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2025 Des Moines City Council Candidate Survey

5. Sidewalk Gaps

The City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget sets aside \$2 million out of \$209 million (less than 1%) for filling sidewalk gaps near schools and in high-priority areas. At this pace, gaps may not be fully addressed until the 2040s. How would you prioritize funding for sidewalk gaps within the City's overall CIP budget?

There has to be a will of the council. Des Moines has the highest taxes in the metro area.

What criteria should guide where and when sidewalk gaps are filled?

Start with schools and work out; add sidewalks to one side of the street.