

>>> CIS@clerk.lacity.org 06/24/2005 12:13:31 AM >>>

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Mid City WEST Neighborhood Council

Name: Joyce Kleifield

Phone Number:

Email: joyce@kleifield.com

Impact Information

Date: 06/24/2005

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Reference Number: 04-0999

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Brief Summary: The Mid City West Community Council supports the City Council motion to waive sidewalk repair fees for property owners that do sidewalk repair in front of their homes.

Additional Information:

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA



JAMES K. HAHN
MAYOR

FRANK T. MARTINEZ
City Clerk

KAREN E. KALFAYAN
Executive Officer

When making inquiries
relative to this matter
refer to File No.

Office of the
CITY CLERK
Council and Public Services
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Council File Information - (213) 978-1043
General Information - (213) 978-1133
Fax: (213) 978-1040

HELEN GINSBURG
Chief, Council and Public Services Division

04-0999

PLACE IN FILES

JUN 23 2005
DEPUTY *gh*

June 15, 2005

Councilmember Cardenas
Councilmember Smith
Board of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

RE: STATUS OF THE SIX-MONTH PILOT PROGRAM WHEREBY "NO FEE" PERMITS ARE
ISSUED TO PROPERTY OWNERS WISHING TO REPAIR OR RECONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS
IN FRONT OF THEIR HOMES

At the meeting of the Council held June 14, 2005, the following action
was taken:

Attached report adopted.....
Attached motion () adopted.....
Attached resolution adopted.....
Ordinance adopted.....
FORTHWITH.....
Motion adopted to approve Committee report recommendation(s)... X
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....

Frank T. Martinez

City Clerk
jr

FX 8/6/22/05



26

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Report/Communication for Signature

Council File Number 04-0999

Committee Meeting Date 5/27/05

Council Date 6/14/05

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT
Councilmember Greig Smith, Chair	/		
Councilmember Tom LaBonge			/
Councilmember Jan Perry	/		

Remarks Approved

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Report/Communication for Signature

Council File Number

04-0999

Committee Meeting Date

4/22/05

Council Date

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT
Councilmember Greig Smith, Chair	✓		
Councilmember Tom LaBonge	✓		
Councilmember Jan Perry			✓

Remarks

Continued until 5/13/05

BOE needs to compare report figures to figures from previous 6 months

Sharon Gin, Legislative Assistant ★★★★★ Telephone 213-978-1072

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Report/Communication for Signature

Council File Number

04-0999

Committee Meeting Date

4/8/05

Council Date

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT
Councilmember Greig Smith, Chair	✓		
Councilmember Tom LaBonge			/
Councilmember Jan Perry			/

Remarks

Cont'd until 4/22/05 meeting

Sharon Gin, Legislative Assistant ★★★★★ Telephone 213-978-1072

C/11/05

26

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

PUBLIC WORKS

Committee

reports as follows:

Public Comments: Yes No
XXX —

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the six-month pilot program whereby "no fee" permits are issued to property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to continue said pilot program for an additional six months.
2. DIRECT the BOE to coordinate with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to disseminate information regarding said pilot program to the Neighborhood Councils.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BOE. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on March 31, 2005, BOE representatives gave the Public Works Committee a presentation on the fee waiver pilot program that took place from September 15, 2004 through March 15, 2005. Under the pilot program, the BOE will waive the A-permit fee for property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes. The BOE reported that said fee waivers only applied to single family residences. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Committee asked the Bureau to return with a report that compares its data to the activity that took place six months prior to September 15, 2004.

On May 27, 2005, the BOE returned with a comparison report. In a report dated May 24, 2005, the BOE noted that approximately 10% of the total A-permits issued were for voluntary sidewalk repairs and had its fees waived. The BOE also pointed out that the revenue associated with the waivers represented 16% of the total revenue collected. The Bureau stated that there is a seasonal variation in the volume of permits requested. Permit requests are typically lower in the late fall and winter seasons and tend to peak in the spring and summer. The BOE also reported that individuals requesting permits were not aware of the pilot program.

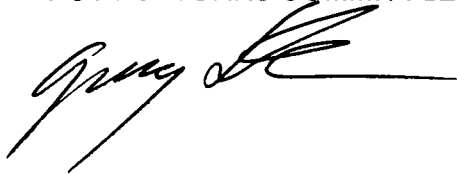
SUMMARY OF FEES WAIVED FOR ALL SIDEWALK REPAIRS		
	March 15, 2004 to September 15, 2004	September 15, 2004 to March 15, 2005
Total number of A permits issued	1,739	1,529
Sidewalk permits with fees waived per pilot program	N/A	159
Other sidewalk permits with fees waived*	204	82
Total number of sidewalk permits with fees not waived	390	259
Total fees waived	\$68,351	\$66,462
Inspection fees waived	\$23,831	\$14,802
Basic permit fees waived	\$44,520	\$51,660

Total estimated miles repaired or reconstructed during the six month period	2.7	1.7
*Note: Includes permits with the fees waived under the following categories: Council Motion Voluntary Repairs, Council Motion Walk of Fame, Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Natural Causes and LAMC Tree Roots Damage.		

At a regular meeting held on May 27, 2005, BOE staff gave a presentation to the Public Works Committee on the status of the no-fee permit pilot program. The Bureau noted that few constituents were aware of said program and indicated that more community outreach is needed. The BOE then asked the Committee to continue the pilot program for six additional months to see if increased outreach will have any effect on the number of no-fee permits issued. After a brief discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the BOE report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE



ADOPTED
MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS
JUN 14 2005

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SMITH:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PERRY:	YES

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

SG
6/7/05
#040999a.wpd

COUNCIL VOTE

Jun 14, 2005 10:37:23 AM, #2

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 10-29

Voting on Item(s): 10-29

Roll Call

CARDENAS	Absent
GARCETTI	Yes
GREUEL	Yes
HAHN	Absent
LABONGE	Yes
LUDLOW	Absent
MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PARKS	Yes
PERRY	Absent
REYES	Yes
SMITH	Yes
VILLARAIGOSA	Absent
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Yes
*PADILLA	Yes

Present: 10, Yes: 10 No: 0

(12)

05-0334
CDs 8 & 9

Communication from the Board of Public Works relative to temporary street closures for railroad crossing repairs for Western Avenue between Slauson Avenue and 59th Street; Normandie Avenue and San Pedro Street between Slauson Avenue and 58th Street; and Paloma Avenue between Slauson Avenue and 56th Street.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

DISPOSITION _____

(13)

04-0881

Continued from August 13, 2004

Motion (LaBonge - Garçetti - et al) relative to instituting a "Bulky Item Collection and Disposal Program" for multi-family apartment complexes and related matters. (Also referred to the Environmental Quality and Waste Management and Budget and Finance Committees)

DISPOSITION _____

(14)

04-0999

City Engineer report relative to a status report on the six-month pilot program whereby "no fee" permits are issued to property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

DISPOSITION _____

Cont'd until 4/22/05 meeting

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST
WITHIN THIS COMMITTEE'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

pw040805.wpd

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

SUGGESTED NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACTION

Council File No. 04-0999

Council Member(s) 6, 12

Petitioner/Communicant _____

Board of Public Works (Mail Stop 465) _____

Bureau of Accounting (Mail Stop 470) _____

Bureau of Contract Administration (Mail Stop 480) _____

Bureau of Engineering (Mail Stop 901) ~~Land Development/Real Estate Div~~

Bureau of Street Services (Mail Stop 550) _____

Bureau of Street Lighting (Mail Stop 545) _____

Fire Department _____

Police Department _____

Controller _____

Mayor (with/without file) _____

Chief Legislative Analyst _____

City Administrative Officer _____

City Attorney (with blue sheet) _____

City Clerk _____

DOT (Mail Stop 725) _____

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEMBERS**

VALERIE LYNNE SHAW
PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

JANICE WOOD
PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

RONALD LOW
COMMISSIONER

YOLANDA FUENTES
COMMISSIONER

JAMES A GIBSON
SECRETARY

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA**



JAMES K. HAHN
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

BUREAU OF
ENGINEERING

GARY LEE MOORE, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

650 SOUTH SPRING ST., SUITE 200
LOS ANGELES, CA 90014-1911
213-847-8766

<http://eng.lacity.org>

May 24, 2005

Honorable Greig L. Smith, Chair
Public Works Committee
Los Angeles City Council

c/o Sharon Gin
City Clerk's Office
Room 395 City Hall

**STATUS REPORT UPDATE FOR COUNCIL FILE 04-0999, NO FEE PERMITS TO
HOMEOWNERS FOR SIDEWALK INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION**

The Bureau of Engineering presented a Status Report on the six-month fee waiver pilot program to the Public Works Committee on March 31, 2005. The report addressed A-Permit fee waivers for homeowners repairing sidewalks between September 15, 2004 and March 15, 2005. At the meeting, the Committee requested the Bureau of Engineering to provide sidewalk repair data for the six months prior to September 15, 2004.

The review of A-Permit fee waivers for both reporting periods is presented in the following table. Due to the method of tracking A-Permit information in the database prior to the Motion, it's not possible to discern permits issued to homeowners from other use categories (i.e., multiple residential, commercial, etc.). Subsequent to the Motion, the Bureau of Engineering modified the A-Permit application to separately track fee-waived repairs by homeowners.

Some observations can be made with the limited data available. Approximately 10% of the total A-Permits issued were fee waived for voluntary sidewalk repair per the Motion. The revenue waived represents about 16% of the total revenue collected. Other considerations in comparing the six-month time periods is the seasonal variation in permit volume and the unusually wet rainy season in 2005. Permit volumes are typically lower in late fall and winter and tend to peak in spring and summer. Comments received by public counter staff also indicate that customers are not aware of the availability of no-fee permits for homeowner repair/replacement of sidewalk.

The Bureau of Engineering recommends that this program be continued on a pilot basis an additional six-months. This will give us a comparable peak season to gather data and report back to the Committee. In addition, we recommend informing Neighborhood Councils of the availability of this discount program for homeowners and ask them to notify their members.

MAY 25 2005

PUBLIC WORKS
pw

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Recyclable and made from recycled waste



04-0999

RECEIVED
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

2005-MAY 24 PM 3:57

CITY CLERK
BY  DEPUTY

SUMMARY OF FEES WAIVED FOR ALL SIDEWALK REPAIRS		
	3/15/04 to 9/15/04	9/15/04 to 3/15/05
Total number of A permits issued	1,739	1,529
Sidewalk permits waived per pilot program	NA	159
Other sidewalk permits waived ¹	204	82
Total number of sidewalk permits non-waived	390	259
Total fees waived	\$68,351	\$66,462
Inspection fees waived	\$23,831	\$14,802
Basic permit fees waived	\$44,520	\$51,660
Total estimated miles repaired or reconstructed during the six-month period.	2.7	1.7
¹ Includes permits with the fees waived under the following categories: Council Motion Voluntary Repairs, Council Motion Walk of Fame, LAMC Natural Causes, and LAMC Tree Roots Damage.		

If you require additional information, please contact Ofelia Rubio at (213) 978-2072 or Clark Robins at (213) 847-8769.

Sincerely,



Gary Lee Moore, P.E.
 City Engineer

GLM:alm

Attachment: Copy of the status report for Council file 04-0999 dated March 31, 2005

cc: John Lee, CD 12
 Francisco Martinez, CD 6
 Roslyn Carter-Phillips, CLA
 Clark Robins, BOE
 Ofelia Rubio, BOE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: March 31, 2005

To: Councilmember Greig Smith, Chairperson
Public Works Committee

Councilmember Tony Cardenas
Sixth Council District

c/o Sharon Gin, Office of the City Clerk

From: Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer
Bureau of Engineering



SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT FOR COUNCIL FILE 04-0999, NO FEE PERMITS TO HOMEOWNERS / INSTALL, RECONSTRUCT OR REPAIR SIDEWALKS

TRANSMITTALS

1. Copy of the original Council Motion (Cardenas - Smith).
2. Copy of the adopted Council report (Council File No. 04-0999).
3. Copy of the adopted Board of Public Works Report dated August 18, 2004.

BACKGROUND

On May 19, 2004, Council referred Motion (Cardenas - Smith) relative to issuing "no fee" permits for homeowners wishing to install, repair, or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes, to the Public Works Committee for consideration. At its regular meeting held July 9, 2004, the Public Works Committee heard discussion of this matter. The Committee determined to amend the proposed recommendation of the Motion (Cardenas - Smith) to exclude new sidewalk construction from the proposed "no fee" pilot program. The Committee recommended that the Council request the Board of Public Works establish a six-month pilot program to waive A-Permit fees for homeowners wishing to repair the sidewalks in front of their residences. The Committee further recommended that the Council request the Board of Public Works provide a status report to the Council including number of permits waived, dollar amount of permits, number of miles of repaired sidewalk and other relevant data.

At the August 4, 2004 Council meeting, Council adopted the Public Works Committee recommendations. The Board of Public Works at its August 18, 2004 meeting requested that the Bureau of Engineering establish a six-month pilot program to waive A-Permit fees for single family homeowners repairing their sidewalks and to report back to City Council after the six months of data has been gathered. This report is in response to these requests.

STATUS OF PILOT PROGRAM

The Bureau of Engineering established the six-month pilot program for A-Permit fee Waivers for Homeowners Repairing Sidewalks between September 15, 2004 and March 15, 2005. The fee waivers were provided to single family residences, for sidewalk repair or reconstruction only. Following is the summary of the data gathered for the six-month pilot program.

PUBLIC WORKS
MAR 31 2005

RECEIVED
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

2005 MAR 31 PM 1:49

CITY CLERK
BY vm DEPUTY

**SUMMARY OF FEES WAIVED FOR SINGLE FAMILY
HOMEOWNERS REPAIRING THEIR SIDEWALKS**

Total number of permits waived.....	159 permits ¹
Total fees waived	\$36,327
Inspection fees waived	\$8,817
Basic permit fees waived	\$27,510
Total miles repaired or reconstructed during the six-month period. This number is for the single sidewalk only.	Approximately 1 mile
<p>¹ Out of the 159 permits, 131 permits were for sidewalk repairs only and the basic permit and inspection fees were waived. Twenty-eight permits involved additional work requiring a basic permit fee charge; however, the City waived the inspection fees for the sidewalk repairs for these applicants.</p>	

If you require additional information, please contact Ofelia Rubio at (213) 978-2074 or Clark Robins at (213) 847-8769.

GLM/OR
PW Committee Report - 040805

Attachments

- cc: John Lee, CD 12
 Francisco Martinez, CD 6
 Roslyn Carter-Phillips, CLA
 Clark Robins, Deputy City Engineer, Bureau of Engineer
 Ofelia Rubio, Bureau of Engineering

MAY 19 2004

MOTION

The repair, reconstruction and construction of sidewalks is a City-wide problem which we cannot significantly address due to limited resources.

The current City budget as well as the one just approved for FY 04-05 do not provide any funding for new sidewalk construction; and they only provide for 52 miles of sidewalk repair City-wide.

There are instances where property owners are willing to undertake the cost of repairing the sidewalks in front of their homes. In these instances the City should recognize the benefit of this effort and encourage the initiative by at least waiving the permit fees required for such sidewalk repair, reconstruction and new sidewalk construction in front of existing residences.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Public Works be requested to issue "no fee" permits for homeowners wishing to install, reconstruct or repair sidewalks in front of their own homes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Public Works be requested to provide a six month status report to Council on the above described initiative including the miles of sidewalks affected, the number and dollar amount of permits waived and any other relevant information.

PRESENTED BY: Tony Cardenas
TONY CARDENAS
Councilman, 6th District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

MAY 19 2004

AP

ak

21

8/4

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

PUBLIC WORKS

Committee

reports as follows:

Public Comments: Yes No
XXX —

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to issuing "no fee" permits to property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Cardenas - Smith):

REQUEST the Board of Public Works to:

- a. Establish a six-month pilot program whereby "no fee" permits will be issued to property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes.
- b. Provide a status report to Council at the conclusion of the above described pilot program including the miles of sidewalks affected, the number and dollar amount of permits waived, and any other relevant information.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

SUMMARY

On May 19, 2004, Council referred Motion (Cardenas - Smith), relative to issuing "no fee" permits for homeowners wishing to install, repair, or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes, to the Public Works Committee for consideration. The subject Motion reports that the construction, repair, and reconstruction of sidewalks is a City-wide problem which cannot be significantly addressed due to limited resources. The current City budget, as well as that for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, provides no funding for new sidewalk construction and only provides for 52 miles of sidewalk repair City-wide.

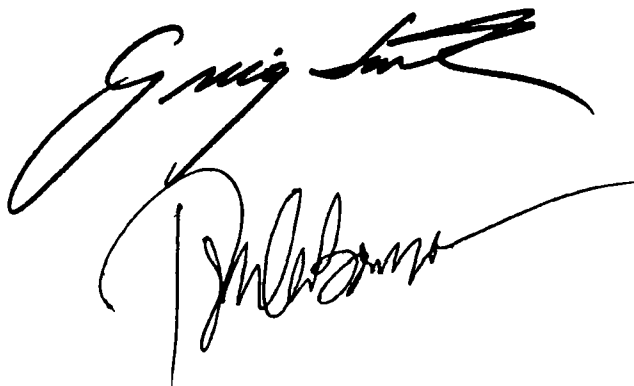
The Motion further reports that there are instances where property owners are willing to undertake the cost of repairing the sidewalks in front of their homes. In these instances, the City should recognize the benefit of this effort and encourage the initiative by waiving the permit fees required for sidewalk repair, reconstruction, and construction in front of existing residences.

At its regular meeting held July 9, 2004, the Public Works Committee discussed this matter with City staff. At that time, the Committee determined to amend the proposed recommendation of Motion (Cardenas - Smith) to exclude new sidewalk construction from the proposed "no fee" pilot program. The Committee recommended that Council request the Board of Public Works to establish a six-month pilot program whereby "no fee" permits will be issued to property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes. The Committee further recommended that Council request the Board of Public Works to provide a status report at the conclusion of the pilot program including the miles of sidewalks affected, the number and dollar amount of permits waived, and any other relevant information.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SMITH:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT

AA
07/22/04
#040999

Rept

ADOPTED

AUG 04 2004

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Department of Public Works

Bureau of Engineering
Report No. 1

August 18, 2004
CD Nos. All

AUG 18 2004


Secretary

166135

A-PERMIT FEE WAIVERS FOR HOMEOWNERS REPAIRING SIDEWALKS (COUNCIL FILE NO. 04-0999)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Direct the Bureau of Engineering to establish a pilot program to waive A-Permit fees for single family homeowners repairing sidewalks in front of their residences.
2. Instruct the Bureau of Engineering to track the number and dollar amount of permits waived, the number of miles of sidewalks repaired associated with these permits and report back to the City Council after six months of data have been gathered.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Copy of the original Council Motion.
2. Copy of the adopted Council report (Council File No. 04-0999).

DISCUSSION

Background

On July 9, 2004 the Public Works Committee heard discussion of this matter. The Committee recommended that the Council request that the Board of Public Works develop a pilot program to waive A-Permit fees for homeowners wishing to repair the sidewalks in front of their residences. The fee waivers would be limited to single family residences, for sidewalk repair or reconstruction only. In addition, the Committee recommended that the Council request the Board of Public Works provide a status report to the Council including number of permits, dollar amount of permits, number of miles of repaired sidewalk and other relevant data. On August 4, 2004 the Council adopted the Public Works Committee Report (Transmittal No. 2).

Conclusion

In view of these instructions from Council, we recommend that the Board instruct the Bureau of Engineering to begin the pilot program on September 15, 2004, and report back to Council after March 15, 2005.

STATUS OF FINANCING

Financing is not required. The Bureau of Engineering estimates the loss of fees to be approximately \$48,000 in basic fees and \$26,000 in inspection fees.

Report No. 1

Page 2

(CWR)

Report reviewed by:

Respectfully submitted,

Council Liaison



Report prepared by:

Gary Lee Moore, P.E.
City Engineer

Constituent Services
and Permit Program

Clark W. Robins
Deputy City Engineer
Phone No. (213) 847-8769

CWR/MW/08-2004-0183.EXE.gva

Questions regarding this report
may be referred to:

Writer: Michael Walters
Phone No. (213) 978-2074
Fax No. (213) 978-0174

J. MICHAEL CAREY
City Clerk

FRANK T. MARTINEZ
Executive Officer

When making inquiries
relative to this matter
refer to File No.

04-0999

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA



JAMES K. HAHN
MAYOR

Office of the
CITY CLERK
Council and Public Services
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Council File Information - (213) 978-1043
General Information - (213) 978-1133
Fax: (213) 978-1040

HELEN GINSBURG
Chief, Council and Public Services Division

PLACE IN FILES

AUG 10 2004
DEPUTY

August 5, 2004

Councilmember Cardenas
Councilmember Smith
Board of Public Works
Bureau of Street Services

RE: ISSUING "NO FEE" PERMITS TO PROPERTY OWNERS WISHING TO REPAIR OR
RECONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF THEIR HOMES

At the meeting of the Council held August 4, 2004, the following
action was taken:

Attached report adopted.....	_____X_____
Attached motion adopted().....	_____
Attached resolution adopted().....	_____
Motion adopted to approve attached report.....	_____
Motion adopted to approve attached communication.....	_____
To the Mayor FORTHWITH.....	_____
Mayor vetoed.....	_____
Mayor approved.....	_____
Mayor failed to act - deemed approved.....	_____
Findings adopted.....	_____
Negative Declaration adopted.....	_____
Categorically exempt.....	_____

J. Michael Carey

City Clerk
dng

SEIU
FF
8-10-04



TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

PUBLIC WORKS

Committee

reports as follows:

Public Comments: Yes No
XXX

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to issuing "no fee" permits to property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Cardenas - Smith):

REQUEST the Board of Public Works to:

- a. Establish a six-month pilot program whereby "no fee" permits will be issued to property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes.
- b. Provide a status report to Council at the conclusion of the above described pilot program including the miles of sidewalks affected, the number and dollar amount of permits waived, and any other relevant information.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

SUMMARY

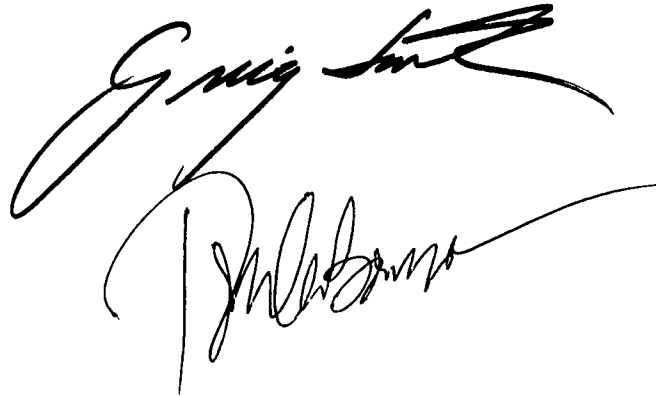
On May 19, 2004, Council referred Motion (Cardenas - Smith), relative to issuing "no fee" permits for homeowners wishing to install, repair, or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes, to the Public Works Committee for consideration. The subject Motion reports that the construction, repair, and reconstruction of sidewalks is a City-wide problem which cannot be significantly addressed due to limited resources. The current City budget, as well as that for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, provides no funding for new sidewalk construction and only provides for 52 miles of sidewalk repair City-wide.

The Motion further reports that there are instances where property owners are willing to undertake the cost of repairing the sidewalks in front of their homes. In these instances, the City should recognize the benefit of this effort and encourage the initiative by waiving the permit fees required for sidewalk repair, reconstruction, and construction in front of existing residences.

At its regular meeting held July 9, 2004, the Public Works Committee discussed this matter with City staff. At that time, the Committee determined to amend the proposed recommendation of Motion (Cardenas - Smith) to exclude new sidewalk construction from the proposed "no fee" pilot program. The Committee recommended that Council request the Board of Public Works to establish a six-month pilot program whereby "no fee" permits will be issued to property owners wishing to repair or reconstruct sidewalks in front of their homes. The Committee further recommended that Council request the Board of Public Works to provide a status report at the conclusion of the pilot program including the miles of sidewalks affected, the number and dollar amount of permits waived, and any other relevant information.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Greg Smith' and the bottom signature is 'D. Labonge'.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SMITH	YES
LABONGE	YES
PERRY	ABSENT

AA
07/22/04
#040999

Rept

ADOPTED

AUG 04 2004

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL VOTE

Aug 4, 2004 10:31:45 AM, #2

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 14-35

Voting on Item(s): 14-23,25-28,30,32,34-35

Roll Call

CARDENAS	Absent
GARCETTI	Yes
GREUEL	Yes
HAHN	Absent
LABONGE	Yes
LUDLOW	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PARKS	Yes
PERRY	Absent
REYES	Yes
SMITH	Absent
VILLARAIGOSA	Yes
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Yes
*PADILLA	Yes

Present: 11, Yes: 11 No: 0

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

SUGGESTED NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACTION

Council File No. 04-0999

Council Member(s) 6, 12

Petitioner/Communicant _____

Board of Public Works (Mail Stop 465) _____

Bureau of Accounting (Mail Stop 470) _____

Bureau of Contract Administration (Mail Stop 480) _____

Bureau of Engineering (Mail Stop 901) Land Development/Real Estate Div

Bureau of Street Services (Mail Stop 550) _____

Bureau of Street Lighting (Mail Stop 545) _____

Fire Department _____

Police Department _____

Controller _____

Mayor (with/without file) _____

Chief Legislative Analyst _____

City Administrative Officer _____

City Attorney (with blue sheet) _____

City Clerk _____

DOT (Mail Stop 725) _____

CIT : LOS ANGELES SPEAKER RD

Date 7-9-04

Council File No., Agenda Item, or Case No. 1

I wish to speak before the Public Works Committee
Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? () For proposal
() Against proposal
Name: Francisco Martinez () General comments

Business or Organization Affiliation: CD6

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Business phone: _____ Representing: Councilman Cardenas

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A PAID SPEAKER AND PROVIDE CLIENT INFORMATION BELOW:

Client Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Client Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Please see reverse of card for important information and submit this entire card to the presiding officer or chairperson.

January 1, 2004 - July 8, 2004							
Number	Sidewalk inspection fees	Basic Fees (Counter Svc)	Sidewalk inspection fees waived	Basic Fees Waived	Other Fees (dwy, etc)	Other fees waived	
Permits With Sidewalk Repairs or Construction Only							
227	\$25,880	\$33,540	\$12,651	\$19,540			
Permits With Sidewalk Repairs and Other Items							
388	\$111,635	\$58,980	\$19,157	\$12,810	\$101,987	\$10,248	
Permits Without Sidewalk Repair							
1199	\$0	\$155,132	\$0	\$13,960	\$305,465	\$10,352	
Totals							Grand total
1814	\$137,515	\$247,652	\$31,808	\$46,310	\$407,452	\$20,600	\$693,901
				Fee Waivers All Permits	\$98,718		
Fees to be Waived if Motion Were Adopted for Permits with Sidewalk Repair							
	\$105,707	\$60,170	Assuming basic fees are waived for all permits with sidewalk repair				
			Proposed fee waivers	\$165,877			
			Fees already waived	\$64,158			
			Total fee waiver	\$230,035			
Note: Ordinance currently provides for fee waivers in the following situations:							
	LAMC 62.109(e)						
<p>(e) Where the application is for a permit to repair a damage caused by forces beyond the property owner's control, including but not limited to, damage caused by a subsidence, pavement failure, deterioration, earthquake damage, and trees located in the public way, no fee or charge shall be imposed for such work, provided however, that the appropriate fee or charge shall be assessed for all other work on the same permit which is not caused by such conditions, and further, that the permit application indicate what specific work is exempt from such fee or charge and what was the cause of such damage.</p>							

received in letter on 7-9-04 by AA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, SPECIAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2004

ROOM 1060, CITY HALL - 9 AM
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

PLEASE NOTE DAY, DATE, AND ROOM CHANGE OF THIS MEETING

MEMBERS: COUNCILMEMBER GREIG SMITH, CHAIR
COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE
COUNCILMEMBER JAN PERRY

(Alan Alietti - Legislative Assistant I - 213-978-1071 or, email at aalietti@clerk.lacity.org)

Note: For information regarding the Committee and its operations, please contact the Committee Legislative Assistant at the phone number and/or email address listed above. The Legislative Assistant may answer questions, provide materials, and provide notice of matters scheduled before the City Council. Assistive listening devices are available at the meeting; upon 24 hour advance notice, other accommodations, such as sign language interpretation, and translation services will be provided. Contact the Legislative Assistant listed above for the needed services. TDD available at (213) 978-1055.

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

(1)
03-2142 Communication from the City Engineer relative to vacating Reseda Boulevard from
CD 11 approximately 886 feet northeasterly of Sunset Boulevard to approximately 160 feet
northeasterly thereof.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: Yes, by the City Engineer.

DISPOSITION _____

(2)
04-0495 Communication from the City Engineer relative to vacating Eudora Avenue from
CD 15 Mauretania Street to its northerly terminus.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: Yes, by the City Engineer.

DISPOSITION _____

(3)
01-0322 Communication from the City Engineer relative to vacating Carl Street northeasterly
CD 7 of Foothill Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: Yes, by the City Engineer.

DISPOSITION _____

MAY 19 2004

MOTION

The repair, reconstruction and construction of sidewalks is a City-wide problem which we cannot significantly address due to limited resources.

The current City budget as well as the one just approved for FY 04-05 do not provide any funding for new sidewalk construction; and they only provide for 52 miles of sidewalk repair City-wide.

There are instances where property owners are willing to undertake the cost of repairing the sidewalks in front of their homes. In these instances the City should recognize the benefit of this effort and encourage the initiative by at least waiving the permit fees required for such sidewalk repair, reconstruction and new sidewalk construction in front of existing residences.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Public Works be requested to issue "no fee" permits for homeowners wishing to install, reconstruct or repair sidewalks in front of their own homes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Public Works be requested to provide a six month status report to Council on the above described initiative including the miles of sidewalks affected, the number and dollar amount of permits waived and any other relevant information.

PRESENTED BY: Tony Cardenas
TONY CARDENAS
Councilman, 6th District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

MAY 19 2004

AP

ak