

SOUND

Textures along the street can produce all kinds of different sounds when stepped on, brushed against, or driven across.

Some textures are intentional, like tactile paving, flooring to ensure tire grip during wet weather, or textured stonework for aesthetic purposes. Other textures are simply there, like the rust on metal grates or the cracks on bricks or the asphalt.

All these textures make the sounds we perceive in our every day life but pay little attention to. Nobody notices the scrape of shoes against the pavement, the sound of bicycle tires against the road, the crunch of gravel or the rustle of dry leaves.

HOW

Corduroy paving is a series of raised parallel bars. It warns pedestrians of the presence of specific hazards such as steps, level crossings, or the approach to an LRT platform.

HELPS

Blister paving is a series of rows of raised **bumps** typically found at pedestrian crossings, curb ramps, and transit platforms. They warn pedestrians that they are transitioning from a safe sidewalk into a potentially hazardous area with vehicular traffic.

SPACE

TEXTURE

Tactile paving

IN

PARALLEL

There are approximately 300,000 to 350,000 blind or visually impaired people living in the Netherlands. Yet, there are **not enough** tactile pavings along the Zuiderdiep, one of the busiest streets and the