

FY 2009 Budget Brief – Sidewalk Construction

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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.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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%, with pedestrian accidents on state highways make up the remaining 50% of the criteria.

The base budget for FY 2009 is \$500,000.

Intent Language

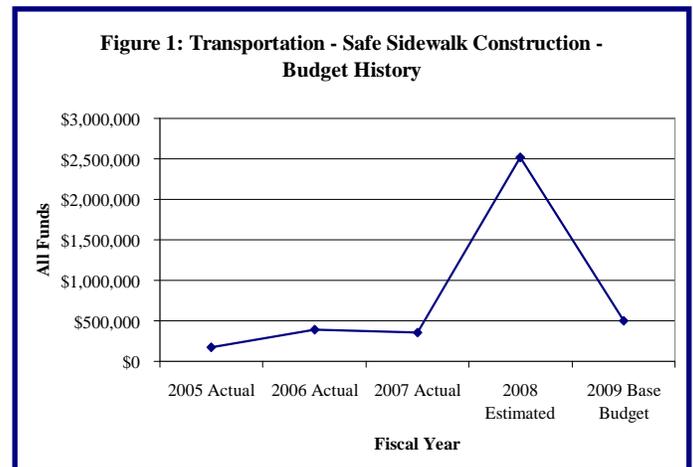
The following intent language was included in the appropriation for the Sidewalk line item in FY 2008. It is the opinion of the Analyst that this intent is being followed and will be recommended in a subsequent appropriations bill.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund for pedestrian safety projects be used specifically to correct pedestrian hazards on State highways.

It is also the intent of the Legislature 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.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Base Budget Bill includes a base budget for FY 2009 for the Sidewalk line item in the amount of \$500,000.



BUDGET DETAIL

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

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	FY 2007	FY 2008		FY 2008		FY 2009*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
Transportation Fund	500,000	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	1,875,100	0	2,016,500	2,016,500	(2,016,500)	0
Closing Nonlapsing	(2,016,500)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$358,600	\$500,000	\$2,016,500	\$2,516,500	(\$2,016,500)	\$500,000
Programs						
Sidewalk Construction	358,600	500,000	2,016,500	2,516,500	(2,016,500)	500,000
Total	\$358,600	\$500,000	\$2,016,500	\$2,516,500	(\$2,016,500)	\$500,000
Categories of Expenditure						
Capital Outlay	358,600	500,000	2,016,500	2,516,500	(2,016,500)	500,000
Total	\$358,600	\$500,000	\$2,016,500	\$2,516,500	(\$2,016,500)	\$500,000
Other Data						

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.