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***Councilmember John Lee Launches Street S.M.A.R.T. Pilot to Address Long-Neglected Sidewalk Repairs in the Northwest San Fernando Valley***

**GRANADA HILLS, CA** — Councilmember John Lee has officially launched a new pilot program, **Street S.M.A.R.T. (Street Maintenance and Repair Team)**, aimed at fast-tracking long-overdue sidewalk repairs throughout the Northwest San Fernando Valley. The program broke ground today in Granada Hills with an initial investment of **\$200,000**.

For years, many neighborhood sidewalks in the northwest San Fernando Valley have gone untouched—cracked, lifted, and hazardous—despite repeated requests for repairs. Due to limited funding and rigid prioritization protocols, countless smaller-scale repairs have been delayed indefinitely. Street S.M.A.R.T. changes that.

By deploying small crews directly funded through the Council District 12 office, the program will take on localized sidewalk repairs that would otherwise remain at the bottom of the city's backlog. The goal is to deliver results faster, more affordably, and with greater responsiveness to community needs.

"This isn't just about fixing broken sidewalks—it's about fixing a broken process," said Councilmember Lee. "Residents shouldn't have to wait decades for basic repairs."

The program prioritizes proactive maintenance and early intervention—fixing damage before it worsens and becomes more expensive to repair.

"We can spend pennies today to save dollars tomorrow," Lee added. "Street S.M.A.R.T. gives us the flexibility to address long standing issues directly and

efficiently, in turn reducing trip hazards, lowering long-term costs, and making our neighborhoods safer for everyone."

The launch of Street S.M.A.R.T. reflects Councilmember Lee's continued push for practical, district-level solutions to long-standing infrastructure challenges. In addition to sidewalk repairs, Street S.M.A.R.T. will also tackle smaller public works projects like tree stump removals and other overlooked maintenance issues that often fall through the cracks of larger city programs.

Street S.M.A.R.T. puts neighborhoods first and proves that local leadership and targeted investment can drive real, tangible improvements for our neighborhoods.

[B-roll and photos of the inaugural project can be found here.](#)

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*Los Angeles City Councilmember John Lee represents the Twelfth Council District in the Northwest San Fernando Valley which includes the communities of Northridge, Chatsworth, Granada Hills, North Hills West, West Hills, Porter Ranch, and Sherwood Forest.*