

**City of Omaha**  
**Public Works Department**  
**Sidewalk Closure Policy**

**TO: Public Works Department  
Planning Department**

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The agency or contractor performing the work near a sidewalk should make all efforts to keep open at least four feet of the existing sidewalk for mobility, but when that is not possible the following policy shall apply:

1. Sidewalk closures may be considered if the other side of the street provides a walkable alternative path.
2. Advanced signage shall be placed informing of any sidewalk closure and identify the preferred crossing location to the other side.
3. If lasting more than two weeks, and no alternate path is available on the other side, measures should be taken to provide a walkable path adjacent to the construction zone.
4. If no walkable path is available adjacent to the construction zone, the contractor shall post a detour for pedestrians along a path that meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).
5. Sidewalk restrictions and closures shall be compatible with Part 6D of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
6. In cases of long term closures more than two weeks, the agency or contractor shall submit a traffic control plan to the Public Works Department, for review and approval, which conforms to this policy.
7. In the situation of unplanned emergency repair such as water main breaks, efforts will be made to minimize the duration that the road is not in conformance.
8. Contractors and subcontractors are responsible for notifying Public Works prior to working within or restricting any portion of the public right-of-way. Proper permits must be obtained.