
Safety Hazard Report: Sand and Mud Accumulation on Sidewalk Creating Dangerous Bicycling Conditions

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to report a persistent safety hazard on the sidewalks along a major roadway in St. George following multiple rainfall events.

After heavy rain several months ago, a significant amount of fine sand was washed onto the sidewalk in multiple locations—approximately five large mounds spread along the route. This sand has remained for months without being cleared. I commute by bicycle and rely on this sidewalk due to the heavy traffic on the adjacent roadway. Riding over loose sand is already dangerous, as it reduces tire traction and increases the risk of losing control.

Following more recent rainfall, the situation has worsened. The sand has turned into very fine, slippery mud, creating extremely hazardous riding conditions. My bicycle tires lose traction easily, which is especially dangerous given the proximity to a busy road with fast-moving traffic.

Compounding the risk, many of these muddy areas are located directly at driveway entrances where the sidewalk slopes down for vehicles entering and exiting businesses. Navigating slick mud while simultaneously watching for cars pulling in and out creates a serious safety concern for cyclists and pedestrians.

This condition presents an ongoing risk of falls or collisions and has persisted for an extended period of time. I am requesting that Public Works assess the area and arrange for cleanup or mitigation to restore safe conditions for sidewalk users.

I am happy to provide photos or exact location details if needed.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Polina Coulter