

17.82.040 Circulation and streetscape.

A. Intent. The intent of the circulation and streetscape standards is to:

1. Enhance the visual character and aesthetic qualities of the city.
2. Encourage pedestrian mobility with safe, functional, and attractive sidewalks.
3. Provide for sufficient sidewalk widths to accommodate street trees and an ADA-compliant pedestrian clear path.
4. Provide for appropriate and attractive transitions from the public to private realm.
5. Promote social engagement along property frontages.

B. Standards.

1. Sidewalks. Outside of designated sidewalk exempt areas, public sidewalks abutting a development parcel shall have a minimum sidewalk width (back of curb to back of walk) as follows:

- a. RM and MU-N zones: six feet. If the sidewalk ties into an existing four-foot sidewalk, the minimum sidewalk width is four feet.
- b. C-C and C-R zones: ten feet.

2. Street Trees.

- a. At least one street tree for every thirty feet of linear feet of sidewalk length shall be provided within the sidewalk.
- b. A minimum forty-eight-inch pedestrian clear path shall be maintained adjacent to street trees.
- c. Sidewalk tree wells shall be minimum thirty-six inches in width by minimum thirty-six inches in length. Tree grates are required for sidewalks less than seven feet in width.
- d. Street trees shall be located a minimum fifteen feet from power and/or other utility poles and “small” per PG&E’s “Trees and shrubs for power line-friendly landscaping” to reduce potential utility line conflicts.
- e. Street trees shall not be planted over buried utilities, public or private.
- f. Street trees shall be planted with approved root guard to encourage downward root growth.

g. The variety of street tree to be planted must be approved by the city as part of a landscape plan.

3. Public Access Easement. If the existing public right-of-way area between the curb and the property line is insufficient to meet the minimum standards above, extension of the sidewalk onto the property, with corresponding public access easement or dedication, shall be provided. (Ord. 1053 § 2 (Att. 1), 2022)