



**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION  
MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 28, 2024

**TO:** Parking and Public Improvements Commission

**FROM:** Erick Lee, Public Works Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Status Update on the Aviation Boulevard Sidewalk Gap Project

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission receive and file the status update on the Aviation Boulevard Sidewalk Gap Project.

**BACKGROUND**

The City manages an extensive streets system, which includes roadways, bike lanes, sidewalks, parking, signage, and other associated items. The City's 2019 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan identified the segment of missing sidewalk on the west side of Aviation Boulevard, just north of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, as a gap in ADA accessibility.

**DISCUSSION**

Based on the insights from the 2019 ADA Transition Plan, the project was prioritized. A Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) grant application was successful in bringing in funding for the project. The installation of this missing sidewalk will afford a safe access route for the community, especially seniors and individuals with disabilities, who travel by public transportation to reach nearby retail businesses.

The design and subsequent construction take into account the need for a safe access route for all while considering the need for the lowest possible impact on the livelihood of the residents,

visitors, and business owners. The project entails installation of sidewalk, ADA compliant curb ramps, grading, retaining wall, fencing, driveway, and landscaping. Additionally the project requires the removal of 11 conflicting trees that will be replaced onsite and elsewhere in the City at a two-to-one ratio.

At this time the City's design team are in discussions with three property owners to secure easement dedications and temporary construction easements.

It is crucial to note that driveway access to commercial properties will be temporarily impacted during the construction phases. The construction phasing and driveway access will be communicated to affected businesses in advance of the construction start date. Construction is on an arterial roadway as such travel lanes shall only be impacted between 9:00AM and 3:30PM unless otherwise approved by the City Traffic Engineer. Anticipated travel lanes to be impacted is the number 1 lane adjacent to the properties and the right turn pocket for 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (Private Roadway). Impacted driveways will be steel plated after construction hours.

The Project is anticipated to be advertised for construction bids in summer 2024. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2024, and last approximately four months.

#### **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION, OUTREACH, AND COMMENT**

Targeted outreach will occur before the start of construction to properties located near and/or adjacent to construction activities. Additionally, message boards will be placed southbound on Aviation Boulevard in advance of construction to alert commuters of the project. Notifications will also be sent to the Cities of El Segundo and Hawthorne. The City's project website with up-to-date information can be found at <https://www.manhattanbeach.gov/aviation>

#### **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the Commission receive and file the status update on the Aviation Boulevard Sidewalk Gap Project.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

- A. [Site Overview Design Plans \(Link\)](#)