



SIDEWALK CRITERIA EVALUATION

Safety

Projects that are intended to address existing safety concerns, in which the completion of the project will enhance or improve the safety operations, will receive up to 20 points. Additional documents, i.e. crash history, injury network, etc. will need to be submitted to qualify under this category. Projects located on the high injury network or have significant prevalent crash reports will automatically receive 20 points.

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POINTS MAX

Connectivity to High Pedestrian Generators

High pedestrian generators are facilities such as schools, parks, trails, etc. that experience an increase in walking activity. Projects located within the vicinity of high pedestrian generators will score higher under this category. See table below for scoring.

VICINITY TO PEDESTRIAN GENERATOR	SCORE
Within ½ mile radius*	20
Within 1 mile radius*	10
Greater than 1 mile radius	5

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POINTS MAX

If a project is not within a vicinity of a high pedestrian generator, a traffic data firm may be used to analyze the number of pedestrians in the vicinity of the project. If a project is not within a vicinity of a high pedestrian generator but the number of pedestrians counted meet the conditions listed below, the project will automatically receive 10 points.

- more than 20 pedestrians per hour in any given hour
- 18 pedestrians per hour in any given two hours within a 24-hour period
- 15 pedestrians per hour in any given three hours within a 24-hour period

* If an area is located near a school, the area will need to be zoned to the school to receive the score.

Project Readiness/Complexity

To ensure that project funding is allocated and expensed at the appropriate time, a project may be divided into different phases, and/or scored based on the complexity, and when a project is anticipated to go to construction. For example, a project along a roadway that is curb and gutter with minimal utilities and right-of-way acquisition will require minimal study/design effort. Therefore, it is easier to anticipate when the project will start construction. Projects that have significant drainage improvements (large roadside ditches) or require right-of-way and utility relocation will take longer in study/design and are more difficult to anticipate when construction will start.

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POINTS MAX

If a project is identified to score high on the other categories but requires significant study/design, Precinct 3 may elect to do a cost-share for the study/design of the project only and re-evaluate the construction cost-share when the project is closer to being construction ready. See table below for scoring.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCOPE	SCORE (up to)
Minimal to no right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, driveways*, and/or reconstruction of drainage infrastructure required	20
Some right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and/or driveways* within project vicinity. Minimal to no reconstruction of drainage infrastructure required	10
All others	5

* Projects that have multiple residential driveways will require the Homeowner’s Association (HOA) or the Municipal Utility District/Water District/Public District to work with the homeowners directly and get concurrence prior to initiating the project.

Level of Partner Participation and/or Funding Commitment

Harris County Precinct 3 requires a minimum of 50% cost-share contribution from its partners (i.e. HOAs, MUDs, etc.). Projects with a higher cost-share contribution from the funding partner will score higher. The cost-share percentage factors in engineering and construction-related costs. If the funding partner is funding 100% of the engineering costs or has a project that is construction ready, the project will receive additional points (see Other Considerations Criteria). See table below for scoring.

FUNDING PARTNER'S MATCH	PRECINCT 3'S MATCH	SCORE
70%	30%	30
60%	40%	20
50%	50%	10

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The construction estimate for sidewalk is \$100-\$150 per linear foot (5' wide sidewalk along a curb and gutter roadway). In general, the estimate includes adjustments to manholes and valve boxes, driveway modifications (as needed), ramp modifications, slope regrading, etc. that is typically needed on a sidewalk project. The estimate does not include installation of storm sewer or roadway reconstruction that may also be identified as necessary for the sidewalk installation.

Other Considerations

Sponsorships or Other Funding Sources

If the project has other funding sources identified, the project will receive up to 10 points.

Engineering/ Construction Management Services

If the Funding Partner has an engineering firm completing the design of the sidewalk (which includes submittals to Permits Office), the project will automatically receive 5 points.⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

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POINTS MAX

If the Funding Partner is bidding the project and managing the construction of the sidewalk, the project will automatically receive 5 points.

If the Funding Partner is providing both engineering and construction management services, the project will automatically receive 10 points.

ALL PROJECTS MUST BE ALONG ROADWAYS MAINTAINED BY HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 3 TO BE CONSIDERED.
PROJECTS ADAJCENT TO CHANNELS, DETENTION PONDS, ETC. ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

¹ Projects in which the County is managing construction may be eligible for “No Final Accounting”. If the partner elects this option, the party will remit full payment, based on the agreed upon cost share, at the time of the contract execution and receipt of invoice. The County will be responsible for any potential overages; however the partner will also not be reimbursed if the actual cost is below the agreed upon cost share.

² For projects in which the Funding Partner is providing the engineering services and the County is managing the construction and the Funding Partner is requesting cost share for the engineering services, the agreement will be written such that the engineering cost would be a deduct from the estimated construction cost.