

## MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI

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### CIRCULAR

Sub: Issuing guidelines on rectification and repairs along footpaths on major arterial roads.

Most of the times footpaths are found damaged due to various reasons, chiefly trenching, washing away or gnawing of bedding sand by rodents etc. Damages/localised settlement is observed on footpaths along arterial/sub-arterial roads. Broken/missing SWD frame covers/ramps/tree guards are also routinely observed. This results in inconvenience to pedestrians. Many a time a pedestrian is forced to share the carriageway with vehicular traffic. This increases risk of accidents involving pedestrians. Considering these and various other factors MCGM has already adopted **Pedestrian first** policy for footpaths.

While carrying out comprehensive improvement of roads, as per requirement, considering integrated project approach various component parts of roads like, drains, footpaths etc are constructed. Whereas in the other case damaged footpaths remain unattended for longer durations and cause inconvenience to the pedestrians. It is therefore necessary that immediate steps are taken to restore the footpaths so that the pedestrians do not have to suffer due to damaged footpath.

On background of this situation, it is necessary to have defined policy in place for rectifications of footpaths. Following directions are therefore being issued.

1. The Astt Commissioners of wards shall identify major arterial roads in the ward. Inspection of such roads shall be taken by the Ward Road Engineer (RE). If damages like localised settlement, undulations, missing broken frame covers/water entrances/gratings, ramps, tree guards etc are observed, then inventory of such damages shall be prepared. The data for the entire ward shall be compiled. The footpaths proposed for repairs shall not be under defect liability period of either central agency or ward.

2. The ward road engineer will prepare the estimate for the stretches of footpath where damages have occurred. AE Maintenance and Ward Executive Engineer shall scrutinize the estimates prepared by the Ward Road Engineer. The estimated cost of the whole work shall not exceed Rs.25 Lacs in any case.
3. The work will be executed by concerned by Ward Executive Engineer through AE Maintenance and ward road Engineer under overall control of Astt Commissioner.
4. Provisions of the circulars in force governing fair/extra items and excess in BOQ quantities shall be adhered to.
5. "Pedestrian First" policy adopted by MCGM and circulated u/No. MGC/F/22471 dated 28.12.2016 shall be strictly observed while carrying out repairs to footpaths.
6. It shall be noted that these guidelines do not intend total revamp or comprehensive improvement of footpaths along arterial/sub-arterial roads. This policy is applicable for carrying out only necessary repairs and rectifications required for maintaining the footpath surface in proper condition so as to provide smooth and safe passage for the pedestrians by segregating vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
7. These guidelines come in force from the date of issuance.

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