

#### **BENEFITS OF SIDEWALKS**

<u>Create</u> a safe pathway for pedestrians and young cyclists.

<u>Separate</u> pedestrian and young cyclists from motor vehicles.

<u>Provide</u> a path for travel for persons with disabilities.

<u>Promotes</u> safe access to schools and parks.

Enhance the aesthetics of our residential neighborhoods.



For more information on the sidewalk program Contact Public Works Department

To report sidewalk repairs or unsafe conditions 407-539-6252

Or to our

City Transportation Engineer cwallace@itsmymaitland.com

Residential Repair Forms are located on our website

itsmymaitland.com

#### **WEBSITE LINKS**

Walkable Communities www.walkable.org/links.htm

FHWA Course on Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\_bike/univcourse/swless02.htm

Sidewalk Safety Tips www.tewksbury.com/tsc/pages Page down to education 1.html

Pedestrian Safety and Education www.marincil.org/sidewalksite/edu\_pedestrian.html

FHWA Safety safety.fhwa.dot.gov/pedbike/univcourse/index.htm

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# NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK PROGRAM





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## **SIDEWALKS**



# THE PROCESS



## **DESIGN GUIDELINES**

Sidewalks will comply with the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), with a minimum of five foot width and have a detectable warning surface on the curb ramp.

Sidewalks are an important part of our transportation system. They are used by young and old, they connect our homes, neighborhood, parks, recreational facilities, schools, churches and businesses. A safe and aesthetic sidewalk space promotes neighborhood interaction and enhances property values as much as \$3,000 to \$5,000\*

\*FHWA Course on Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation (1999), Sec. 13.4.

#### RECENT SIDEWALK PROGRAM



#### **ALGONQUIN TRAIL**



- Interested residents meet with Public Works representative to define the project boundaries and scope. Residents gauge interest of the neighborhood by gathering signatures on a petition and submitting it to Public Works.
- 2. The petition is reviewed by city staff and the transportation advisory board. City staff formalizes an agreement based on the petition.
- The agreement is mailed to residents within the project boundaries for signature. At least 75% of the residents within the boundaries must sign the agreement for the project to automatically move forward.
- 4. Prior to entering into a construction contract three resolutions, in succession are introduced at City Council Meetings. The resolutions initiate the special assessment, establish the time and place for the public hearing and establish a lien.
- The city requests construction bids from contractors. (For Projects exceeding \$25,000).
- 6. A contractor is selected and begins work.
- 7. Work is completed by contractor and final inspection complete by the Department of Public Works.
- 8. Fourth, and final, resolution introduced at City Council. The resolution accepts the improvements and provides for an effective date related to payment of special assessment.



# **QUESTIONS?**

#### Q. Will sidewalks impact trees and plants?

A. Sidewalks can meander around trees and plants where practical. Replacement plants will be included in sidewalk construction projects.

# Q. Will sidewalks be placed on private property?

A. Sidewalks are placed in the legally designated right-of-way and not on private property.

# Q. Will sidewalks create opportunities for crime?

A. Sidewalks promote neighborhood activity. Increased activity is related to lower crime rates.

#### Q. Install sidewalks now or later?

A. In lieu of installing sidewalks at this current time, owners can pay into an escrow account for construction at a later date.