

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Article I – City CEQA Guidelines)

Public Resources Code Section 21152(a) requires local agencies to submit this information to the County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse in the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation. The filing of the notice starts a 30-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS: City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, MS 939, Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

PROJECT TITLE (INCLUDING ITS COMMON NAME, IF ANY): **SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM**

REFERENCE NUMBERS: Council File Nos. 14-0163-S3, 14-0163-S18; State Clearinghouse No. 2017071063

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: The Sidewalk Repair Program (Project) is implemented citywide, over an area that covers approximately 467 square miles. The Project is a citywide program intended to modify the manner in which sidewalk repair projects are undertaken pursuant to the City's obligations under the *Willits* Settlement, which includes various City actions that will provide improved access to persons with mobility disabilities in accordance with local, state, and federal accessibility requirements. The Project includes an ordinance that will guide the construction of future sidewalk repairs; curb ramp repairs; crosswalk paving; street tree retention, removal and replacement; canopy pruning; root pruning; and applicable utility work for 30 years within the City. The new ordinance (LAMC 62.104.1) revises the way sidewalk repairs pursuant to the *Willits* Settlement, are reviewed and approved, and is intended generally to improve and streamline the implementation process. The primary components of the ordinance include:

- Specific parameters to enable most sidewalk repairs to proceed as ministerial approvals, not subject to further environmental review applicable to discretionary actions.
- A streamlined discretionary approval process for sidewalk repair projects falling outside the specific parameters allowed for a ministerial sidewalk repair approval.
- A streamlined discretionary approval process for sidewalk repair projects involving the proposed removal of three or more street trees.
- A revised Street Tree Retention, Removal and Replacement Policy.
- Mandatory Project Design Features (PDFs) generally consisting of regulatory compliance measures and standard construction conditions and procedures.

The City originally approved an Environmental Impact Report (2021 EIR) and the ordinance on June 22, 2021. After a court decision, the 2021 EIR was decertified and the ordinance was set aside, and a Recirculated Portions of the Environmental Impact Report (REIR) was prepared for the ordinance.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: All

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This is to advise that on August 5, 2026, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles as the Lead Agency certified the REIR and 2021 EIR, approved the project described above, and made the below determinations. The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to the City Charter, approved the ordinance on August 6, 2026.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECT	☒ Project will have a significant effect on the environment. ☐ Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
MITIGATION MEASURES	☐ Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval. ☒ Mitigation measures were not made a condition of project approval.
MITIGATION REPORTING OR MONITORING	☐ A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for the project. ☒ A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for the project.
OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION	☒ Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted. ☐ Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted. ☐ Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT	☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified and findings were made for project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was not prepared for the project.
NEGATIVE DECLARATION	☐ A Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the project and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk. ☒ A Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration was not prepared for the project.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
 Maria Martin box SIGN 4QZZVP21-462X26XX	Environmental Affairs Officer	August 6, 2026

The documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located at the Office of the City Clerk, 200 North Spring Street, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012; the Board of Public Works Commission, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012; the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, California 90015; and any other relevant City department.