

SCHEDULE

Participants may sign up at any time. To be on the next construction season's repair program, property owners must have signed up prior to February of the new year. After February, time is needed to finalize participants and design the projects. Projects will be put in a competitive bid process with the lowest bid(s) being accepted. Once bids have been accepted, construction will start soon after. All work will be coordinated and supervised by the Engineering Department.



Picture shows a sidewalk panel lifted creating a trip hazard.

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Volunteer Sidewalk Replacement Program

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Information on Sidewalk Replacement



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About the Program



Picture shows a broken sidewalk creating a trip hazard.

The Voluntary Sidewalk Replacement Program (VSWRP) offered by the City of Helena is a loan package available to property owners to help offset the cost of sidewalk replacement.

This is a low-interest loan over a period of 10 years. A statement

is sent in December of the year the replacement occurred that explains the total amount due and the 3 payment options (pay in full, partial payment with remaining amount spread over 10 years, and no initial payment with full amount spread over 10 years).

It is easy to participate in the VSWRP. Just call the City of Helena Engineering Department at 447-8431. The information that you will need to provide is your contact information, the physical address of repair, and what you want repaired so you can be put on the repair list.

What to Replace

When deciding what sections of your sidewalk need replacement, it is important to look for trip hazards and/or deteriorating sections of sidewalks, curb and gutter, and drive approaches.

A sidewalk trip hazard is any elevation between sidewalk sections or on a sidewalk that exceeds ½ inch. Thus, any uneven, cracked, or broken surface on a sidewalk or any elevation between sidewalk sections that is more than ½ inch is considered a trip hazard.

If you have additional concrete work on your property that you wish to have done at the same time, you will need to pay for it separately.



A view of Helena from Mount Helena.

Replacement & Repair Policy

The City of Helena has an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy for sidewalks within city right-of-way. Addressed in this policy is the replacement and repair of existing sidewalks, drive approaches, and ramps. The conditions are as follows:

1. All replacement and repair work will be done to federal ADA standards.
2. All replacement and repair work on City intersections must be replaced with ADA ramps.
3. Extent of replacement for any complaint driven repairs (including but not limited to broken and displaced slabs, scaling and spalling, standing water, elevation changes, settlement, cross slope, drive approach construction, and non-complaint ADA ramps) will be determined by City Public Works Director or designee.
4. ADA ramps must be brought up to current federal ADA standards if the repair or replacement is within 5 lineal feet of the ADA ramp or street crossing or more than 60% of lineal frontage of sidewalk is new or replaced. This also includes drive approaches.

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