

# SAFE SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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BUDGET BRIEF

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of the Sidewalk Construction Program of the Department of Transportation is to fund the cost of correcting pedestrian hazards and other safety projects on State highways.

The Department of Transportation has been appropriated funds annually for its sidewalk safety program. These funds are then obligated for pedestrian safety projects when matched with funding from local governments. The current formula for distribution of appropriated Sidewalk Program funds is based on three areas of criteria. Population estimates make up 25% of the formula; school enrollments for the previous school year making up another 25%; and pedestrian accidents on state highways make up the remaining 50% of the criteria.

**ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

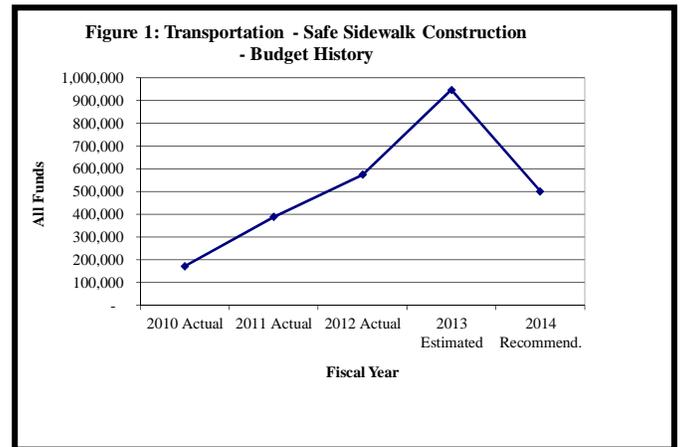
The Analyst recommends a base budget for FY 2014 of \$500,000.

***Intent Language***

The following intent language was included in the appropriation for the Sidewalk line item in FY 2013. It is the opinion of the Analyst that this intent is being followed and will be recommended in a subsequent appropriations bill.

*The Legislature intends that the funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund for pedestrian safety projects be used specifically to correct pedestrian hazards on State highways.*

*The Legislature also intends that local authorities be encouraged to participate in the construction of pedestrian safety devices. The appropriated funds are to be used according to the criteria set forth in Section 72-8-104, Utah code Annotated, 1953. The funds appropriated for sidewalk construction shall not lapse. If local governments cannot use their allocation of Sidewalk Safety Funds in two years, these funds will be available for other governmental entities which are prepared to use the resources. It is the intent of the Legislature that local participation in the Sidewalk Construction Program be on a 75% state and 25% local match basis.*



**BUDGET DETAIL**

The base budget for Sidewalk Construction is \$500,000. The funding source is \$500,000 is from the Transportation Fund.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

Transportation - Safe Sidewalk Construction						
Sources of Finance	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2013 Revised	Changes	FY 2014* Recommended
Transportation Fund	500,000	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	520,300	0	447,200	447,200	(447,200)	0
Closing Nonlapsing	(447,200)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$573,100</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$447,200</b>	<b>\$947,200</b>	<b>(\$447,200)</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Programs</b>						
Sidewalk Construction	573,100	500,000	447,200	947,200	(447,200)	500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$573,100</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$447,200</b>	<b>\$947,200</b>	<b>(\$447,200)</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Capital Outlay	573,100	500,000	447,200	947,200	(447,200)	500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$573,100</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$447,200</b>	<b>\$947,200</b>	<b>(\$447,200)</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

The Analyst recommends the Legislature:

1. Adopt the FY 2014 base budget of \$500,000 as shown in the budget detail table
2. Approve the intent language on page 1