Walking in Minnesota: What do we know?

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Overview

• What have we worked on in the past?
• Where are people walking?
• Who faces barriers to walking?
• What are we doing in the future?
What have we worked on?

• ADA Compliance
• Safe Routes to School
• Minnesota Walks
• MnDOT Parklets
• Understanding Rural Pedestrian Behavior

Where are people walking?

Top Destinations
• Grocery Stores
• Buses/Transit stops
• Home
• Parks
• Schools
• Sugars?
Where are people walking?

**Positive walking experiences include:**

- Other people present
- Quite street and low traffic volumes
- Good snow/ice removal
- Good sidewalks/trails
- Shade

Who faces barriers to walking?

- Small Rural Communities
- Children and Youth
- Native American Populations
- Low-income people in Urban Communities
- Older Adults
- People with disabilities
That’s all good, but what does it mean?

What are we doing in the future?

Address the following:

• How does Minnesota Walks impact the way we do projects?
• How can MnDOT partner with locals to improve conditions?
• What additional guidance do we need?
• Answer outstanding questions about where and why MnDOT invests in places for people to walk
• Provide training and resources to educate MnDOT and local partners
• RFP is open now!

Statewide Pedestrian System Plan

Three project goals:
• Tell the story of why walking matters
• Prioritize investments in walking
• Develop policy, implementation guides, and training to improve walking