

Your points will be taken into consideration but let me point out some potential issues with your request.

1. We don't know exactly where any of the buildings property lines are and assuming it is where a footer is found is not a confirmation of that
2. The project in its most basic form is to replace the existing sidewalk in its entirety to where it was prior to any demolition. That is what is intended.
3. Yes, while having to remove any existing concrete either now or in the future does present an added effort it is not impossible to do and occurs all the time in a downtown setting.
4. It would be impossible for the City and its contractor to be able to anticipate what any building owner either now or in the future would want to do with the front of their buildings.

If it is your desire to have the new concrete stop short of the new footing and leave that area along your building open while you pursue any changes I will need that in writing stating that this is your intention and that once said sidewalk pour is complete that you will accept full responsibility for anything that may occur in this area moving forward which would include you pouring concrete in these areas once you have completed the renovations to your building. Short of me receiving that signed letter of intent we will replace the existing concrete with new concrete to all extents where the original sidewalk was located at the front of all buildings.

I understand your desire to make improvements to your building and I thank you for your willingness to do this. However, I also need this project to continue making progress as well so it can be completed. I look forward to your response. Thank you.

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Subject: Urgent Review

Dear Eric,

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss my concerns, regarding the current plan for sidewalk construction at 303 N. Washington Avenue, earlier today. Our conversation highlighted the importance of addressing potential issues with future building modifications, particularly the need to avoid pouring city sidewalk concrete directly over the existing structures and property line without a break.

Upon reviewing the photos I took this evening, it's evident that an expansion joint or break is being installed between the existing buildings and the new sidewalk along both sides of the street.


However, at 303 N. Washington Avenue, I observed that the sidewalk extends beyond what appears to be the property line without a break. Considering our discussion about future plans to straighten the building's front and eliminate offsets, installing a break at the property line at this point seems prudent.

I understand your perspective that the sidewalk could be cut in the future to accommodate any necessary modifications, such as installing a footer etc. However, upon closer inspection, I uncovered the original footer beneath the area we previously discussed as the likely property line. Pouring dirt and concrete over this existing footer, especially with impending changes to the building's structure, could present significant challenges during future renovations, and unnecessary cutting and demo of a portion of the new sidewalk.

Given the confirmation of the existing footer's alignment with neighboring storefronts, I respectfully request a reconsideration of the decision to extend the sidewalk beyond this point without a break. Stopping the current pour at the edge of the footer would facilitate a cleaner installation and allow for seamless modifications to the property in the future without compromising the sidewalk.

The modifications to do this would simply require cutting one piece of rebar, 1 piece of expansion board, and installing approximately 2' of form board along the edge of the footer. The contractor is welcome to anchor the form board to the building's floor joist for an easier and quicker install if needed.

I trust you will carefully reconsider this matter in light of the new information provided.

 A construction site with a brick walkway and a brick sidewalk Description automatically generated with medium confidence

Expansion breaks at neighboring property lines.



A wire on a metal frame
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303 N. Washington Avenue, today's site preparation to pour
over the property line without a break at the property line.
(Additionally, the footer was covered with dirt.)



A dirt floor with a white
wall and a white door
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303 N. Washington Avenue
uncovered existing footer
which directly lines up with
the neighboring storefronts.

Respectfully,

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