Sidewalk Safety Requests – Safety and Livability Bond

Pedestrian Crossings, Sidewalk Infill, and Sidewalk Replacement Projects

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2022 Safety and Livability Bond Measure

- $300 million approved by voters, November 2022
- Larger projects identified in bond materials – Examples:
  - Fisher Road NE (south of Silverton)
  - Pringle Road SE (Madrona to McGilchrist)
  - McGilchrist Road SE
- Sidewalk-related Project Categories – Locations to be determined
- www.cityofsalem.net/sidewalk-safety

Outreach

- So far, we have shared via:
  - Social Media
  - Press Release – Article in Statesman Journal (1/14/2024)
  - Community Connections Newsletter (1/12/2024)
  - Flyers – English and Spanish
  - Equity Roundtable
- ***How can we best share this opportunity with your communities?***

Selecting Locations - Criteria

- Equity (examples: poverty levels, minority populations, access to vehicles)

- Street classification (examples: arterials vs. local streets)

- Location relative to schools, parks, transit

- Sidewalk condition (specific to sidewalk replacement)
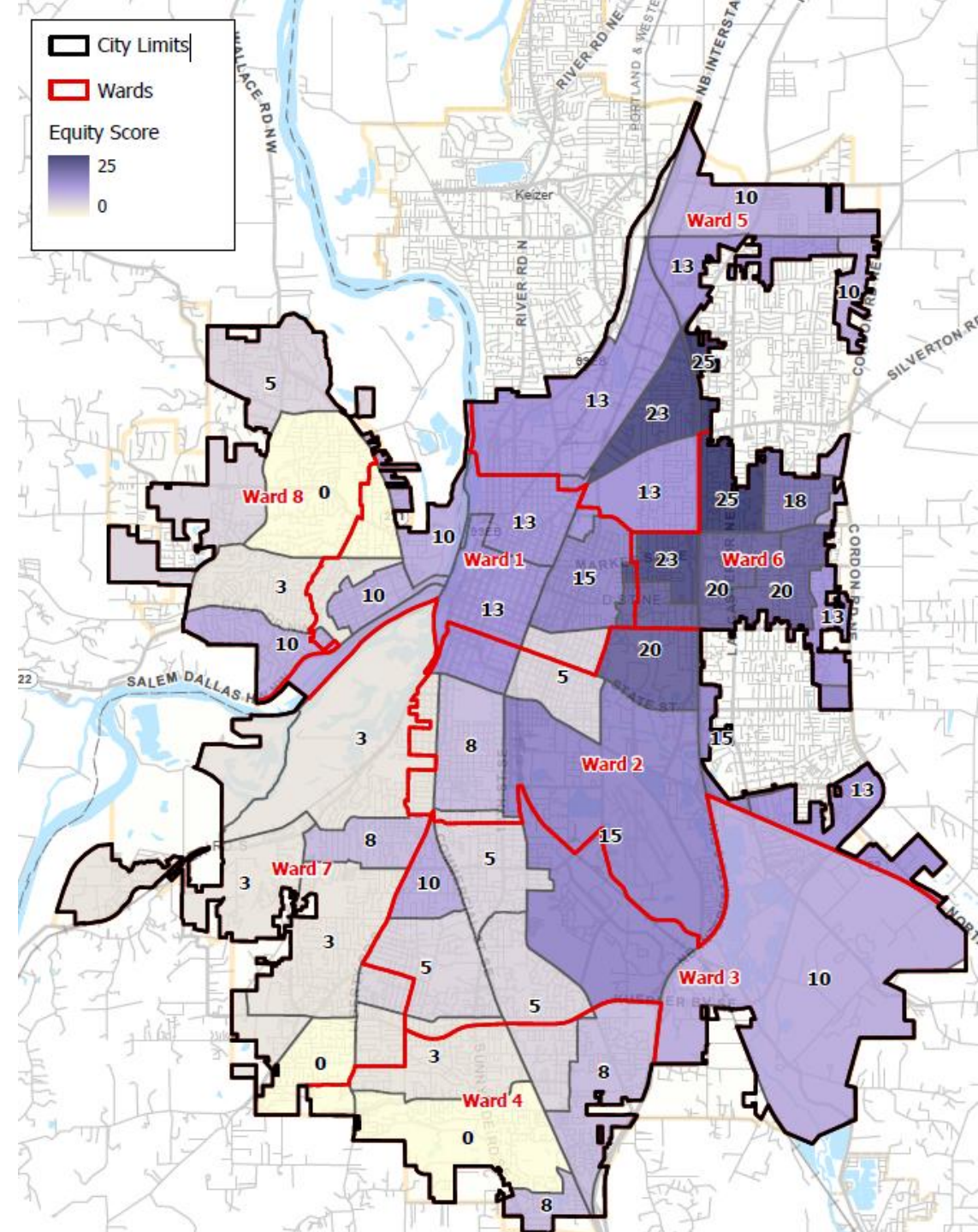
Equity Scoring Tool

- Scores Census Tracts based on eight **need-based categories**
- Aligns with categories used by the Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Mirrors *Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan*

Eight Categories from US Census American Community Survey

- 65 and older
- Youth (ages 15 to 17)
- Hispanic and/or non-white
- Zero car households
- Limited English households
- Persons at or below poverty level
- Disability – aged 18-64
- Disability – 65 and older

Equity Score by Census Tracts with Wards

- Up to 25 out of 100 points (25%)
- To be used **in combination with outreach** to traditionally underserved communities

Other uses for Equity Scoring Matrix

- Capital Improvement Project Selection Criteria
- Safer Streets Projects – Traffic Calming and Safer Pedestrian Crossings
- ***In what other ways could the City be using this equity scoring matrix?***