

Blakemore Avenue between 23rd and 24th Avenue, Ms. Copeland tripped over a portion of the sidewalk that was raised several inches due to a tree root growing beneath it. Ms. Copeland's head, hand, and knee struck the pavement. She did not immediately seek medical attention, but the next morning she was treated at the emergency room and was ultimately admitted to the hospital.

Ms. Copeland was diagnosed with a sprained thumb, a moderate contusion to her knee, and a concussion. She had fully recovered from some of these injuries, but continues to suffer from a traumatic brain injury that her doctors have related to the fall.

Ms. Copeland's medical bills to date exceed \$82,000, and she has asserted a large amount of non-economic damages, including decreased wages and a severe limitation on her enjoyment of life. The Department of Law recommends settlement of this case for \$193,000.

Fiscal Note: This \$193,000 settlement, along with the settlement per Resolution No. RS2021-1160 would be the 12th and 13th payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY22 for a cumulative total of \$677,345. The fund balance would be \$1,427,281 after these payments.