

SIDEWALKS, ROADS & BRIDGES

CITY OF  
KANSAS CITY,  
MISSOURI

# SIDEWALK PROGRAM

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## Public Meetings for Zone #2

August 26, 2019

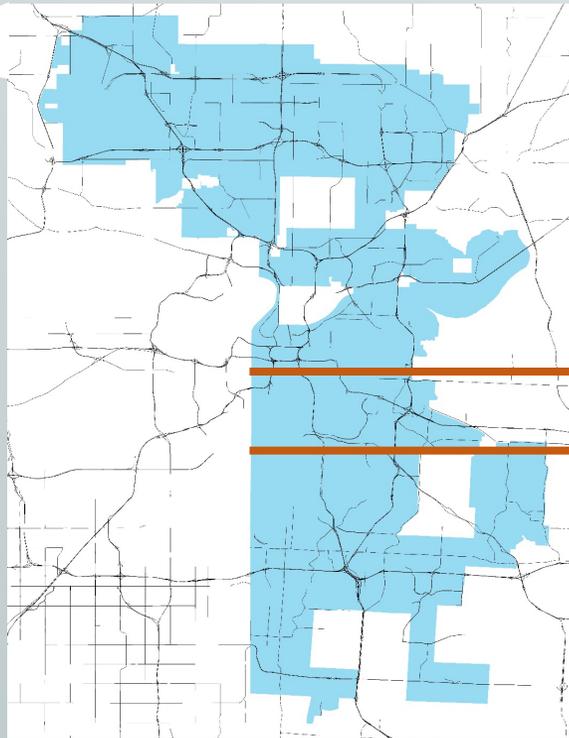
September 4, 2019

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# Tonight's Meeting

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- Welcome
- GO KC Sidewalk Program
- Citywide design inspections
- Zone #2
- Next steps



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# Project Background and Timeline

KC Walkability Plan (2003)

Trails KC (2009)

Sidewalk Out of Repair Criteria (2013)

GO KC Sidewalk Program (2017)

Sidewalk Demand Analysis (2017)

General Obligation Bond (GO Bond) (2017)

Sidewalk Spot Repair Programs (2018)

**Systematic Sidewalk Inspection Program (2019)**

Sidewalk Replacement Programs (2022 and on)



A photograph of a sidewalk with a large circular white overlay on the left side containing text. The sidewalk is made of concrete slabs and is bordered by a grassy area and a fence in the background. The text is centered within the white circle.

# GO KC Sidewalk Program

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- **Question No. 1** on the **April 2017 ballot** called for approval of the issuance of \$600 million in bonds to repair streets, bridges, and sidewalks
  - Promise to create a city-funded sidewalk repair program that would eliminate homeowner assessments
  - \$150 million dedicated to sidewalks

Image Source:

<http://northeastnews.net/pages/go-bond-back-sidewalk-repair-program-taking-shape/>

# Sidewalk Spot Repair

- Begin with construction of a shovel-ready backlog of spot repairs
- 311 Requests from 2008-2016
- City Council approved the first two contracts for the first round of backlog spot repairs in December 2018
- **GO KC Year-One:** 79 blocks of sidewalk and 241 ADA corner ramps were completed (2018)
- **GO KC Year-Two:** 15 of 89 blocks of sidewalk are completed (2019)



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# Systematic Sidewalk Inspection Program

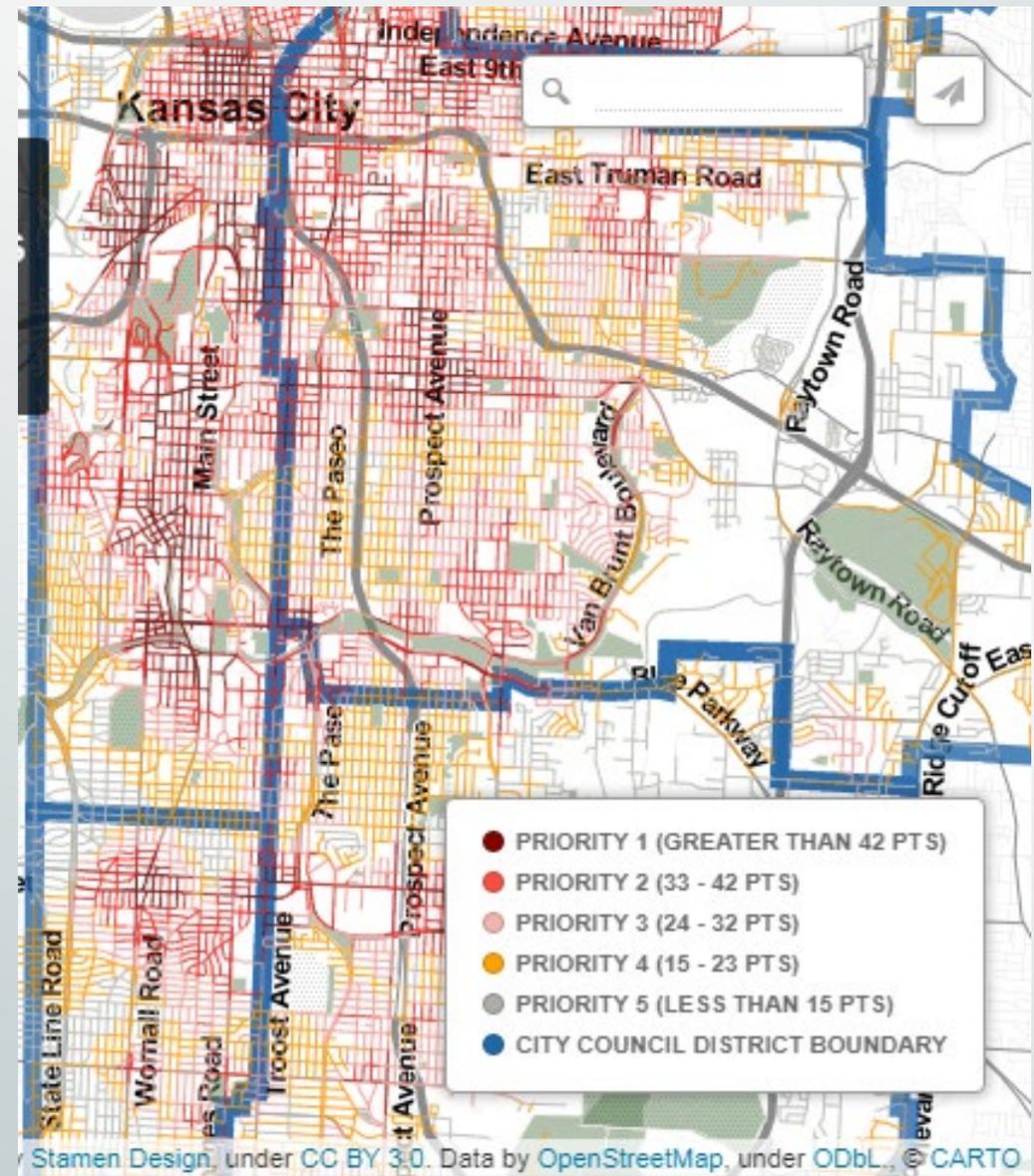
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- Sidewalk prioritization matrix and point system was adopted by city Council
- Data-driven points system to prioritize inspections
- Developed through meetings with Councilman Wagner's sidewalk working groups and other stakeholder groups
- Informed by the success of other cities using a similar processes
- There are 2,200 miles of sidewalk in Kansas City. In 2019-2020, approximately 750 miles will be inspected through the city-wide design inspections

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# How Prioritization Points Were Assigned

- Schools (8 points)
- Libraries (8 points)
- Community Centers (8 points)
- Hospitals and Safety Net Providers (8 points)
- Median Household Income (3, 5, 8 points)
- Transit Stops (3, 5, 8 points)
- Parks (5 points)
- Grocery Stores/Markets (5 points)
- Arterial Streets (5 points)
- Vehicle Access (3, 4, 5 points)
- Population Density (1-5 points)
- Employment Density (1-3 points)
- Transportation Terminals (1 point)



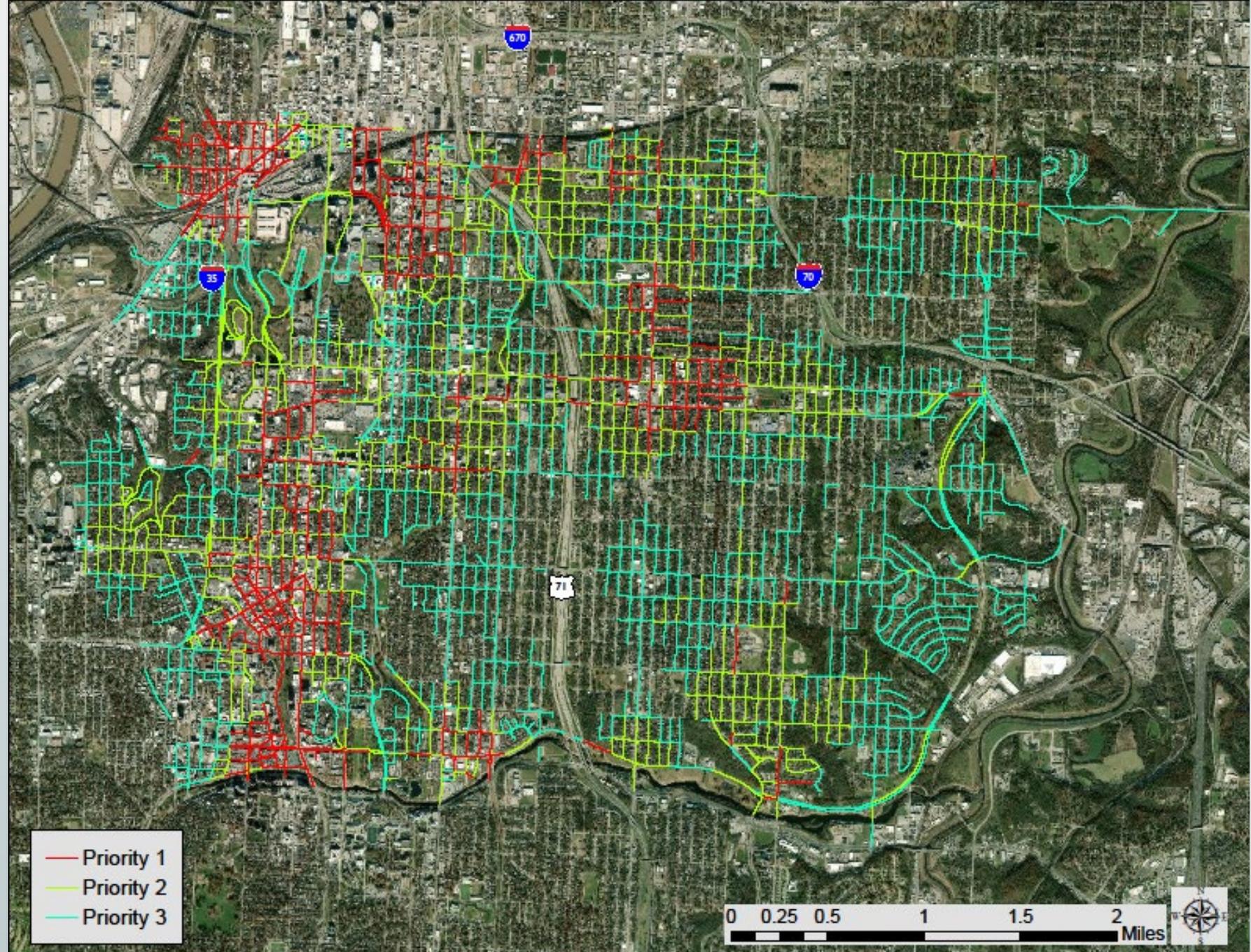
## 2017 Sidewalk Demand Analysis

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# Zone #2

20<sup>th</sup> St. - 48<sup>th</sup> St.



# Inspection Crews



# Sidewalk Replacement Program

## **Sidewalk replaced** if any of these criteria are met:

- There is a horizontal gap of ½" or more.
- There is a vertical lip of ½" or more between sidewalk panels or curb.
- It is constructed out of anything but concrete or brick.
- It is good, but is 25' or less between two replacements and is preventing proper alignment or drainage.

## **Curb ramps replaced** if any of these criteria are met:

- Sidewalk out of repair criteria.
- Is obviously out of ADA compliance.

## **Overgrowth removed** if any of these criteria are met:

- Encompasses multiple sections
- Encompasses a complete section



# Tonight's Open House Meeting Goals

**We need your feedback on:**

- **Sidewalk inspection issues**
- **Sidewalk replacement challenges**
- **Sidewalk replacement priorities**

Share these thoughts with the staff here tonight, use the comment forms, or contact the City Public Works Department at:

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