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Project ID # 2007-471

Type of Improvement: Sidewalk
Neighborhood: Adams

Approximate Length: 400 feet
Street Classification: Local Street

Applicant Description of Problem and/or Project:

Problem:

Sidewalks on Ballard Ave, esp. from Market to 29th NW were constructed in the mid 1970's using 12x18 inch unit pavers laid over a sand base. Tree growth has resulted in severe damage to these flimsy sidewalk surfaces. It is also very likely that damage occurs through erosion and abuse by vehicles parked or driving on sidewalk surfaces. Most of these sidewalk surfaces are in a condition unacceptable for safe travel. We hear many reports of tripping related injuries from visitors, patrons, as well as owners and employees of area businesses. These unit paver sidewalks on Ballard Ave must be replaced with poured concrete sidewalks whose surface is scored to match the pattern commonly seen on this street. These sidewalks should be replaced only after making adjustments to the street tree root systems crating the worst problems; or replacing inappropriate trees with a size or a variety appropriate to the location. We believe that the unit paver sidewalks on Ballard Ave represent a failure of design.

Suggested Project:

This proposal represents the third increment in efforts to replace the unit paver sidewalks on Ballard Ave. The first block face south of Market was replaced in 2006, a second block was replaced this spring. It is essential that this process continue until all hazardous sidewalks are replaced on Ballard Ave. The Ballard Ave Landmarks Dist Board has reviewed and approved the design for these new sidewalks throughout the landmarks district.

Potential Solution and/or Comments:

Ballard Avenue NW between Vernon Avenue NW and 20TH Avenue NW

- Remove and replace existing eight-foot sidewalk with new pavers.

Preliminary Range of Cost: \$ 220,000 to \$ 280,000