND limit City liability for sidewalk defects

### **Meeting Organization**

1. Staff Presentation
2. CAMP Questions on Presentation
3. Public Comment (5 minutes each, staff take notes on easel)
4. CAMP Questions/Comments to staff (can ask staff to respond to any/all public comments)
5. Staff summarize next steps



# Asset Management Program

*Council White Paper*

Proposed FY 2019-2021 work program:

- Asset Management Public Outreach
- Next Asset Classes: walls, storm system
- Technology: Asset Management System & GIS
- Create an Asset Management Fund
- Advocate for Asset Management grants and programs

Questions?