INDY WALKWAYS
Health by Design is a coalition of diverse partners working to ensure that Indianapolis and communities throughout the state have neighborhoods, public spaces and transportation infrastructure that promote physical activity and healthy living.
Physical Activity
Transportation
Air Quality
Public Health
Safety
Land Use
Access

Health by Design
Creating built environments to foster healthy living
An Alliance for Health Promotion Initiatives
Health by Design Initiatives

• Education & Training
• Assessment & Planning
• Strategic & Innovative Partnerships
• Action & Implementation
WALKWAYS
moving INDY forward
WalkWays

• A partnership
  – City of Indianapolis
  – Marion County Public Health Department
  – Health by Design

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WalkWays

• An initiative to make Indianapolis more walkable and to get more people walking
  – Safer
  – More accessible
  – Inviting

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WalkWays Strategies

• Development and implementation of a comprehensive pedestrian program

• Development and adoption of a pedestrian master plan

• Development and execution of a community-wide campaign to promote walkability and walking

• Analysis of pedestrian crashes and designation of pedestrian safety zones*
Acknowledgement

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Plan Purpose

- Create long-term vision for more walkable and healthy Indianapolis
- Establish clear, equitable, data-driven priorities for future investments
- Recognize resource constraints and make the most impact with available funding
Why the Pedestrian Plan

Indy’s Budget Gap

Budget Needed for Sidewalk Repairs and Full Pedestrian Network Buildout

$750M

Current Total Transportation Budget

$50M
Pedestrian Planning Process

- Project overview
- Vision and goals
- State of Walkability in Indy
- Setting priorities
- Choosing projects
- Next Steps
Public Engagement Opportunities

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY CINEMA AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Walkways is an initiative to make Indianapolis more walkable and to get more people walking. The City of Indianapolis, Marion County Council, Public Health Department, and Health by Design partners are working to develop our community’s first pedestrian plan. The plan will address pedestrian infrastructure and long-term vision for a more walkable and healthy Indianapolis. The plan will include data-driven strategies for future investments and action items by local, state, and federal planners, as well as an opportunity to make our community safer and more accessible through planned programs, making our community safer and more accessible.

As part of this planning process, we need to hear from you.

WHAT?
Community Cinema and Pedestrian Plan

WHEN?
Wednesday, October 21, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Presentation and films are open to all at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE?
Central Library, 40 E. 10th Street

WHO?
You, your family, and friends. We want to hear from you.

WHY?
Learn about the Pedestrian Plan, see short films, and share your thoughts in the Library.

This event is FREE and open to all. For more information, visit www.indywalkways.org or call 317-398-7672.

NOW PLAYING

City Walks
Learn about the “Great Streets Initiative” Portland and New York City’s efforts to improve sidewalks and bike lanes, how to make streets more accessible and walkable.

Making Streets Safer for Seniors
By creating safer streets for all, we can create safer streets for seniors.

The Urban Congo
Check out how they made public spaces through plan.

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JOIN US AT ONE OF FIVE INDY PEDESTRIAN PLAN OPEN HOUSES!

We are making decisions about where sidewalks get built and what kind of streets that make it easier to cross the street.

This is your chance to learn how decisions are made and help inform the way they’re made: walking more, driving less, and considering transit. We want to hear from you! Join us at one of five Indy Pedestrian Plan Open Houses!

> Indianapolis neighborhoods and we encourage you to arrive 15 to 30 minutes before the start time.

February 24, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Downtown East Side, 802 E. 38th Street
January 25, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Radio Station, 8000 Allisonville Road
February 25, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
100 E. Market Street
January 27, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
City Center, 201 N. Alabama St.
January 27, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
325 Library Plaza
February 27, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
City Center, 201 N. Alabama St.
February 27, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
325 Library Plaza

The following questions will help us inform the conversation.

1. How does walking make your life better?
2. What would you like to see improved in your neighborhood or community?
3. What opportunities are most important to you?
4. How would you like to see the city grow?
5. What do you think about the bike lanes in the city?

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INDIANAPOLIS/MARION COUNTY PEDESTRIAN PLAN
MAKE YOUR CHOICE!

Making decisions about sidewalk and street improvements involves many trade-offs. Investing in one project, or one area, leaves less money for another. We want to know how you would weigh the options to make these choices if you were in charge of the city.

If you had $10 to spend in each of the areas listed below, how would you spend it? For example, “in ‘Improve vs. Expand,’ would you spend $7 to improve existing sidewalks and $3 to build new sidewalks? Or would you spend less to improve existing sidewalks and more to build new sidewalks?” Please tell us how you would spend your $10 in each area. Each line should add up to $10.

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| Demand vs. Supply | More Important | More Important |
| Build new or improved sidewalks $7 |
| Build new sidewalks to improve connections to the river |

| Need vs. Opportunity | More Important | More Important |
| Build new or improved sidewalks for residents $7 |
| Improve opportunities for residents |

| Downtown vs. Neighborhoods | More Important | More Important |
| Build new or improved sidewalks downtown |
| Improve opportunities for residents |

| Distribute vs. Concentrate | More Important | More Important |
| Spread pedestrian funding evenly around the city |
| Improve opportunities for residents |

| Projects vs. Programs | More Important | More Important |
| Fund new projects, such as sidewalks and improved crossings |
| Improve opportunities for residents |

| Across vs. Along | More Important | More Important |
| Make it easier to cross the street |
| Make it more comfortable to walk along the street |

TURN OVER
Indianapolis will be a great place to walk, leading to a community that is healthier, safer, resilient, and economically vibrant.

Create Connected and Complete Communities

Make the Experience Safe

Build Walkable Places for All

Get It Done
State of Walkability Report

STATE OF WALKABILITY
A COMPANION PIECE TO THE INDIANAPOLIS/MARION COUNTY PEDESTRIAN PLAN
FINAL

FEBRUARY 2016
STEP 1: Selecting Priority Areas

HEALTH

- Overweight/Obese
- Diabetes
- Access to Groceries
- Access to Parks/Greenways
- Collision Density

Health Index
(by Health Planning Area)

- Low (Least Healthy)
- High (Most Healthy)
STEP 1: Selecting Priority Areas

**EQUITY**

- Non-White Population
- Poverty
- Seniors
- Youth
- No Vehicle Households
- Limited English
- Disabilities

![Map of Indianapolis showing equity areas](image-url)
STEP 1: Selecting Priority Areas

HIGH PEDESTRIAN COLLISION CORRIDORS
STEP 1: Selecting Priority Areas

WALKING COMFORT

- Traffic Volume
- Speed
- Travel Lanes
- Sidewalk Availability
- Street Lighting

Pedestrian Environmental Quality Index (PEQI) Score

- Low (Least Comfortable)
- Medium
- High (Most Comfortable)
STEP 1: Selecting Priority Areas

PEDESTRIAN GENERATION

- Population/Employment
- Transit
- Proximity to Parks, Commercial, Schools, Dense Mixed Use and Residential

Pedestrian Demand Index was calculated based on population and employment densities, proximity to parks, schools, college/university, medical facilities, high activity land use areas (commercial, mixed-use and high density residential), and stop-level transit boarding counts.

Data Sources: US Census Bureau 2010, US Census Bureau LEHD 2013, IndyGo, Indianapolis MPO, and City of Indianapolis
STEP 1: Selecting Priority Areas

CITY PRIORITIES

- TOD Station Areas
- Reconnecting Our Waterways
- High Crime Investment Areas
- Catalytic Neighborhoods
Identifying Priority Areas

PRIORITIZING SAFETY, HEALTH, AND EQUITY
Identifying Priority Areas

HIGH PRIORITY AREA

Tier 1
Tier 2
Tier 3
Project Types

ALONG THE ROADWAY

ACROSS THE ROADWAY

OFF-STREET

MAJOR BARRIER REMOVAL

PLACEMAKING
All Pedestrian Projects

ALL PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS
Project Selection

ALL HIGH PRIORITY
(TIER 1)
PEDESTRIAN
PROJECTS
Project Selection

- Improves transit access
- Improves access to nearby destinations
- Enables active living
- Land use typology
- Removes a pedestrian barrier or fills a pedestrian gap
- Potential to leverage other funding or piggyback on another project
- Favorable considerations
Project Selection

TOP 100 PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS
Beyond Infrastructure

**Programs** encourage and celebrate walking

**Policies** allocate and operate the right-of-way

**Procedures** are day-to-day practices

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**P1.3 LOW-COST MATERIALS PILOT PROGRAM**

**Goal**

Develop a pilot program that implements and tests interim pedestrian projects using low-cost materials

**Description**

Walking infrastructure needs are significant and costs are very high.

**Rationale**

- Indianapolis needs to identify cost-effective and creative construction materials for pedestrian projects.

**Actions**

- Conduct a global scan of low-cost pedestrian infrastructure best management practices.
- Identify potential projects that could be constructed with low-cost materials on an interim basis.
- Procure and test low-cost materials that can be reused for different construction projects.
- Implement at least three (3) walking infrastructure projects using low-cost materials.

**Partners**

- Department of Public Works

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Low cost materials (P1.3) and planters were used in Lakeview, IL to create a great intersection and improve crossing conditions for pedestrians.
WalkWays Lessons

• **Successes**
  – Strengthened partner relationships
  – Legitimacy with key-leaders, decision-makers
  – Institutionalized processes, practices
  – Transparency & benchmarking

• **Challenges**
  – Timing
  – Change in administration
  – Capacity of partners
  – Limitations of data
THANK YOU!

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