



District of Columbia Pedestrian Advisory Council

RESOLUTION REGARDING FUNDING FOR SIDEWALK CAPITAL INVESTMENT BACKLOG

WHEREAS, at the D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) meeting on June 24, 2013, Sam Zimbabwe, Associate Director of the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration, delivered a presentation to the PAC on Pedestrian Infrastructure, Accessibility and Safety; and

WHEREAS, in this presentation, Mr. Zimbabwe stated that DDOT receives approximately 3,000 sidewalk service requests each year at a cost of approximately \$13 million; and

WHEREAS, DDOT is able to complete only about 50 percent of these sidewalk service requests each year; and

WHEREAS, there is a total backlog in sidewalk capital investment needs of approximately \$22-28 million; and

WHEREAS, most of this backlog is on local streets that are not eligible for Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the *Sustainable DC Plan* calls for expanding safe and secure infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists in order to reach the goal of increasing walking and bicycling to 25 percent of all commuter trips by 2032; and

WHEREAS, moveDC, DDOT's Multimodal Long Range Transportation Plan, which is being developed, proposes an option in its policy primer that pedestrians should be "the District's highest transportation priority[;]" and

WHEREAS, Age Friendly Cities has conducted focus groups, and DC AARP has conducted a survey, and they have found that the condition of sidewalks are important for older adults to maintain their mobility as they hope to age in place in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Free Coalition has found that poor sidewalk conditions hamper mobility for those recovering from falls; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council recommends that the Mayor include \$28 million dollars in his Fiscal Year 2015 capital budget to ensure that DDOT has sufficient funding to address the backlog in sidewalk maintenance investment needs and assess sidewalk conditions every two years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council recommends that the D.C. Council approve \$28 million in capital funding to ensure that DDOT has sufficient funding to address the backlog in sidewalk maintenance investment needs and assess sidewalk conditions every two years.

Approved Unanimously on January 27, 2014