

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Does the town support the sidewalks?

A. The Town does support the installation of sidewalks if the majority of the neighborhood supports the project.

Q. Why are sidewalks being considered now?

A. The town is planning a major reconstruction of Maple Drive this summer. We have an opportunity to take advantage of the planned road construction activities to subsidize part of the installation of a sidewalk. Additionally, the traffic and speed on Maple Drive continues to increase and the safety concerns are at an all time high.

Q. Where are the sidewalks going?

A. There are no final plans and therefore the placement of the sidewalks flexible. Tentative design plans have a sidewalk running down Edinger and the east side of Maple Drive connecting the High school to the crosswalk at E. Genesee St. Many neighbors have requested sidewalks on both sides of Maple Drive.

Q. Will I be required to shovel them?

A. No, the sidewalk would be a designated snow shelf and homeowners would not have to shovel them.

Q. Will a lot of trees, shrubs and landscaping be removed?

A. Everyone is committed to preserving as much of the current landscaping and trees as possible. The Town Engineer and Highway Department will work with neighbors to address specific concerns.

Q. What will the sidewalks look like?

A. The current plan is to have a "meandering" sidewalk that is closer to the road in some spots and where space allows there will be more grass between the sidewalk and the curb. This will help maintain and even enhance the character of the neighborhood.

Q. How will the sidewalks be paid for?

A. We will leverage road construction activities (as mentioned above) and take advantage of grants that are currently available. The total estimated cost for the sidewalk district (which includes over 440 homes and 24 businesses) would be approximately \$60 per \$150,000 assessed value. This cost would go down if additional grants are secured.

Q. What are the next steps?

A. First is gauging the overall interest of our neighbors. If, the majority of people seem to be in favor of the project then the Town will send out a survey to confirm this interest. From there we will have further meetings and most likely a petition.