

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LAND USE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 06, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

SUBJECT: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A COUNTYWIDE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF SELECTED CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, CURBS, AND GUTTERS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego's (County) Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for the maintenance and operation of nearly 2,000 centerline miles of County-maintained roads, including the maintenance of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. Centerline miles represent the total length of the roads regardless of the number of lanes or overall roadway width. Maintenance of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters increases safety by separating vehicles from pedestrians, promoting walkability and healthy communities, and promoting effective street drainage.

DPW has identified a list of 143 locations for the repair and replacement of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters throughout the unincorporated area (Attachment A). The list of repair locations was developed based on routine roadway inspections conducted by DPW field crews, customer reports, and safety assessments conducted by design engineers to ensure proposed repairs result in conditions that are safe for the public and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. This information was evaluated using the parameters of available budget, location, professional engineering judgement, safety considerations, and potential drainage impacts to other structures such as roadways.

Recognizing that Community Planning and Sponsor Groups (CPSGs) play a critical role in shaping the character and vision of unincorporated communities within San Diego County, community engagement for DPW projects, including maintenance and repair projects, is ongoing throughout the year and includes presentations and direct outreach to CPSGs along with resources such as the Tell Us Now! mobile app and toll-free hotlines that provide the public an avenue to report damaged facilities. County staff work closely with CPSGs to ensure that community needs and preferences are considered when prioritizing DPW projects.

While both vehicles and pedestrians benefit from these repairs, underserved communities that may rely more heavily on sidewalks as the primary mode of transportation can be disproportionately impacted by damaged facilities and are therefore prioritized during the identification process. Sidewalk repair and replacement also support specific measures in the County's 2024 Climate Action Plan by improving the condition of existing sidewalks, which enhances pedestrian safety and mobility along roadways to encourage non-motorized transportation.

This is a request to approve the advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract for the repair and replacement of segments of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters throughout the unincorporated area. If approved, construction is planned to begin in summer 2026 and be completed by mid-2027. Construction costs for the repair, replacement, and construction of selected concrete sidewalks, curbs, and gutters are estimated to be \$1,310,000 including a 10 percent contingency for unexpected conditions during construction. Total project costs are estimated to be \$2,081,000. The funding source is available prior year Road Fund fund balance.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find in accordance with Sections 15301(c) and 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA review because it involves the maintenance and repair of existing County-maintained curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and roadway facilities involving no or negligible expansion of existing use, and includes rehabilitation activities on Old Highway 80 that will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to take any action necessary to advertise and award a construction contract and to take other actions authorized by Section 401 et seq., of the Administrative Code with respect to contracting for curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, throughout the unincorporated region of the County.
3. Designate the Director, Department of Public Works, as the County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract in accordance with Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Contracts.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The transportation system must be safe for all road users, for all modes of transportation, in all communities, and all people. Repairing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters is an important mobility element that supports effective drainage on County-maintained roads and enhances safe and effective walkability within unincorporated communities. While routine inspections of these facilities are conducted by County staff, the Department of Public Works (DPW) also relies on various community engagement methods such as the Tell Us Now! Mobile app and toll-free hotlines to intake reports of damage to these facilities. DPW developed a repair list based on this information that is proportionately distributed throughout the unincorporated area. While vehicles and pedestrians both benefit from these repairs, underserved communities that may rely more heavily on sidewalks as the primary mode of transportation can be disproportionately impacted by damaged facilities. To ensure that underserved populations are prioritized during the project selection process, data is used by DPW to evaluate and identify vulnerable populations, including data from the Healthy Places Index, the latest version of CalEnviroScreen (4.0), San Diego LiveWell communities, Environmental Justice Communities, and other relevant data sources.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Maintaining existing sidewalks, curbs, and gutters is an important component of the County of San Diego's (County's) road maintenance program that ensures the safe and efficient movement of people and goods and supports equity and the local economy. Today's action contributes to environmental, social and economic sustainability goals of the County of San Diego. These goals are balanced with, and complement, the County's sustainability goals. Maintaining sidewalks further supports walkability, mass transit, and decarbonization efforts that can reduce pollution, greenhouse gases, and vehicle miles traveled by providing alternate modes of transportation in support of the County's Climate Action Plan and Regional Decarbonization Framework. Conducting routine maintenance of drainage facilities such as curbs and gutters improves water quality, extends the useful life of facilities, and protects County-maintained roads from costly and resource intense future repairs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of Public Works, Road Fund. If approved, this request will result in construction costs for the repair, replacement, and construction of select concrete sidewalks, curbs, and gutters of \$1,310,000 including a 10 percent contingency for unexpected conditions during construction. Total project costs are estimated to be \$2,081,000. The funding source is available prior year Road Fund fund balance. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

County construction contracts are competitively and publicly bid and help stimulate the local economy by creating primarily construction-related employment opportunities and providing contracting opportunities for small and local businesses through the County’s Small-Local Business Preference Program and Small-Local Business Subcontractor Participation Requirements of Board Policy B-53. All workers employed on public works projects must be paid prevailing wages determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations, according to the type of work and location of the project. The prevailing wage rates are typically based on rates specified in collective bargaining agreements. A skilled and trained workforce requirement will be included in the contract in compliance with the County of San Diego’s Working Families Ordinance for County construction projects.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson, Montgomery Steppe

State of California)
County of San Diego)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter