



Houston Public Works **Sidewalk Program** constructs new sidewalks and ramps along streets leading to schools, major thoroughfares and improves accessibility for people with disabilities\*.

\*The Pedestrian Accessibility Review process is managed through the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

**Why is the Sidewalk Program only for new sidewalks and not the repair of existing sidewalks?**

According to City of Houston [Code of Ordinances Article III, Sections 40-83 & 84](#) property owners of the adjoining sidewalk are responsible for the repair of existing sidewalks.

**Who maintains sidewalks, curbs and ramps after they are built?**

After constructed, property owners of the adjoining sidewalk are responsible for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks.

**Does the Americans with Disabilities Act require the City to provide sidewalks?**

No. However, when the City builds a sidewalk it must be accessible to persons with disabilities to the extent technically feasible.

**What is the average length of time between a request and new sidewalk construction?**

The length of time between a request and new sidewalk construction depends on the type of request, available program funding and number of requests received.

**How can I check the status of my request for a new sidewalk?**

Visit <http://services.publicworks.houstontx.gov/safe-sidewalk-tracking-status.htm>

**Up to how many feet of new sidewalk can be requested?**

Up to four blocks can be requested for school and major thoroughfares. The Pedestrian Accessibility Review program provides up to 1,500 feet.

**What can be done to prevent tree roots from damaging sidewalks?**

Trees planted around sidewalks should be restricted to species with vertically growing roots, rather than horizontally. Root barriers should be installed while planting trees.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**Typical width of sidewalk in the City of Houston?** 5-feet

**Required width of sidewalk if it is connected to the curb?** Minimum 6-feet