



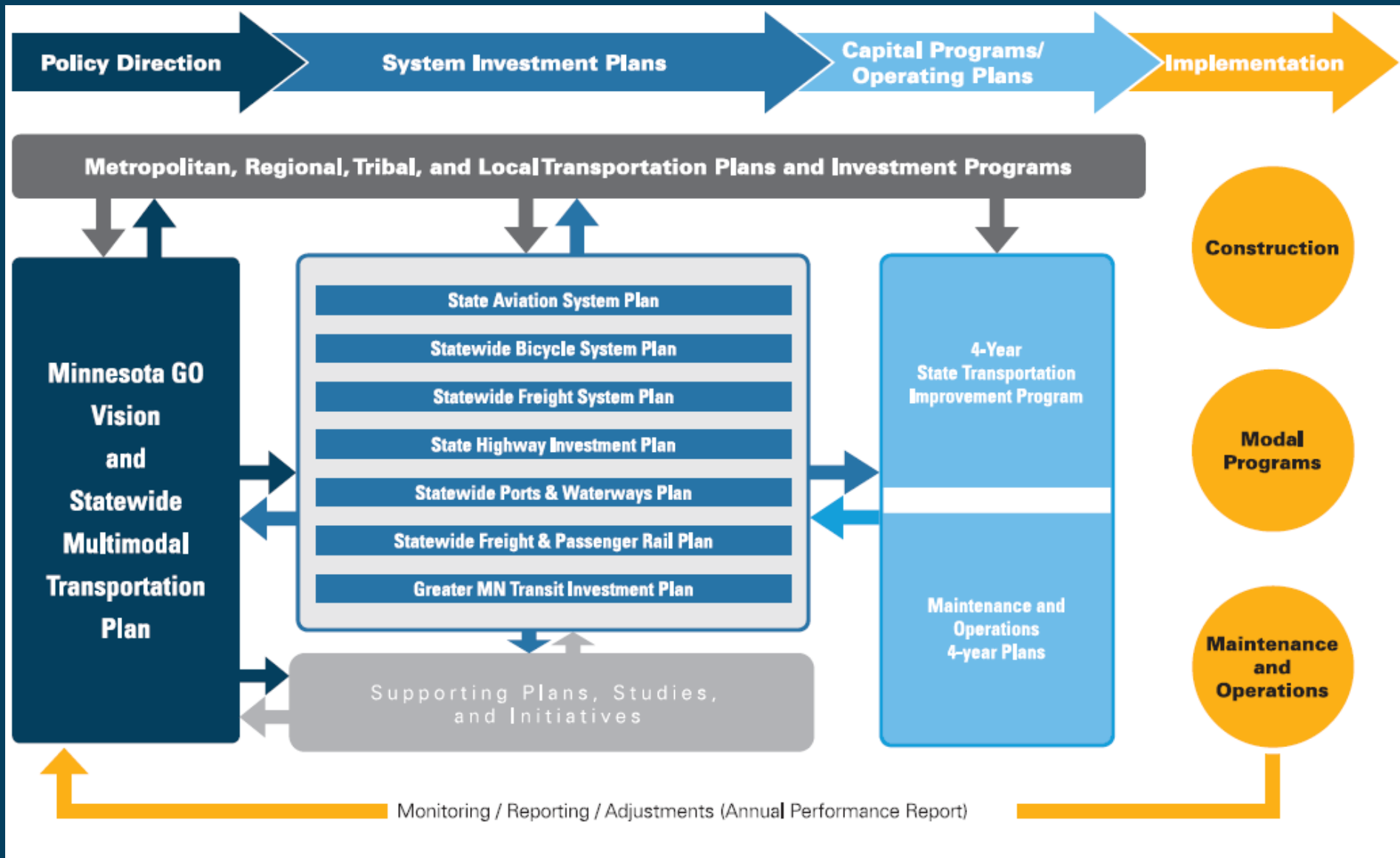
A Collaborative Vision
for Transportation

Statewide Pedestrian System Plan

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 7, 2015





Current and Future Steps Toward a
More Walkable Minnesota

MINNESOTA WALKS



We all have a stake in A+B

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Current & Future Steps Towards a Walkable Minnesota

May 2015



Minnesota **GO**
A Collaborative Vision for Transportation

WALKING IS IMPORTANT

Walking Provides Numerous and Diverse Benefits for People in Minnesota

WALKING SHOULD BE EASIER

Environmental Factors – Built, Social and Cultural – Affect Walking in Minnesota

IT'S HARDER FOR SOME PEOPLE TO WALK

Some Populations Have Less Access and Fewer Opportunities to Safely Walk

MINNESOTA IS ON TRACK TO IMPROVE WALKING

Minnesota is Working on Walking in Many Different Ways

Priority Populations

- American Indian
- Children and Youth
- Low Income Urban
- Older Adults
- People with Disabilities
- Small Rural Communities





Goals, Outcomes, Process

STATEWIDE PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Working Vision

Walking is **EASY, SAFE** and **DESIRABLE** for
ALL in Minnesota

Project Goals

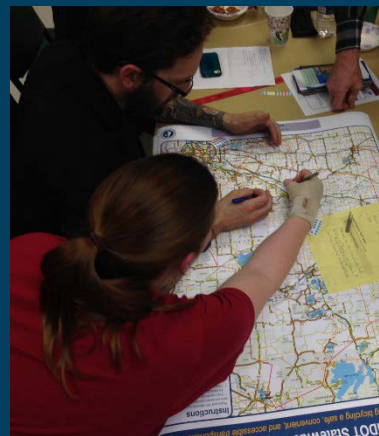


- More people walk
- Healthier people
- Stronger communities
(economically, socially, other)
- Improve walking for all purposes
- Improve safety
- Improve accessibility and encourage connections

Purpose & Outcomes

- Develop and prioritize *recommendations for new projects, policies and programs* that would improve the pedestrian environment at the *state, regional, and local levels*
- Gain a better understanding of *pedestrian needs and challenges* in Minnesota from public and external stakeholders to help MnDOT and MDH better address pedestrian needs
- Provide recommendations to clarify the various *roles and responsibilities of partners* involved with creating better pedestrian environments in Minnesota

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Engagement Approaches

- Community Engagement
- Social Media/CitiZing!
- Focus Groups
- Walking Workshops
- Advisory Group Engagement
- Internal Agency Engagement
 - MnDOT
 - MDH
- Communication Strategies



Guiding Principles


- ✓ Harness Existing Relationships
- ✓ Make it Convenient
- ✓ Foster Peer-to-Peer Conversations
- ✓ Ongoing Review & Evaluation of Engagement Process

Community Engagement Activities



Activity #1: It is important that I am able to talk to...

WALK THIS WAY!



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**MAXIMIZING
THE HEALTH OF**

People The Environment The Economy

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I AM ABLE TO WALK TO...

1. Review the destinations on the board, and think about the top three most important destinations for you to be able to walk to.
 2. Rank your three most important destinations! Write a number 1, 2 and 3 by your three most important walking destinations.
 3. If there are additional walking destinations that are important to you, please write them down on the poster under "Other Destinations".

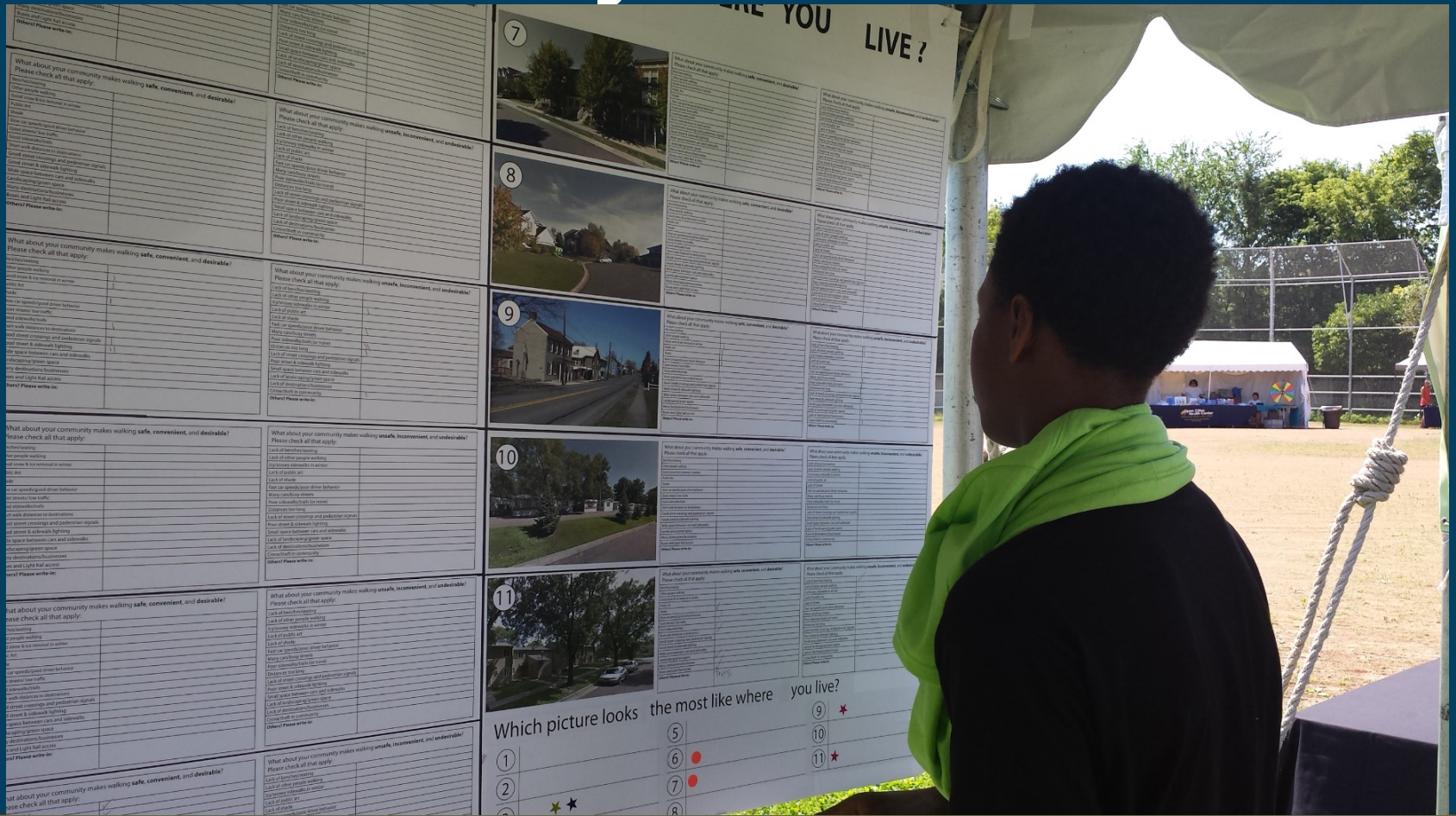
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How many have
 walked?
 What is one benefit of
 walking?

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 MDH
 SURVEYS AND DISCUSSIONS
 HAPPENING ONLINE NOW
 www.minnesotawalks.org

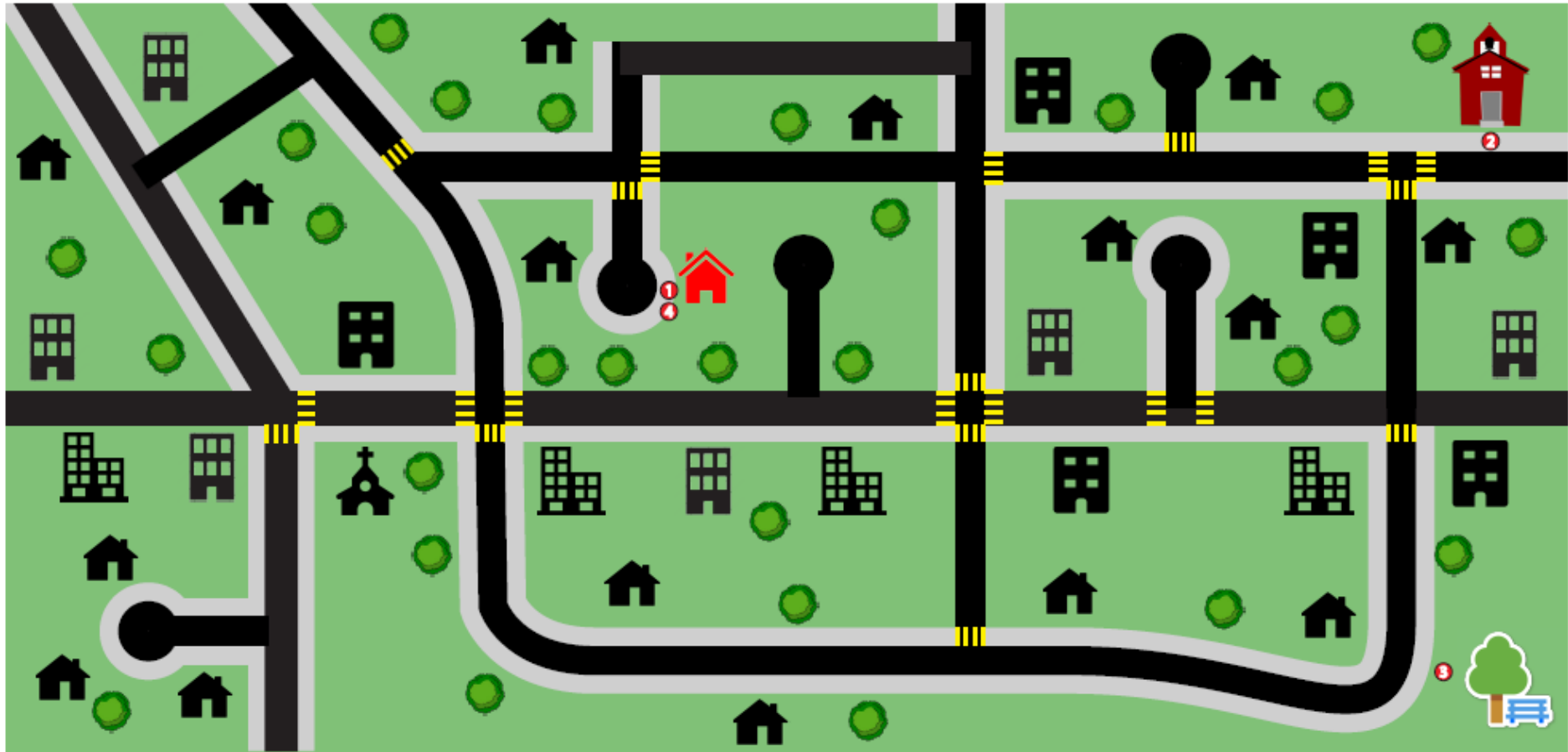


Activity #2 – Hey, that looks like my street!



Help Taylor Find Their Way!

- 1 Start at Taylor's red house.
 - 2 Walk to the park.
 - 3 Walk to the red schoolhouse.
 - 4 Walk back to Taylor's red house.
- Remember, Taylor must walk on a sidewalk or crosswalk at all times!*



Find more information at:
www.minnesotago.org/walks

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Online Survey

minnesotawalks.org

About the Plan
The Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Minnesota Department of Health have teamed up to create a statewide pedestrian plan built on the input of stakeholders from around Minnesota. This plan will make walking and rolling easy, safe and desirable for all Minnesotans.

We are all pedestrians. Even if you drive, as soon as you get out of your car you're a pedestrian. What's important to you? Join the discussion now!

How To Get Involved
Welcome to the Statewide Pedestrian System Planning project! Jump into the conversation:

- Take Our Pedestrian Survey!**
Tell us a bit about what **you** think makes walking safe, convenient and desirable in your community by taking our short Pedestrian Survey.
- Frequently Asked Questions**
To learn more about this project and see answers to some of our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) click here.
- Share your thoughts in our Discussion Forum**
Join the Open Discussion and tell us how we can make walking easy, safe and desirable for all Minnesotans.
- Quick Poll**
Have some fun with our quick poll.
- Feedback**
We'll use this site to keep you updated on what we're up to and how you can get involved. Questions? Let us know!

Stay in Touch

Subscribe to MnDOT's mailing lists to stay up-to-date on Minnesota GO and other programs.

Quick Poll
Who is your walking hero? (Choose one.)

SECTION 2: HEY, THAT LOOKS LIKE MY STREET!

2.

3. (2b.) What about your community makes walking **safe, convenient, and desirable**? (Check all that apply)

- Graph of responses to (2b.) What about your community makes walking
- Benches/seating
 - There are people around
 - Good snow & ice removal in winter
 - Public art
 - Shade
 - Slow car speeds/good driver behavior
 - Good driver behavior
 - Quiet streets/low traffic
 - Good sidewalks/trails
 - Short walking distances to destinations
 - Good street crossing and pedestrian signals
 - Good street and sidewalk lighting
 - Wide space between cars and sidewalks
 - Landscaping/green space
 - Many destinations/businesses

Online Survey: Features to improve your walking experience

Survey: Features to improve your walking experience

Comfort Levels: CROSSING a Roadway



1. How comfortable would you feel **CROSSING** this roadway with a **PAINTED CROSSWALK**?

I would feel so uncomfortable that I would NOT cross here.



I would feel somewhat uncomfortable crossing here



Neutral



I would feel somewhat comfortable crossing here.



I would feel so comfortable that I would definitely cross here.





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Preferences

About Students Walk!

Students Walk! is a teen-focused conversation about pedestrians -- walkers and rollers -- in Minnesota. This project brings teen voices into the dialogue around Minnesota's first ever, statewide pedestrian system plan.

We are all pedestrians! Whether you walk to school, work, or just across the parking lot as soon as you get out of the car or bus, you are a pedestrian! We want to hear from YOU!

How you can get involved!

There are 3 ways to get involved in *Students Walk!*:



Teen Commentator

Apply to be one of our paid teen commentators in our 5-week, online conversation about pedestrians - walkers and rollers - in Minnesota (apps due by October 1),



Workshops

Participate in one of our **in-person teen workshops** (and earn a \$25 Best Buy gift card!), or



Online Conversations

Participate in our online **conversation** starting the week of October 19th.



Quick Poll

Have some fun with our quick poll!

Which best summarizes your thoughts about walking?

- (a) Bring it on! I walk wherever/whenver I can.
- (b) Zzzzzzz. Boring.
- (c) If only I had time.
- (d) Sounds like a lot of work.
- (f) Sure, if it's convenient.

Submit

View results & join the discussion

Facebook Like Box



Activities Timeline

1 Participate in one of our in-person pedestrian workshops!

ONGOING



Community Gathering Engagement Toolkit



Target Audience

- General public
- Special interest in priority populations
- Moving away from open house format
- Meet people where they are!



Focus Group Questions

TAAC RECOMMENDATIONS