



Charlotte WALKS:

Taking the Next Steps

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Charlotte's Pedestrian Program

Sidewalk Projects



Wilkinson Blvd.



Remount Rd.

**98 miles
since 2002**



Sharon Hills Rd.

Pedestrian Safety/Crossing Projects

Elm Ln.



> 60 new pedestrian crossings in FY 15 & 16



Tuckaseegee Rd.

- Charlotte has been focused on building Complete Streets and providing transportation choices for decades.

EXTENDING THE PEDESTRIAN NETWORK

By the end of this decade Charlotte will have...



4 miles of streetcar



18.9 miles of light rail

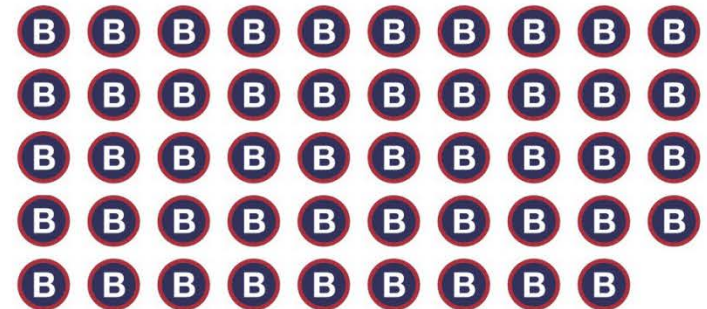


26-mile Cross Charlotte Trail



62+ miles of total greenways

49 bike share stations



Walkability in Charlotte

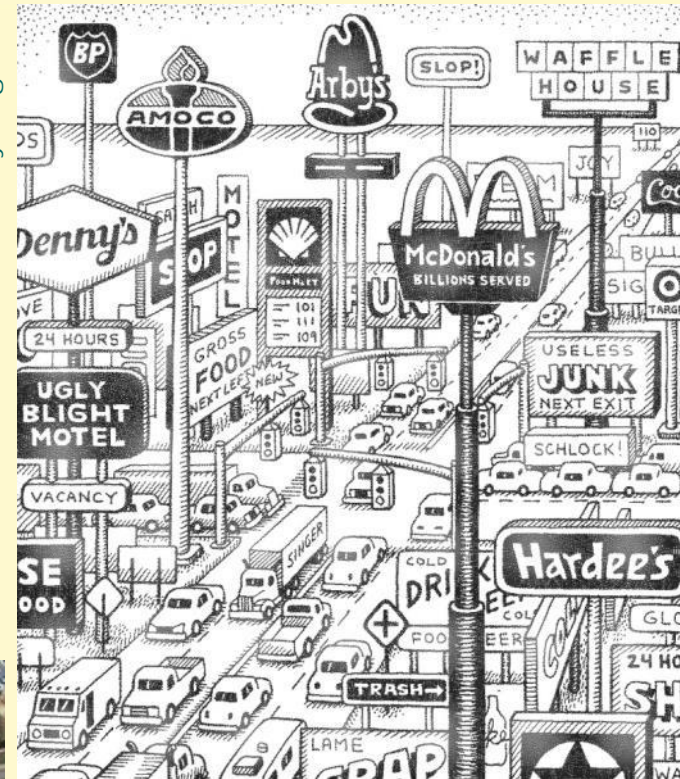


Charlotte is supporting more transportation choices than we ever have before.

Walkability in Charlotte

...but we still have a long way to go

Andy Singer



Why Walkability?





We are all
pedestrians

Why Walkability?



For some of us, **our feet are the only way we have to get around...**

Why Walkability?

**We want
more walkable
streets!**

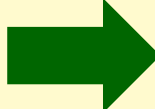


86%

(CDOT Household Opinion Survey. 2016.)

Why Walkability?

What would happen if we took just **1 less car trip per day**?

3.72
trips/day  **2.72**
trips/day

- **500,000 fewer car trips** on the road every day.
- Save **\$1.3 Billion every year** in fuel costs, vehicle maintenance, and time spent in traffic. *(That's over \$4,200 per household!)*
- Prevent **717,000 tons of CO₂** and **1,800 tons of VOCs** (volatile organic compounds) from leaving our tailpipes each day
- **83 more hours per year**
- **Lower blood pressure and obesity rates**
- **More productive and energized at work and school**
- **Fewer traffic deaths**



Charlotte WALKS Pedestrian Plan

What will Charlotte WALKS do?

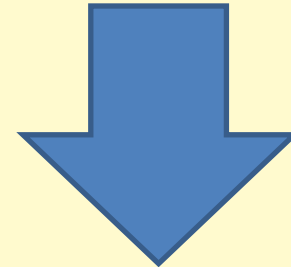


**Charlotte
WALKS**
Pedestrian Plan



Transportation Action Plan

- *Considers overall mobility*
- *Defines goals, objectives, policies, and projects for Charlotte*



Charlotte WALKS

- *Focused on pedestrian mobility*
- *Organizes implementation tools*
- *Offers 3 KEY ACTION ITEMS*

How did we get here?

Feb. 2015

- Kickoff with Transportation & Planning Committee
- Beginning of public outreach



Feb. 2015 - Sept. 2016

- Ongoing public outreach
- Periodic check-ins with T&P Committee
- Development of draft plan



Sept./Oct. 2016

- Interdepartmental review of draft plan (CDOT, PLANNING, CATS, E&PM)



Nov. 2016 -

- Presentation of draft plan to T&P Committee
- Publication of draft plan online
- Public outreach on draft plan
- Beginning of adoption process



What will Charlotte WALKS do?

Describe what walkability means for Charlotteans



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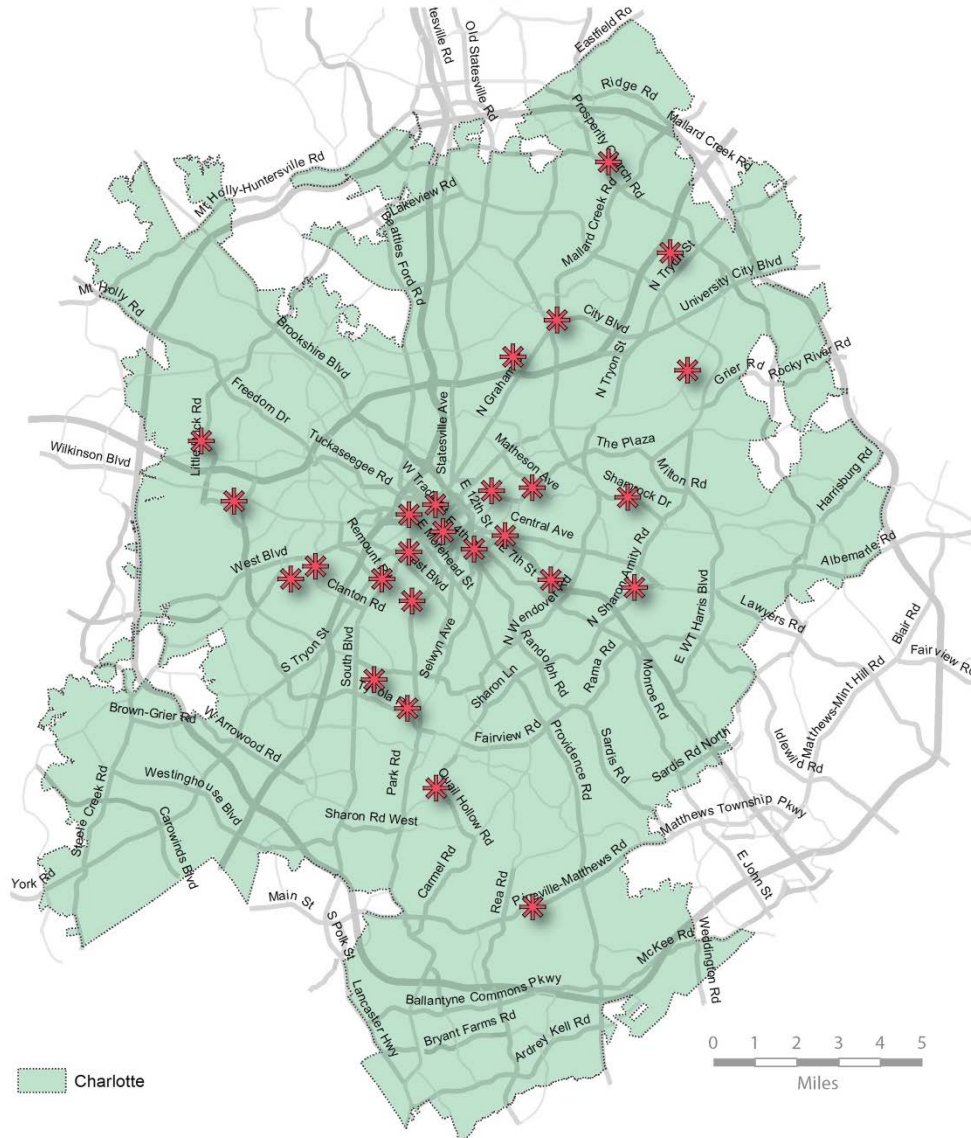
USEFUL

INVITING



Summary of Public Outreach

Charlotte WALKS - Public Meetings



1,000+
people

30
different events

3
*key themes &
action items*

Walking is an exercise
people can do instead
of using cars.

Explore more!!

I love walking with my
mom and Dad ♡

you have fun while
you do it

I like walking
because you can
meet more people

I like to walk with
my family

EXERCISE!

♥ ♥
Going to the pool
+ my Dance studio



What we've heard

- Wide sidewalks (no gaps)
- Buffer from cars
- Trees and lighting
- Access to jobs, schools, transit, grocery stores, & parks
- Health & independence



... not this



... or this

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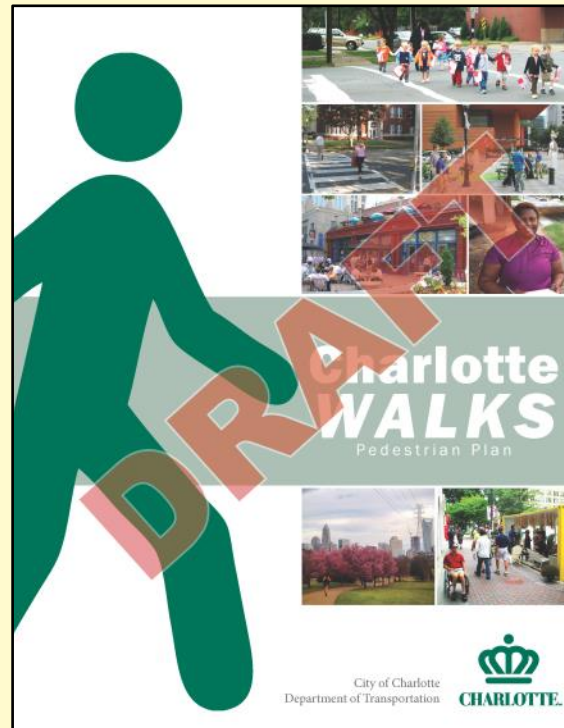
What you will see in the plan



Our residents' stories

What you will see in the plan

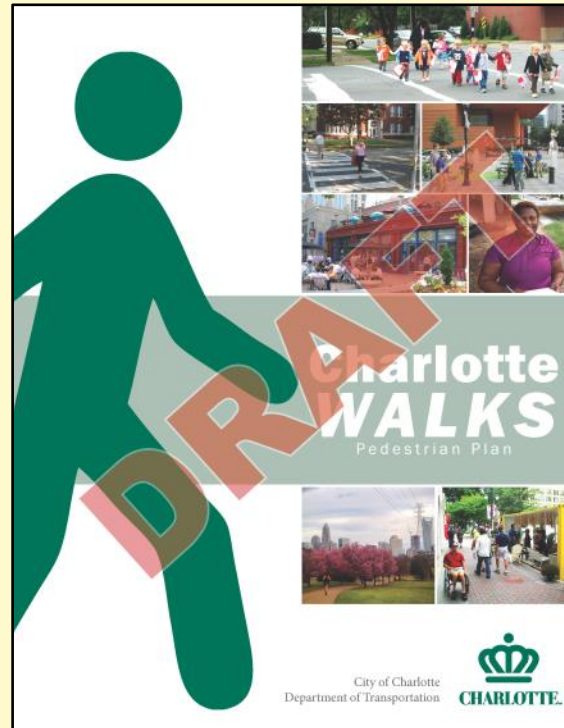
Public
Input



Action Items &
Policy Updates

3 Key Action Items

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#1 Back-of-Curb Sidewalks



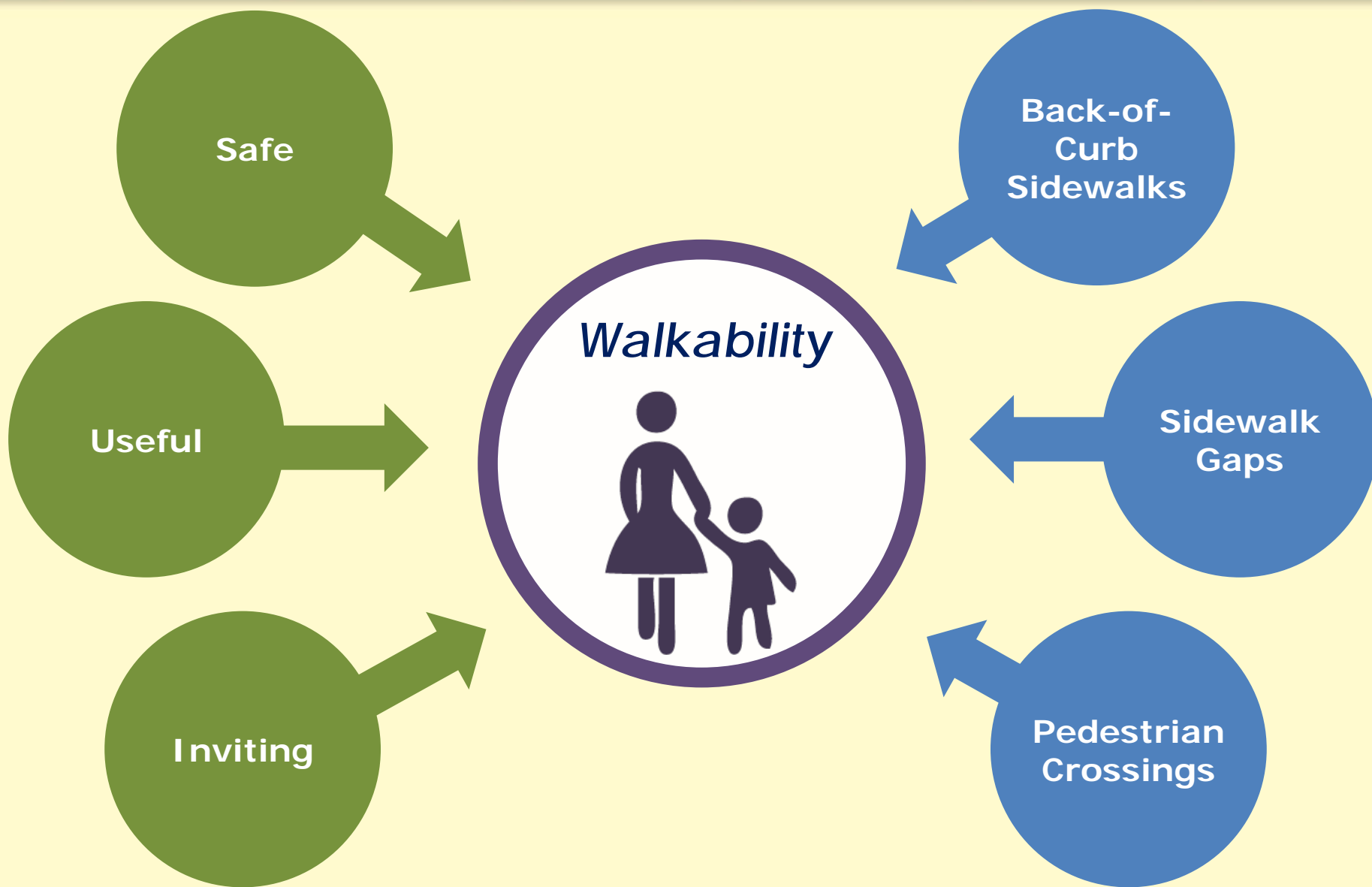
#2 Sidewalk Gaps



#3 Pedestrian Crossings



Key Themes & Action Items



KEY ACTION ITEM #1 – Back-of-Curb Sidewalks

Public Sector

- Seek out opportunities to replace substandard sidewalk through city projects (roadway, stormwater, CNIP, etc.).



Private Sector

- Address back-of-curb sidewalks on thoroughfares as redevelopment occurs.



(Continue to work with DSTAC to establish context-sensitive thresholds.)

KEY ACTION ITEM #2 – Sidewalk Gaps

Public Sector

- Continue to construct at least 10 miles of new sidewalk each year through the Pedestrian Program and other city projects/processes.



Private Sector

- Fix the “50% Rule” sidewalk exemption.

(Continue to work with DSTAC to establish context-sensitive thresholds.)



KEY ACTION ITEM #3 - Pedestrian Crossings

Public Sector



- Install at least 15 new pedestrian crossings per year through city programs/processes.

Private Sector


- Seek out opportunities to install new/improved pedestrian crossings through private land development approvals.




Nov. 14	Presented draft plan to T&P Committee
Nov./Dec.	Community engagement
Dec. 12	T&P Committee recommended Charlotte WALKS to Council for public comment
Jan. 23	City Council hears public comments
Feb. 13	T&P Committee Recommendation
Feb. 27	City Council Action

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