



City Torrance, Public Works Department

Sidewalk Repair for Handicap Accessibility Project – CDBG 2012/13, Area 1: North Torrance

Community Meeting Question & Answers

Thursday, January 24, 2012 at 7 PM

1. Introductions – City Staff in Attendance

- A. Beth Overstreet, PE – Engineering Manager, project manager
- B. Lauren Sablan, PE – Civil Engineering Associate, project designer
- C. Judy Emerson, CA – Streetscape Manager
- D. Randy Jacobs, CA – Streetscape Supervisor

2. Project Description

- A. The purpose of this project is to repair sidewalks for handicap accessibility which will include any incidental work, such as the root pruning or removal of trees, repairs to the curb and gutters, and driveways.
 - B. Construction of this project is due to begin in June 2013
 - C. Project Map - see map attached at end of this document
 - 1. Gray – means Concrete work adjacent to property
 - 2. Brown Circles – means that existing trees will remain, however will be root pruned, Number indicates the number of trees impacted at that location
 - 3. Green Circles with number – means that number of existing trees will be removed and replaced on that property
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3. Impacts to Residents – Notices will be delivered to residents at least 3 days prior to starting work at a location.

A. Closure of Sidewalks –Approximately 1 week during construction, which will be signed, access on opposite side of street will be available.

B. Parking Restrictions - “No Parking” Signs with times and dates will be posted at least 48 hours in advance of restriction, vehicles can be towed,

C. Access to Driveways – When driveway aprons or adjacent sidewalks are being repaired, driveways will be unusable during the working hours. Also while curing, access to the driveways will be unavailable for 24 hours.

D. Street Sweeping – Will be done by contractor as needed, therefore the City schedule will not be maintained during construction

E. Trash Collection – City’s schedule will be maintained. Please remember that all trash and recycling must be out by 7:00 a.m. on your appointed pick up day.

4. Questions from Residents

Q: What are the limits of driveway work?

A: The City will repair, at affected locations, the driveway apron that is within the public right-of-way. In general, this is the area between the sidewalk and the street.

Q: Will the City repair the pavement as well?

A: The pavement that is impacted by the City trees will be repaired as part of this project.

Q: Will the trees that are being removed be replaced?

A: Yes, it is the City’s policy to replace any trees that will be removed as part of this project.



Q: What is the criterion for tree removal?

A: The City engineering staff identified the sidewalk repairs that would need to be done for handicap accessibility. Then one of the City's arborists analyzed the tree's stability taking into consideration the proposed work. The trees were either identified as able to be root pruned or as needing to be removed. Should you have questions regarding a specific tree, please contact the Streetscape Division of the Public Works Department at 1-310-781-6900 during regular business hours.

Q: I received the notice to this meeting today (1/24/13), is this normal or usual practice for advertising meetings?

A: It was our intent that residents receive the notices earlier. The notices for this meeting were dropped off at the post office on 1/18/13. While some residents received their notices on 1/22/13, it seems others received them later. Unfortunately, with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, mail delivery was behind.

Q: Who is in charge of tree trimming?

A: For additional maintenance such as trimming, call the Streetscape Division of the Public Works Department at 1-310-781-6900 during regular business hours.

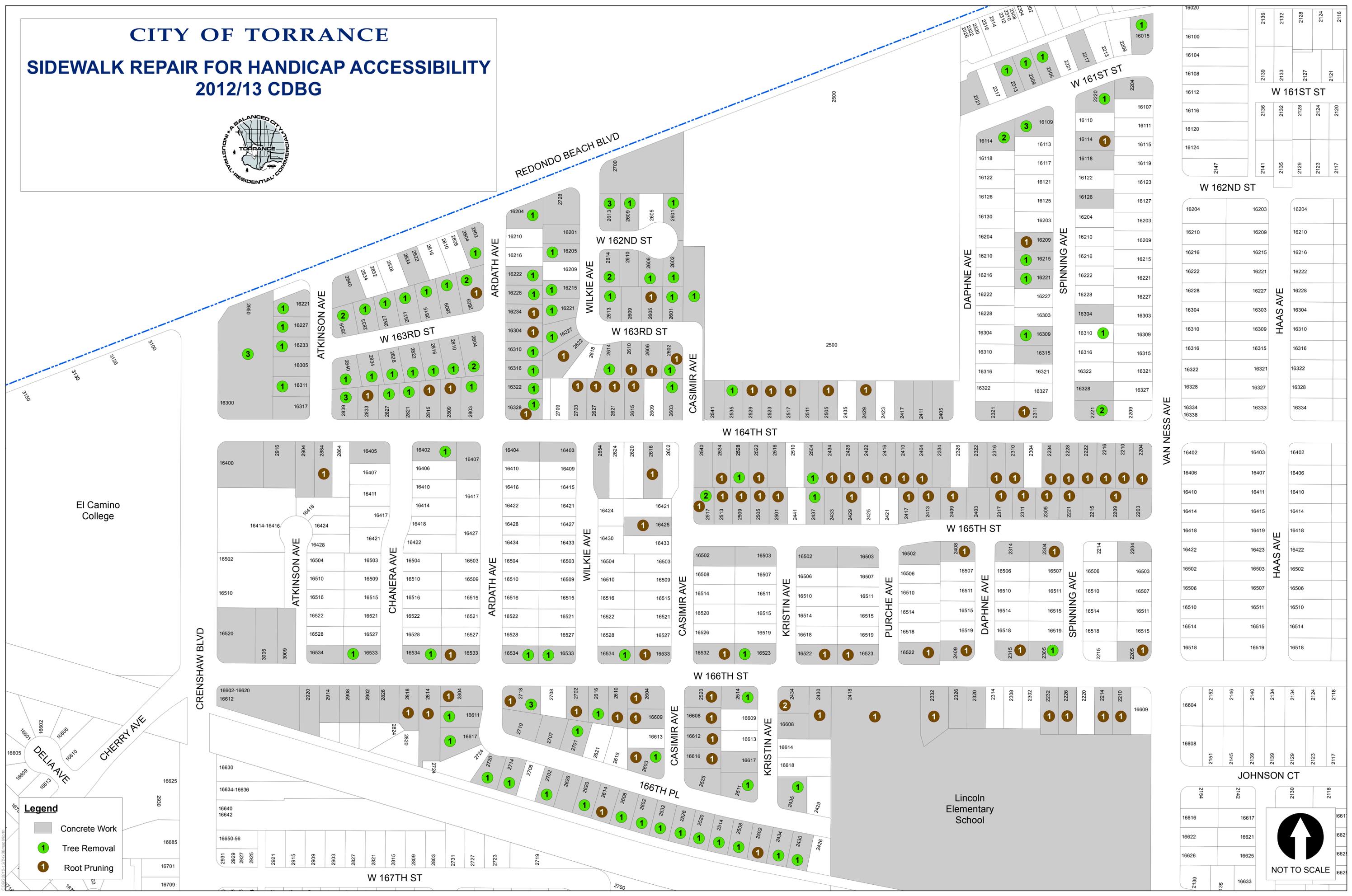
Q: Will the City repair damage to private property (i.e. sewer line or driveway) that is caused by a City tree?

A: Contact the City's Risk Management Division at 1-310-618-2950. In regards to sewer issues, please refer to the City's Tree Related Sewer Lateral Policy at <http://www.torranceca.gov/3471.htm> for additional information.

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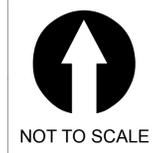
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Legend

- Concrete Work
- Tree Removal
- Root Pruning



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