



August 4, 2022

City of Gahanna  
Attn: Property Appeals Board

**RE: 2021 Sidewalk Maintenance Program Appeal, 283 N. Empire Drive,  
Parcel ID 025-002541, Appeal PAB-0002-2022**

The City of Gahanna Engineering Division has reviewed appeal file PAB-0002-2022 submitted regarding the 2021 Sidewalk Maintenance Program Plan and Specifications for the property located at 283 N. Empire Drive, Gahanna. Upon an August 2, 2022 field inspection of the sidewalks adjacent to the property, the Engineering Division has made adjustments to the Plan and Specifications for this property. The inspection verified all the inspection data completed in April 2022, not just the primary defect noted on the Plan and Specification. Below is an explanation of the inspection results and why each panel does or does not meet the City of Gahanna Sidewalk Maintenance Guidelines for needing repair. We have also provided photos of the August 2 inspection.

The appellant noted in an email submitted with their appeal that they were okay with replacing the sidewalk panels identified as meet the excessive cracking criteria (**points 1, 2, and 3**). Since the Engineering Division and the appellant are in agreement on those panels, the inspection findings for those panels are not discussed herein. However, photos of the panels from the reinspection have been attached.

During the reinspection, panel **points 4, 5, and 10** were all found to project above the walk by more than ¼-inch.

Point No.	Vertical Offset Measurement
4	3/4-inch
5	7/8-inch
10	1/2-inch

The inspection results from April 2022 (and the Plan and Specifications) note panel **points 8-13** had a negative cross slope. However, upon reinspection August 2 the Engineering Division found the all the panels to have a slight positive slope. Therefore, corrections have been made to the Plan and Specifications removing **points 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13** and requiring only a joint repair for **point 10** to fix the projection above the walk detailed above. The inspection data finalized in April 2022 have been attached for reference.

Panel **points 6 and 7** were noted both in the April and August inspections to have only one defect due to a water valve box projecting above the sidewalk panels more than one inch. Neither panel met any other requirement for repair noted in the Sidewalk Maintenance Guidelines. The adjustment of the water valve box will be addressed by the City and requiring no repairs by the property owner. Therefore, these points have been removed from the Plan and Specifications for this property and noted to be repaired by the City.



The adjust Plan and Specifications for this property are attached so that the property owner may decide if they would like to remain in the Sidewalk Maintenance Program or opt-out of the Program and complete the repairs themselves.

Respectfully,

Caitlyn Ridge, PE  
Interim City Engineer

Attachments:

283 Empire Drive Sidewalk Maintenance Program Plan and Specifications

Sidewalk Maintenance Guidelines

Inspection photos (August 2022)

Inspection data (April 2022)

283 Empire Drive Revised Sidewalk Maintenance Program Plan and Specifications