



LINDON CITY SIDEWALKS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

From time to time, residents present questions to the City Council regarding installation of sidewalks in the City. Below, you will find answers to some of the commonly asked questions regarding sidewalks in Lindon.

Why do some areas of the City have sidewalks, while other areas do not? Much the same as street lighting, during early development of the City, sidewalks were not a priority as compared to other essential services, such as sewer, water and roads. As population and traffic volumes in the City have increased over the years, sidewalks have become more of a priority. Installation of sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements is now required for any new development. The cost of improvements is paid by the developer, and typically passed on to homebuyers in the purchase price of the property.

What about the safety of our children walking to school? The City is currently working on a prioritized list for safe pedestrian walkways around schools in the community. The study used to prioritize projects will take into consideration a number of factors, including, traffic volume, average traffic speed, proximity to schools, and other designated pedestrian walkways in the area. Sidewalks or trails will be installed in prioritized areas as revenues are available. However, it may several years before any sidewalk projects are undertaken by the City.

Are there any other alternatives to sidewalks to create safe pedestrian corridors? In several areas in the City, including 400 East, 200 East and 400 north, paved areas have been widened during routine road maintenance projects. The extended paved area has been striped and can be used as a pedestrian area which provides a more consistent walking or running surface than a dirt shoulder. In addition, the recently completed phase of the Lindon Heritage Trail extends from 800 West and Lakeview Drive all the way to the Dry Canyon trail head. Additional grant funding has been obtained to extend the trail further to the west beginning in 2010. The trail and sidewalk system in Lindon provides safe pedestrian connectivity from neighborhoods to many schools and parks throughout the community.

Other than the prioritized plan, are there any other methods residents can use to request sidewalks in particular areas? Mayor Dain and the City Council welcome suggestions and comments from citizens at any time. Residents should keep in mind that while some members of the community may feel that sidewalks in a particular area should be a priority, other residents may appreciate the rural look and feel created by the absence of sidewalks. City officials must consider a variety of factors while trying to balance competing desires of the community within budget constraints. Residents should understand that the safety and well-being of residents is of the highest priority to the Mayor and City Council.

Please feel free to contact Mayor Dain or any member of the City Council if you have comments, questions or suggestions regarding sidewalks in the community. Contact information for City officials is available on the City website at www.lindoncity.org