



Beginning in July, students from the City's Youth Employment Training Program will work with the Public Works Streets Section on sidewalk surveying and information gathering. The responsive maintenance effort will help keep sidewalks safe for pedestrians by identifying potential defects to be targeted for repair.

The initiative also provides an opportunity for the local students from the Youth Employment Training Program to gain valuable paid work experience. Working alongside City staff, interns will:

- Gain life awareness and career readiness skills, including the "soft skills" that employers look for in entry level workers;
- Develop knowledge of specific occupational skills, job etiquette and job expectations in a professional workplace setting;
- Network with caring adult professionals and help them establish a work history;
- Establish positive neighborhood connections with community residents and employers that can aid in future job searches;
- Develop a sense of satisfaction in knowing that their work has helped improve the walkability of our neighborhood sidewalks and overall safety.

For questions related to the sidewalk surveying and information gathering, contact Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Brent at 564-5413.

For information about the Youth Employment Training Program, contact Neighborhood Outreach Services Coordinator Ricardo Venegas at 897-2547.

