

# Morgan Junction Alley Improvement

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**Location:** Alley running North/South, parallel to California Ave SW, between Graham St SW and Fauntleroy SW. The alley is the next thoroughfare east of California Ave SW.

**Problem:** The dirt alley, 1/2 block off California Ave is badly pot holed. Children from adjacent apts play back there in the summer and breathe in the constant dust. In the winter the holes are perpetually filled with water. Apartment residents have parking via the alley, garbage & delivery trucks use the alley and California Ave businesses have parking via the alley for their customers and staff who generally are unable to find parking on California Ave SW. Some delivery trucks have given up using the alley and instead block traffic and parking on California Ave to make their deliveries. Alley residents and businesses have tried to fill the potholes with dirt and gravel but they are quickly washed out by rain and giant garbage truck traffic. One homeowner dug a trench in the alley, making travel in the alley even more difficult, because the slope of alley drains water into their driveway, flooding it every winter. People used to walk and bike the alley but can no longer do so because its condition is so awful. Last winter a woman complained that she broke her oil pan on one of the potholes. Several inquiries have been made of the City but the response has always been that due to budget constraints the City is no longer dealing with alleys. The residents and businesses using the alley cannot afford to fix it themselves. City help would be very much appreciated.

**Proposed Solution:** Either pave the alley or grade and gravel

**City Staff said to be contacted:**

**Asserted benefits:** Environmental Benefits, Neighborhood character, Quality of Life, Sense of Place

**Included elements:** Paving or even just grade and gravel, traffic calming