



Debra McCarty, Water Commissioner

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Hi everyone

We have received a few inquiries about the removal of the concrete cant (cement ledge) along the base of homes as a component of the sidewalk replacement.

Our inspectors provided me with this explanation and next steps:

This occurs with every job that includes curb and footway restoration. When we put new curb in, the streets department surveyor comes out and does his survey work. The result of that work sets the height of the new curbs. The surveyor sets the curb height to "city plan." That's the ideal, but most of the time it gets adjusted down. The curb height is what sets up the footway height. That's where the challenge lies when working with existing properties. If you draw a line from the top of the curb to the point where the old footway meets the front of the house, the slope can be too severe or not enough. So the slope has to be adjusted. The point where footway meets the house is then adjusted. We try to come as close as possible to the old footway. On this job the new footway is at a lower point in some spots and that's why you see those gaps of missing stucco or cement.

The gaps will be repaired and usually tackled punchlist work. But some gaps are considerable in size and should be addressed sooner. Joe will make a list of addresses that need repairs like this, including any steps that have dropped and need to be lifted / adjusted and patched. Just need to ensure that the temperatures cooperate.

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