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Good morning,

As a Whittier native and resident, I would like to know what steps the city is implementing to identify opportunities for incorporating new solutions to the tree root sidewalk conflict specific to the Greenleaf Promenade design and building.

For our mature trees that are not at risk of failure, does the city have an Urban Forest Master Plan that addresses the removal of mature trees that are not at risk of failure?

Please provide stakeholders insight about utilizing innovative solutions that will improve sidewalk conditions while simultaneously supporting long-term health and growth of our mature, iconic trees.

What best practices are recommended to help the city reduce conflicts between tree roots and sidewalks? What do experts advise regarding the use of suspended paving systems, structural soils and root bridging as viable solutions to maintain and preserve our existing urban forest of healthy mature trees during the design and building phases of our new Promenade?

As a city, let's consider and achieve the highest level of success possible in protecting our tree infrastructure assets while simultaneously designing and building our new and wonderful Greenleaf Promenade.

Sincerely,

Jill Frieze Prado

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