



*"A City for All Ages"*

# Sidewalk Master Plan 2021 Update



## Introduction

The purpose of the plan is to look at sidewalks strategically and to have a road map for connecting sidewalks throughout the City, thereby fulfilling the City's strategic goals to be safe and have vibrant neighborhoods. This makes the City more walkable, keeps students off busy roads allowing them to walk safely to schools, and gives residents an alternative to driving.

The City currently has more than 400 miles of sidewalk within the boundaries of the city. More than 200 miles are city owned and maintained, while the remaining sidewalks are on either private property (gated communities), on County Roads or on State Roads. Since the initial creation of the City's sidewalk program in 2006, the City has installed more than 40 miles of sidewalks at a cost in excess of \$17,00,000. The City has been highly successful in leveraging city funds with outside sources and continues to seek various grant opportunities.

The City aspires to install as much sidewalk as possible. The plan includes 1/2 cent sales tax funding, committed grant funding and city funds.

It is important to note that the City also increases the sidewalk inventory through other means such as roadway improvement projects. An example is the Floresta Drive improvements that will add an additional four miles of sidewalks.



## Background

During the 1960s, the developers of the City, General Development Corporation, only provided sidewalks within limited parts of the City, such as the Sandpiper/Club Med area. As the population increased, new wider roadways were needed that included sidewalks. As areas were annexed into the City, sidewalks became an essential element of the new developments.

## Goals

The goal of the sidewalk program is to progressively expand the sidewalk network to include sidewalks on major roadways with an emphasis on areas within a two-mile radius of schools and to provide sidewalks with direct connections between the major roadways. The purpose of this goal is to establish a network of connecting sidewalk rather than numerous non-connecting segments.



## Policies

The following policies will guide the development of the sidewalk network on City-owned road rights-of-way.

- Progressively expand the existing sidewalks to create an interconnected network.

- Provide sidewalks within a two-mile radius of elementary, middle, or high schools on major roadways. The school system does not provide bus service, unless hazardous conditions exist, is not provided within a two-mile radius of a school.
- Provide sidewalks on all major roadways due to greater traffic volumes and higher speeds.
- Provide neighborhoods with a connection to a major roadway sidewalk network.
- A sidewalk on a local street will be considered, on a case by case basis. For example, if a local road serves a school or park with obvious signs of regular pedestrian traffic (i.e., worn path) and provides a significant improvement to connectivity it may be considered for a sidewalk.
- Sidewalks should be on:
  - Both sides of new or improved arterial or collector roadways that are four or more lanes.
  - One side of roadways with two lanes except near a school or attractor where sidewalks may be provided on both sides of the roadway.
- Sidewalks will be coordinated with future roadway improvements.
- City Council will review the ten-year plan on an annual basis to modify the work plan adding new projects or addressing issues/conditions that may occur.



### Sidewalk Project Construction Schedule

Project	District	Construction Funding Source	Construction Schedule (FY)
Paar Dr - PSL Blvd to Savona Blvd	3	City	Complete
Paar Dr - Darwin Blvd to PSL Blvd	3	LAP	Complete
Tiffany Ave - School Site to Walton Rd	4	Sales Tax	Complete
Hillmoor Dr - Hospital to Woodstork Trail	4	Sales Tax	Complete
Hillmoor Dr - Lennard Rd to Playground	4	Sales Tax	Complete
Morningside Blvd – Treasure Island to Cambridge St	4	Sales Tax	Complete
Floresta Dr – Prima Vista Blvd to Airoso Blvd	4	CDBG	Complete
Southbend Blvd - Oakridge Dr to Eagle Dr	4	CDBG	Complete
Macedo Blvd - Selvitz Rd to St James Blvd	1	LAP	Complete
East Torino Pkwy - Vizcaya Falls to N. Delwood Dr	2	Sales Tax	Complete
West Torino Pkwy – California Blvd to Topaz Way	2	Sales Tax	Complete
Selvitz Rd - Milner Dr to Peachtree Blvd	1	Sales Tax	Complete
Import Dr - Gatlin Blvd to Savage Blvd	2	City/Sales Tax	2021/22
Paar Dr - Savona Blvd to Daemon St	3	City	Complete
Torino Pkwy - Cashmere Blvd to California Blvd	2	Sales Tax	Complete

Project	District	Construction Funding Source	Construction Schedule (FY)
Curtis St - Prima Vista Blvd to Floresta Dr	1	LAP	2021/22
Alcantarra Blvd - PSL Blvd to Savona Blvd	3	LAP	2021/22
Rosser Blvd - Open View Dr to Daemon St	3	City/Sales Tax	2022/23
Brescia St - Savage Blvd to Gatlin Blvd	2	City/Sales Tax	2023/24
North Tornio Pkwy – East Torino Pkwy to Blanton Rd.	2	City/Sales Tax	2024/25
Savage Blvd - Import Dr to Gatlin Blvd	2	City/Sales Tax	2023/24
Selvitz Rd - Floresta Dr to Bayshore Blvd	1	LAP	2022/23
Lakehurst Dr - Bayshore Blvd to Airoso Blvd	1	City/Sales Tax	2022/23
Volucia Dr - Blanton Blvd to East Torino Pkwy	2	City/Sales Tax	2023/24
Blanton Blvd – East to West Torino Pkwy	2	City/Sales Tax	2025/26
Sandia Dr - Thornhill Dr to Lakehurst Dr	1	Sales Tax	2020/21
Abingdon Ave - Import Dr to Savona Blvd	2	City/Sales Tax	2022/23
West Torino Pkwy – Topaz Way to Blanton Blvd	2	City/Sales Tax	2023/24
Kestor Dr - Darwin Blvd to Becker Rd	3	LAP	2024/25
Fairgreen Rd – Cadima St to Crosstown Pkwy	2	Sales Tax	2020/21
Cadima St - Fairgreen Rd to Galiano Rd	2	Sales Tax	2020/21
Galiano Rd - Cadima St to Import Dr	2	Sales Tax	2020/21
Charleston Dr – Green River Pkwy to Berkshire Blvd	4	City/Sales Tax	2026/27
Eyerly Ave - Bayshore Blvd to Airoso Blvd	1	City/Sales Tax	2025/26
Paar Dr – Darwin Blvd to Tulip Blvd	3	City/Sales Tax	2026/27
Carter Ave – Bayshore Blvd to Airoso Blvd	1	City/Sales Tax	2025/26
Berkshire Blvd – Melaleuca Blvd to Green River Pkwy	4	City/Sales Tax	2022/23
Berkshire Blvd - Blackwell PS to Melaleuca Blvd	4	City/Sales Tax	2026/27
Milner Dr – Midway Rd to Selvitz Rd	1	City/Sales Tax	2025/26
Grand Dr - Lennard Rd to Tiffany Ave	4	CDBG	2020/21
Cambridge Blvd – Morningside Bl to Morningside Bl	4	City/Sales Tax	2026/27
Peacock Trail – Gatlin park & Ride to Peacock Park	3	City Sales Tax	2026/27

Construction schedule subject to change due to funding source (i.e. grant) or funds available within a fiscal year which may be affected by construction costs.

- LAP - Florida Department of Transportation, Local Agency Program Grant
- CDBG – United States Governmental Community Development Block Grant
- City – Road and Bridge Fund
- Sales Tax – ½ Cent Sales Tax
- City/Sales Tax – Funding Source not yet determined
- Unfunded – Added Project, currently unfunded

**Funding**

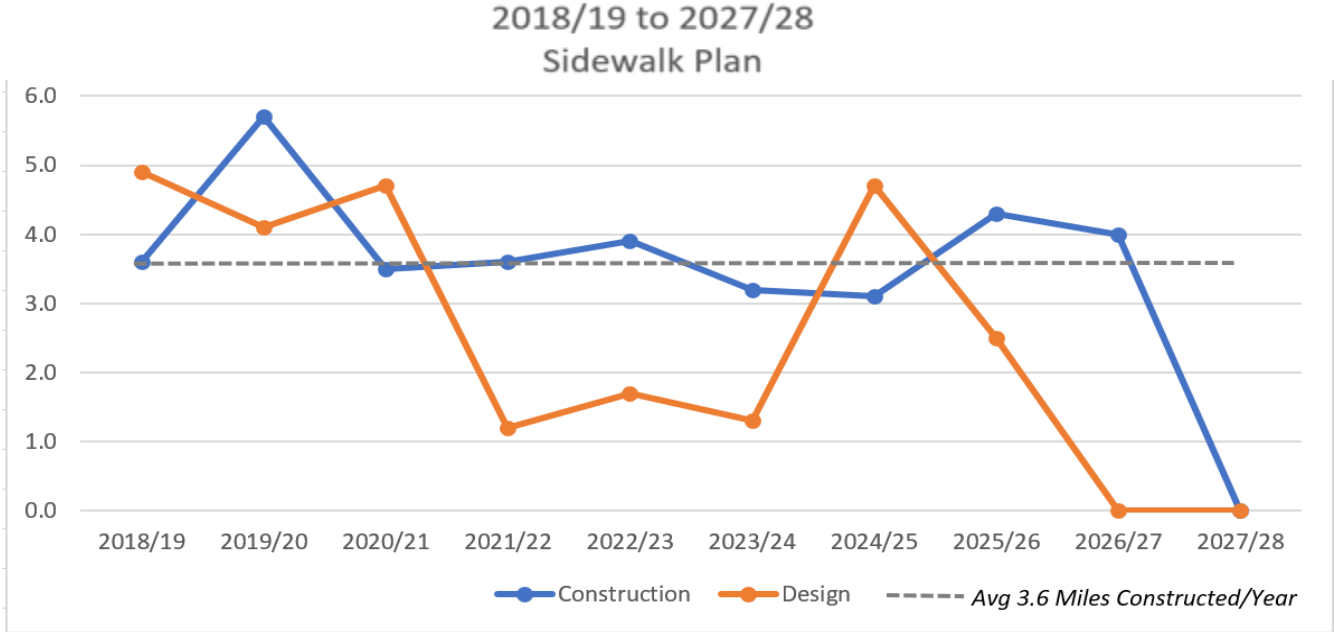
The Sidewalk Program is funded by the City’s Road & Bridge fund, proceeds from the Half-Cent Sales Tax, and various grants. The Road & Bridge fund budgets \$1,000,000 annually for sidewalks. The Half-Cent Sales Tax is anticipated to collect a total of \$88,000,000 over the ten-year period of which \$11,000,000 is to be allocated to sidewalks. Sidewalks are also funded through various grants from county, state and federal agencies.

Funding Source	Anticipated Funds									
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
City	1,000,000	1,000,000	750,000	750,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Half-Cent	450,000	1,890,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	960,000
LAP	457,887	379,625		648,794	500,000		650,000			
CDBG	288,431	278,473	275,000	*565,000						

\* New Projects

**Design & Construction**

The graph below depicts the miles of sidewalk in design or construction each year of the ten-year plan.



Since the initiation of the sidewalk program in 2006 and prior to the implementation of the 10-year Sidewalk Master Plan in 2018, the City constructed a total of 81.6 miles of sidewalk. Of the 81.6 miles, 48.1 were completed as part of roadway projects and 33.5 were completed as part of the sidewalk program. Through the first three years (18/19 & 20/21) of the 10-year Sidewalk Master Plan 10.2 miles have been constructed with an additional 2.6 miles under construction. The Master Plan anticipates 36.7 miles will be constructed over the ten year period with an additional 8.8 contributed from roadway projects for a total of 45.5 miles (excludes private development).