

Ordinance 772 – Increase Vehicle license fee by \$20

December 11, 2017



Review

- ✓ March 3 - Council Goalsetting Workshop Discussion on Sidewalk funding alternatives
- ✓ October 26 - Sidewalk Advisory Committee Meeting #4
- ✓ November 20 – Council Discussion on Sidewalk conditions and funding alternatives
- ✓ November 27 – Continued Discussion and Proposed Ordinance 772 to increase VLF
- ✓ November 30 – Sidewalk Advisory Committee Meeting #5 and recommendation
- ☐ December 11 – Scheduled adoption of VLF

Tonight

- Review of sidewalk conditions and needs
- Review of funding alternatives
- Summary of Sidewalk Advisory Committee
- Reasons for staff recommendation of \$20 VLF

Existing Sidewalk Conditions

- Approximately 74 miles of sidewalks
- Only 10.8 miles are fully ADA compliant
- Range of ADA issues
 - Cross-slope
 - Width
 - Displacements
 - Combination of issues

Funding Needed

Estimated funding needed for repair and retrofit of sidewalk and ramps is:

\$65 million - \$119 million



Ongoing Funding Alternatives

- Additional \$20/ vehicle license fee
 - Could support annual budget of \$680,000 per year for sidewalk repair; and
 - Could fulfill 10 YFSP Strategy #5- to replace GF contribution to Roads Cap Fund (funding sidewalks + \$100k/year for Transportation Capital Project Staffing)
- Additional Sales Tax of 0.2%
 - Could support annual budget of \$1.875M per year
- Voted Property Tax Measure
 - Levy Lid lift of \$0.10 could support annual budget of \$1.0M per yr.
 - Voted Bond Measure to support debt service



Summary of Funding for Repairs

- Current funding
 - \$180,000- \$200,000/year
- Estimated funding need for sidewalk and ramps
 - \$65 million - \$119 million

Sidewalk Advisory Committee

SAC met on November 30, 2017 and discussed the proposed VLF increase and the majority of the SAC members in attendance recommended:

- Not approving a \$20 VLF at this time;
- Hold the discussion on need for funding the repair and replacement of existing sidewalks with future discussions on funding for new sidewalks



Funding Recommendation

Staff Recommends:

Additional \$20/ vehicle license fee starting in January 2018

- Could support annual budget of \$680,000 per year for sidewalk repair; and
- Could fulfill 10YFSP Strategy #5



Why Vehicle License Fee

- Can support Debt or Pay as you go
- On-going funding for an on-going program
- Could be used to address highest priority repairs
- Could incorporate discussion of acceleration of repairs with new sidewalks
- Consistent use of VLF for maintenance
 - Existing \$20 is for pavement preservation



Why now

- Top priority for Council and in citizen surveys for years
- Need for repairs and replacement is significant now
- ADA Issues are apparent and have a high profile and some liability
- Allows focused voter discussion in 2018 on “new” sidewalks
- Can build priorities and schedule for repairs in the ADA Transition Plan based on this funding

Repair Timeline with VLF

- Approximately 100+ years to repair ALL identified repairs
- Could address highest priority repairs (Width, Discontinuity, and Slope) in 10-15 years

Impacts of Delay

- No guarantee of voter approval in the future
- Delays developing the program and beginning to make improvements
- Delays implementation of 10YSP

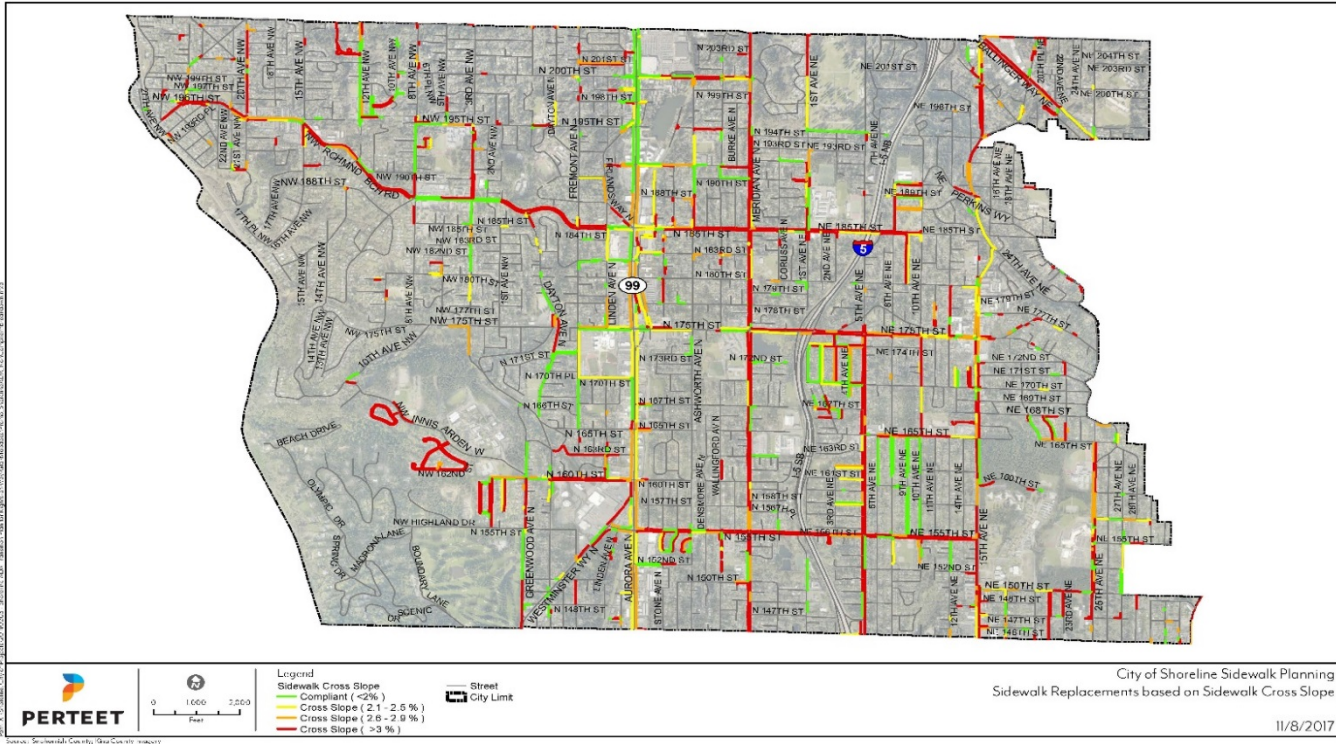
Council Action

I move to adopt Ordinance No. 772 as proposed by staff to increase the vehicle license fee by \$20.





Cross-slope



Source: Shoreline City, OpenStreetMap.org

Breakdown of results

