

# *City of Madison Heights*

## *People Powered Transportation & Sidewalk Repair Program*

Section 22-2.1 of the Code of Ordinances provides that City Council shall, from time to time as the need may require, adopt or change by resolution the uniform policies or procedures of the City with reference to special assessments within the City. This policy supersedes all prior policies of the City of Madison Heights in regard to sidewalk repairs and gaps and special assessments to cover the costs thereof.

### Definition of Terms

*Bike Route* – On-Street bicycle route called for on the PPTP Map.

*Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)* - City Council's 5-year plan for capital improvements, as updated annually, and included in the City's Adopted Fiscal Year Budget.

*MMUTCD* – Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices

*New Development* – All projects that require site plan review, plat (subdivision review), or a building permit.

*PPTP* – People Powered Transportation & Sidewalk Repair Program – This Policy as adopted and amended by City Council

*Sidewalk* – Any sidewalk adjoining a public street, not including cross-walks or portions of driveways between the street and the proposed or existing sidewalk.

*Sidewalk Gap* – Any portion of any site where there is no public sidewalk adjacent to an existing public street right of way that is currently developed and used as a public road, or where any portion of the existing public sidewalk is not constructed to the standards set forth in Article 23, Division 2.1 Sidewalks, of the City Code.

*Walk / Ride Sharepath* – A sidewalk adjacent to a City Major Street designated by this Policy for placement of joint use signage for pedestrians and bicyclists in conformance with the Michigan Vehicle Code (257.660c).

### Sidewalk Gap Connection, Bike Route and Walk / Ride Sharepath Designation / Construction Criteria

The following criteria were used as the basis for determining sidewalk gap, Bike Route and Walk / Ride Sharepath Designation / construction and funding contributions:

<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian / Bicyclist Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Current / Projected Use / Demand	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance – Public / Private
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical / Right of way constraints ("Constructability")	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Ownership – Public, Schools, Private
<input type="checkbox"/> Proximity / Links to Schools, Parks, Employment Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of sidewalks on both sides of Major Roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with other public / private projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Sidewalks / Paths in adjacent communities
<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Sidewalks / Paths in adjacent communities	<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Vehicle Code (MVC) and the MMUTCD

### Determining Sidewalk Repair, Gap, Bike Route and Walk / Ride Sharepath Projects and Funding Contributions

*General:* All sidewalks shall comply with Sections 23-31 through 23-38 of the Code of Ordinances, except as specified below. All Bike Routes and Walk / Ride Sharepaths shall conform with applicable MVC, MMUTCD and City Engineering Standards.

*PPTP Map Created:* There is hereby established as a part of this policy a "People Powered Transportation & Sidewalk Repair Program Map". This map shall be located in the CIP and designates sidewalk gap locations that are to be installed, as well as bike routes and walk / ride sharepaths that are to be established.

*New Development:* All new developments occurring within the City that are located on a parcel or parcels that have a sidewalk gap shown as "Fill Gap in Existing Sidewalk" on the PPTP Map shall install said sidewalk at the time of construction. Provisions for such sidewalk construction shall be included as a part of site plan review, subdivision approval, or building permit application. Cost of sidewalk gap construction shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner or developer.

*Public Road / Utility Projects:* All Public road and utility projects occurring within the City that are located on or adjacent to a parcel or parcels that have a sidewalk gap shown as "Fill Gap in Existing Sidewalk" on the PPTP Map shall include installation of said sidewalk as a part of the scope of project. Cost of sidewalk gap construction shall be allocated between the City and the property owners as determined annually through the CIP and subsequent budget process. All sidewalks repaired, replaced or installed as part of public road or utility projects shall be in compliance with City Code.

*Gaps Shown on PPTP Map as "Fill Gap in Existing Sidewalk":* All other sidewalk gaps shown as "Fill Gap in Existing Sidewalk" on the PPTP Map shall be installed during the City's scheduled annual sidewalk program in accordance with the "*Sidewalk Repair Program*" years on the PPTP Map. All gaps in existing sidewalks identified during the scheduled annual sidewalk program shall be repaired or installed as required to bring the sidewalk into compliance with City Code. Cost of sidewalk gap construction shall be paid for with City funds, as determined annually through the CIP and subsequent budget process, in conjunction with the City's annual sidewalk program.

*Gaps to Remain:* Some gaps in the sidewalk network will remain after all planned gap installations on the PPTP Map are completed. Nothing in this policy should be construed as preventing installation of said sidewalk gaps where the property owner and / or City, County or State voluntarily seeks such installation at their expense.

*Bike Routes:* Bike Routes called for on the PPTP Map shall be installed during the City's annual sidewalk repair program in accordance with the "*Sidewalk Repair Program*" years on the PPTP Map (Segments of designated bike routes may be completed in adjacent program years where necessary to insure continuity and safe transitions). Cost of construction (Signage, pavement markings and other necessary improvements within existing rights of way and road surfaces) shall be paid for with City funds, as determined annually through the CIP and subsequent budget process, in conjunction with the City's annual sidewalk program.

*Walk / Ride Sharepath:* Walk / Ride Sharepaths called for on the PPTP Map shall be installed during the City's annual sidewalk repair program in accordance with the "*Sidewalk Repair Program*" years on the PPTP Map (Segments of designated Walk / Ride Sharepaths may be completed in adjacent program years where necessary to insure continuity and safe transitions). Cost of construction (Signage, pavement markings and other necessary improvements within existing rights of way and road surfaces) shall be paid for with City funds, as determined annually through the CIP and subsequent budget process, in conjunction with the City's annual sidewalk program.

*Red Run Pathway:* Completion of the planned Red Run Pathway will require coordination and cooperation of multiple property owners as well as City, School, County, Regional and Federal governmental entities. Funding of pathway segments may include multiple funding sources, including private, Special Assessment, General Fund and grants, as determined annually through the CIP and subsequent budget process, in conjunction with the City's annual sidewalk program.

### **Compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)**

All sidewalks, bike paths and walk / ride sharepaths shall comply with the ADA.

### **Estimation of Project Costs**

The City Engineer, in accordance with Section 22-4 of the Code of Ordinances, shall determine estimated costs of all bike route, walk / ride sharepath, sidewalk, repair and gap construction.

