



Councilmember Lori Droste  
District 8

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 16, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Lori Droste, Susan Wengraf, Linda Maio, and Sophie Hahn  
Subject: Protected Pedestrian Walkways

#### RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager and request that the Transportation Commission review and craft potential policy solutions—including but not limited to open or covered protected walkways—to improve pedestrian accessibility immediately surrounding construction or sidewalk upgrades.

#### BACKGROUND

With a recent increase in construction, pedestrians have sometimes been forced to walk into the street due to sidewalk inaccessibility.

Historically, pedestrians were the primary user of streets, and received right-of-way priority. Over time, vehicular traffic grew and the danger that automobile drivers posed to unprotected pedestrians has increased.

In order to improve public safety and pedestrian accessibility, the Transportation Commission and City Manager should review the City's existing policies around pedestrian walkways and develop proposals to prioritize safe walking adjacent to construction sites.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Staff time

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This referral would align with the second goal/metric, "Increase Cycling and Walking," under the first provision of Transportation and Land Use provision of the Climate Action Plan.

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