



Walking in Minnesota: What do we know?

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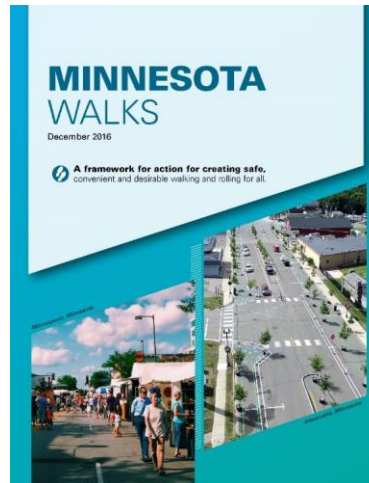
Overview

- 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



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Where are people walking?

Top Destinations

- Grocery Stores
- Buses/Transit stops
- Home
- Parks
- Schools
- Sugars?



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Where are people walking?

Positive walking experiences include:

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



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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



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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?



Statewide Pedestrian System Plan



- 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!

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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



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