# PROPOSED REVISIONS 10/31/2024

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# I. POLICY

It is the policy of Orange County to provide sidewalks on <u>at least</u> one side of every Orange County Roadway to <u>serve all users and to</u> provide safety for pedestrians. Sidewalk priority shall be to provide safe access to Elementary, Middle and High Schools, to <u>connect and complete existing sidewalk networks</u>, and to allow a safe and secure method to travel by foot <u>or assistive device</u> for exercise and <u>for mobility</u>, and to complete existing sidewalk networks. All new sidewalks will Every pedestrian route and facility constructed shall be A.D.A. compliant <u>and be readily accessible to and usable by persons</u> with rampsdisabilities, to enhance usability and safety <u>features</u>. <u>for all</u>.

### II. PROCEDURES

A. The Public Works Engineering Division Department, through the budgeting process, shall submit a request for construction funding for sidewalks to the Board of County Commissioners. In the request for construction funding, the Public Works Department shall assess all missing sidewalks and gaps to produce a Master Sidewalk Priority List, ranked by approved criteria; all applicable safety plans accepted by the Board of County Commissioners; and public input. The Master Sidewalk Priority List shall be updated as needed. The Student/Pedestrian Safety Committee ("Committee") shall prioritize all new sidewalk requests within two (2) miles of Elementary, Middle and High Schools based on the Committee's assessment of those sidewalk requests, conditions, or needs, as updated from time to time.

The Student/Pedestrian Safety Committee shall consist of:

- Two representatives from the Orange County Traffic Engineering Division
- Two representatives from the Orange County School Board Public Schools



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- One representative from the Florida Department of Transportation District Five
- One representative from the Orange County Sheriff's School Crossing Guard Program
- Two representatives from <u>the Public Works Engineering/Design</u> Section
- One representative from the Orange County Sheriff's Office
- Two representatives from the City of Orlando
- Any other municipalities within Orange County may participate by sending one representative
- B. Public requests for new sidewalks and public input on prioritization will be considered in the prioritization process. The Master Sidewalk Priority List will be posted on the County's website with a request/comment form. If an interested group of citizens requests the construction of a sidewalk and there are no capital improvement funds available to implement the project, the County may assist by establishing a special taxing district to fund the project.
- C. Requests for construction of sidewalks within two (2) miles of a school shall be submitted to the Student/Pedestrian Safety Committee by the Public Works Engineering Division or Traffic Engineering Division. Depending on available funding, the sidewalk request shall be programmed based on prioritization criteria established by the Committee, which, in accordance with Federal Executive Order 12898, shall include the Committee approvesidentification and prioritizes addressing of disproportionately adverse effects of an agency's programs, policies, and activities on minority and lower-income populations. All potentially affected communities shall receive full and fair participation in the decision-making process and the prevention of the denial, reduction, or significant delay in benefits from Orange County's programs, services, and projects, as required by Federal Executive Order 12898.
- D. Once the Committee approves and prioritizes—From the Master Sidewalk Priority List and the Committee's approved and prioritized the list of requests, Public Works Engineering or Traffic Engineering shall coordinate the design and construction of new sidewalk projects. Sidewalks shall be constructed in conjunction with road-widening projects and drainage constructions projects, whenever practical.
- E. The Roads and Drainage Division is responsible for the repair of existing sidewalk projects.—The Highway Construction Division is responsible for the construction of new sidewalks.
- F. The Roads and Drainage Division is responsible for the inspection and repair of existing County-maintained sidewalks.



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