



BRICK STREETS + SIDEWALKS POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

Goal: Develop a Brick Streets and Brick Sidewalks Policy to be implemented City-wide

- * Policy developed by staff, with the guidance from this subcommittee and the public.
- * Staff to write a staff report with public engagement summary, history overview, and spec sheets + maps (if applicable).

Timeline: Policy adopted in Fall 2024

- * Funding for sidewalk improvement in 2024 approved budget.

Responsibility of Subcommittee: Attend meetings and provide guidance.

- * Four planned subcommittee meetings (schedule TBD)
- * Assist spreading the word to your networks for public engagement activities

INTRODUCTIONS

- **Your name**
- **What group / organization you represent**
- **Favorite city you've been a pedestrian in & why**

BACKGROUND

Lawrence has been working to develop a Brick Streets + Sidewalk Policy for quite some time.

HISTORY

Ongoing effort for over 10 years

2011: City Auditor recommends the City establish guidance on maintaining streets that are brick and asphalt over brick.

2013: City staff worked with the Historic Resources Commission and neighborhood associations to understand brick street concerns and gather feedback. (East/ West discussion)

2014: City staff presented a proposed brick street maintenance policy to the City Commission.

2017: Brick Street + Sidewalk Policy reintroduced to City Commission by City Auditor and Public Works Director as a priority.

2020: City staff met with Neighborhood Advocacy Group to discuss brick streets and sidewalk concerns. This group proposed a policy to staff with their recommendations to the City.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The comprehensive plan (Plan 2040) identifies brick streets and sidewalks as a **community resource** and states the following goals:

"Maintain, protect, and restore existing brick streets, sidewalks, and hitching posts within Lawrence."

...and...

"Formalize a review process for all public improvements to determine potential effects on preservation efforts."

EDUCATION

Existing brick streets and brick sidewalks are an asset to the City of Lawrence.

They also pose a challenge to maintain and can be a major hurdle for building an accessible pedestrian network in the City.

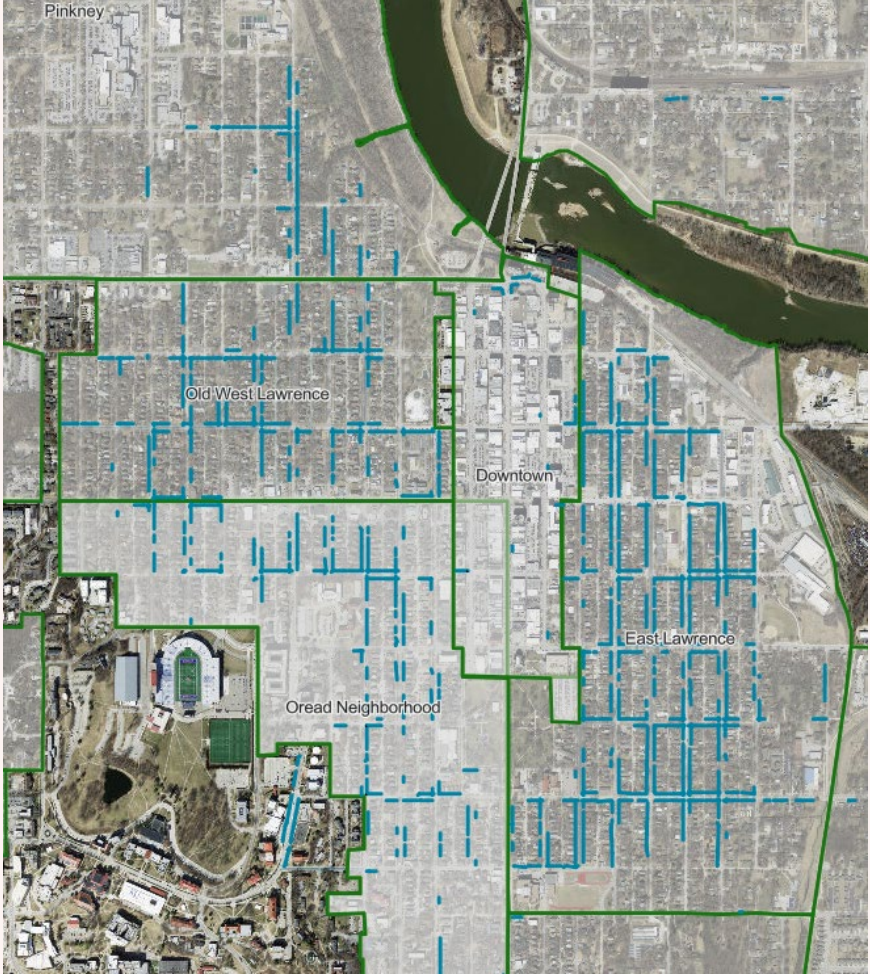
Street Maintenance: City responsibility, work done by MSO Dept or their contractors.

Sidewalk Maintenance: Per [K.S.A. 12-1808](#) the property owner is responsible for sidewalk repairs and keeping the sidewalk in good condition. City has previously developed a sidewalk improvement program where sidewalks in poor condition were identified, and plans were set to remedy these issues.

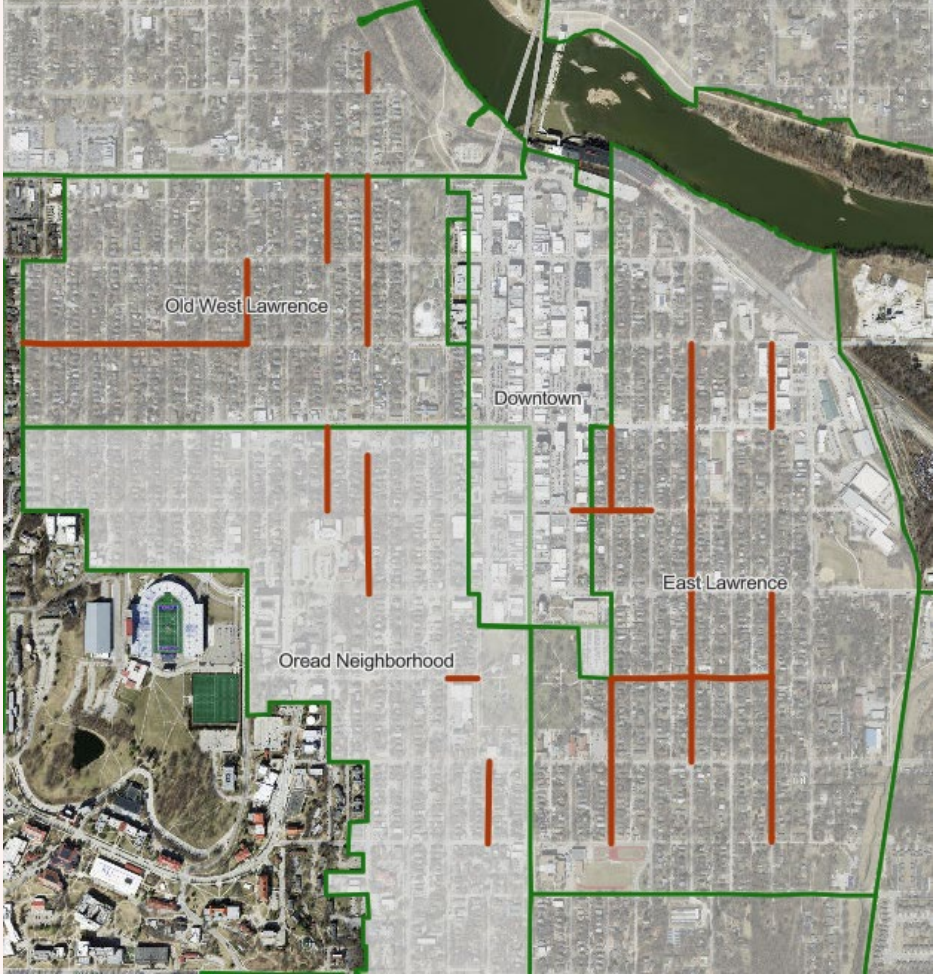
Identifying where brick streets and sidewalks should be prioritized for preservation and maintenance through this policy will provide staff and the public a better set of clear expectations.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

BRICK SIDEWALKS



BRICK STREETS



EXISTING CONDITIONS



ACTIVITY

VALUES EXERCISE

Pick 3 values from the following list that stand out to you when thinking of Brick Streets and Sidewalks.

Belonging

Charm

Community

Connection

Cost

Durability

Empowerment

Equity

Freedom

Growth

Independence

Integrity

Leisure

Pride

Reliability

Safety

Sustainability

Tradition

Travel

Uniqueness

VALUES EXERCISE

Please describe why you picked those values.

VALUES EXERCISE

Common ground & Trade-offs

VALUES EXERCISE

How important are the following values to you when considering Brick Streets and Brick Sidewalks

**1- Not
Important**

**5-Very
Important**

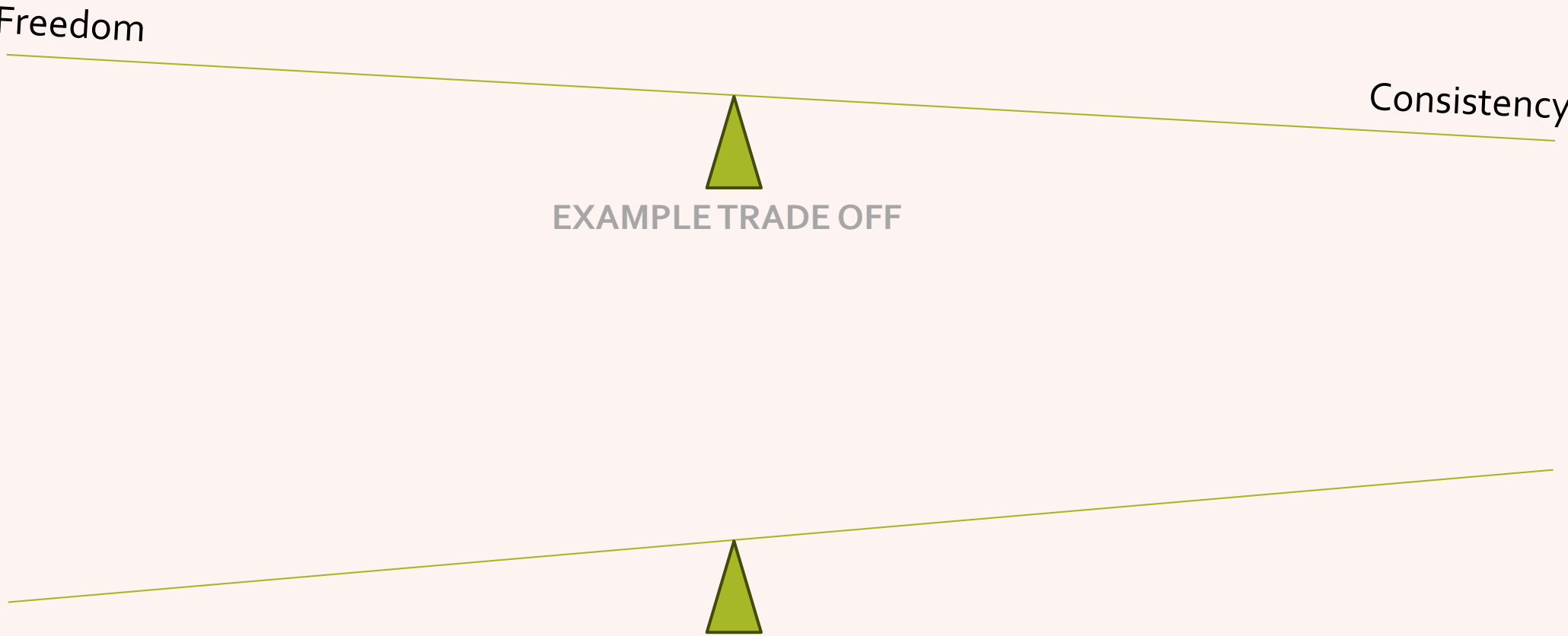
Keeping costs low	1	2	3	4	5
Being comfortable and accessible for all users	1	2	3	4	5
Consistent materials throughout a corridor	1	2	3	4	5
Protection and preservation of historic brick	1	2	3	4	5

VALUES EXERCISE

Freedom

Consistency

EXAMPLE TRADE OFF



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We agree that ... Existing brick Streets and Sidewalks in the City of Lawrence are packed with tradition and charm but may not be meeting our community's goals regarding safety and mobility.

With that there may be compromises in ... preserving existing infrastructure versus making improvements. Cost of improvements.

To facilitate this policy there should be ...

Recommendations to reuse bricks when available.

Priorities include: Accessibility, Cost of materials / labor, Equity, Historic Resource asset management, etc.

NEXT STEPS

CALENDAR

THREE future meetings of this subcommittee

~~Meeting #1 – Intro~~

~~(March 25, 2024)~~

Meeting #2 - what we heard
/scope of policy

(First week in May)

Meeting #3 - review draft policy

(First week in June)

Meeting #4 - finalize policy

(Third week in July)



CALENDAR

Staff proposed public meetings & engagement activities

Open House – Community conversation on values Values survey 15-days	(April 4, 2024 – Carnegie Building) (April 4 – April 19)
Open House – Draft policy publication & education 15-day Public Comment period	(Last week in June – Library) (following publication)
MMTC – Review proposed BS+S policy	(August 5, 2024)
City Commission – Recommend Approval of BS+S Policy	(August 20th or September 3rd)

THANK YOU

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