
Re: Required sidewalk materials Alder and Lancaster Streets - asap

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Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 3:50 PM

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Hi:

We took some time after our review session today (thanks Barbara & Lauren for staying late!) to review the newest plans. As stated previously, we must hold the brick policy for Lancaster (& Preble) at this time. If and when the City changes the material policy for Lancaster before they actually construct the sidewalk, we can make a field amendment.

As for Alder St.; based on the one lateral and two driveway alterations presented on the plans, the majority of existing concrete sidewalk being in good condition, and their site work not exceeding 50% of the block length - DPW can support replacing disturbed sidewalk area with concrete in accordance with our 'repair' strategy practice. The driveway aprons will have to be constructed of asphalt however per the driveway apron material policy embedded in the Sidewalk Material Policy.

Hope that helps set the direction.

Kathi

On Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 1:41 PM, Jean Fraser <jf@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Kathi

Look at the ("newest first") set of plans in the one new pdf (there are 12 plans in the one pdf)- this was a prelim submission for discussion and is not the final version.

They are showing brick for both Lancaster and Alder (even though Alder has concrete in good condition and in the past DPW were more concerned about upgrading Lancaster) and as you say I am not sure they need to replace Alder with brick.

The thought was that if Lancaster was soon to be designated "concrete" then they could just upgrade Lancaster to concrete.

Thanks

Jean

On Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 12:23 PM, Katherine Earley <kas@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Hi Jean:

We'll take a peek at this in our 1:30 review session today and get back to you. My short answer is - there are no imminent actions that would alter the current policy calling for brick on both sidewalks, but indeed we're gearing up for a policy review.

It's my recollection that an earlier dialogue re: this site indicated we'd be pressing for the Lancaster sidewalk to be redone (in brick), but may be able to treat the Alder St segment as a 'repair' zone.

Kathi

On Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 11:17 AM, Jean Fraser <jf@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:
Kathi and Jeff

I have a Level II application from the Salvation Army for an addition that will go at the corner of Preble/Lancaster/Alder. The applicant has asked for advice re replacement of the sidewalks along Alder and Lancaster (see plan below- red dotted line), since the current requirement (on the plan in the Technical Standards) is for these abutting sidewalks to be in brick.

Alder is currently concrete (in good condition but they need to take one utility through it) and Lancaster is asphalt (Preble is already brick in good condition). The logical and most cost effective solution would be to have them replace Lancaster with concrete. (They will replace with brick if that is the requirement but I am not sure we can require them to replace the good condition concrete in Alder with brick)

Barbara has advised me that the requirement for brick on these streets may have recently been changed or may be about to change (from brick to concrete) and that discussions are ongoing.

Would you be able to tell me what to require of this articular applicant - they are submitting a final plan on Friday and would like the plan to address our latest requirements. The approval letter would not be issued until mid-August so there would be time to revise the plan if a material-change decision was imminent.

Thank you
Jean



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