



*Inspiring choices that lead to a healthy, equitable,
and vibrant community for generations to come!*

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Walkability for Bus Stops

Walk2Transit.org



Overview

- Rationale for project
- Crowd-sourced mapping
- Rider stories
- Walkability audits
- Demo projects
- Advocacy
- Lessons learned

Rationale for project

- 75% of CATS trips are by bus.
- 80% of all-purpose riders walk to stops.
- 400,000 new residents in Charlotte by 2040.
- Record-high 27 pedestrian deaths last year.
- Charlotte Walks pedestrian plan was passed in 2017, but it's not yet funded.
- Many bus stops lack amenities, quality sidewalk access, and crossings.

67% of County's housing is within
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of a transit stop.

**Proximity to Public Transportation,
2016**

Percentage of housing units within
 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile of a transit stop

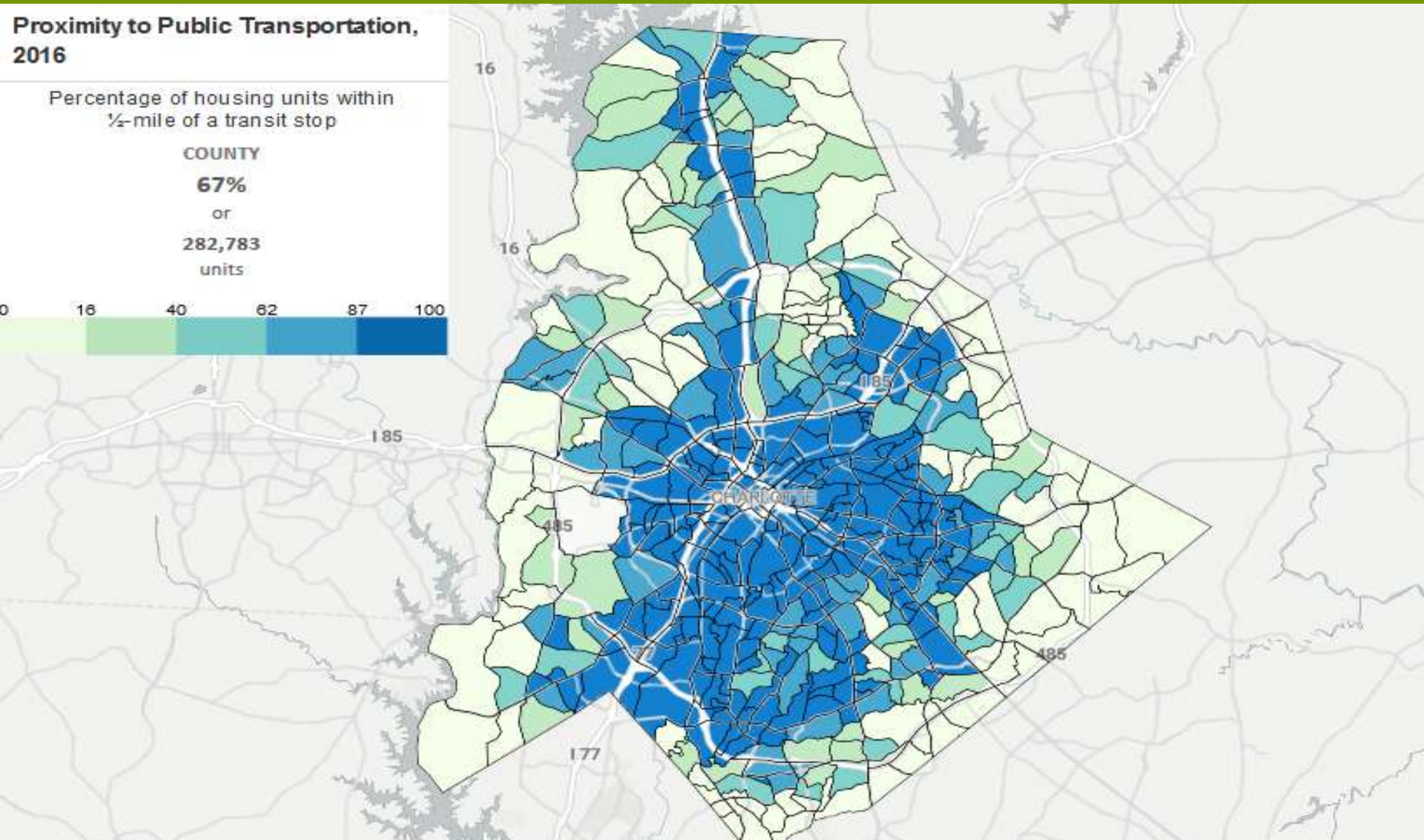
COUNTY

67%

or

282,783

units



Crowd-Sourced Mapping

mymaps.google.com

Route 42,58



No sidewalk but worn path shows bus riders walk along here.

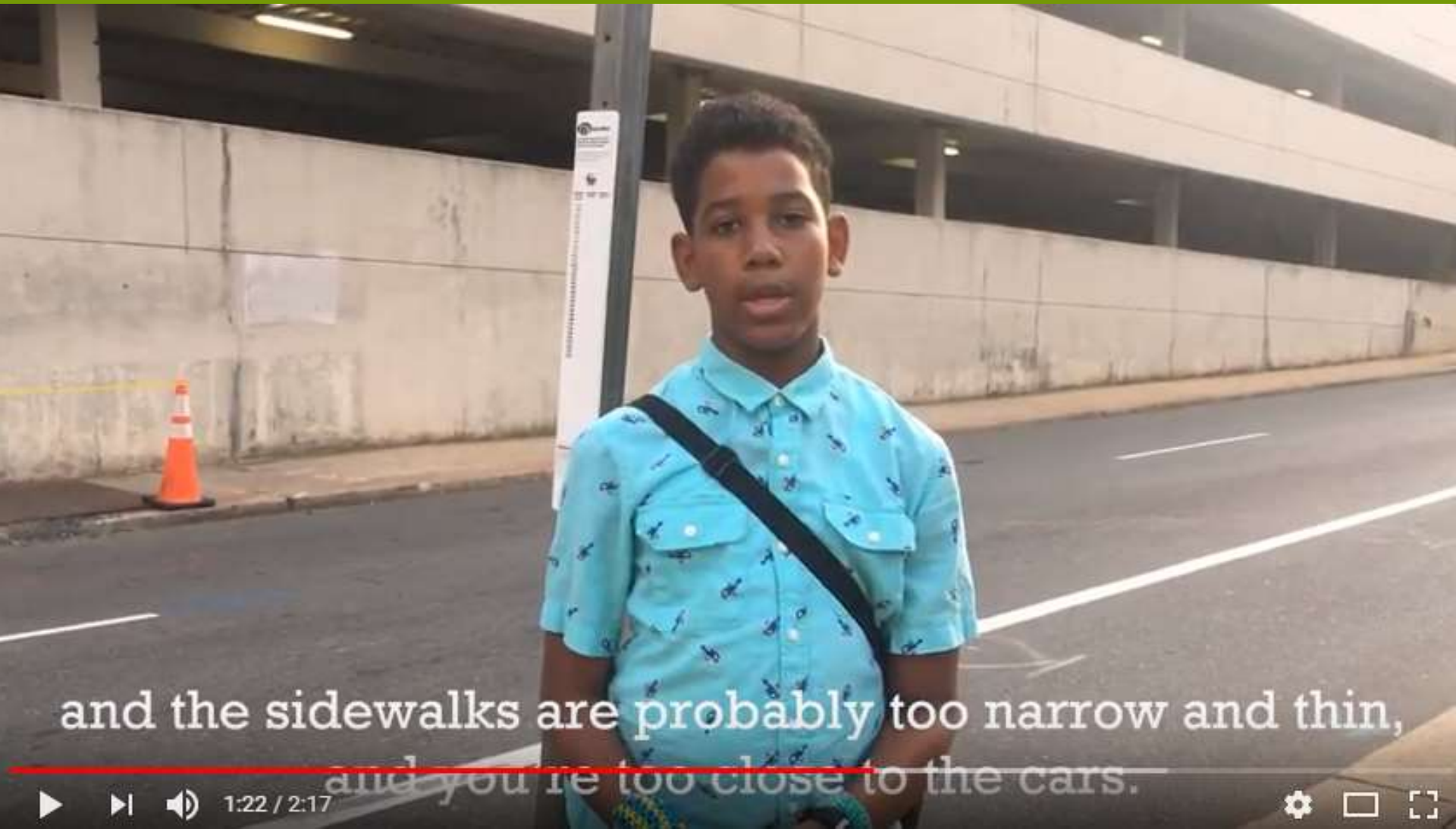
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Google My Maps

Rider Stories

[Youtube.com/SustainCharlotte](https://www.youtube.com/SustainCharlotte)



and the sidewalks are probably too narrow and thin,
and you're too close to the cars.

Walkability Audits



Lessons Learned: Audits

- Choose time of day and length wisely.
- Engage groups, but keep it open.
- Explain the purpose and value.
- Foster social capital among volunteers.
- Safety first.
- Support independent observation.
- Look for patterns and exceptions.

Document the positive and negative.



*Pedestrian refuge islands (left) made participants feel safer.
We saw several pedestrians crossing South Blvd at Grover (right, marked by arrows).*

Experience builds empathy.

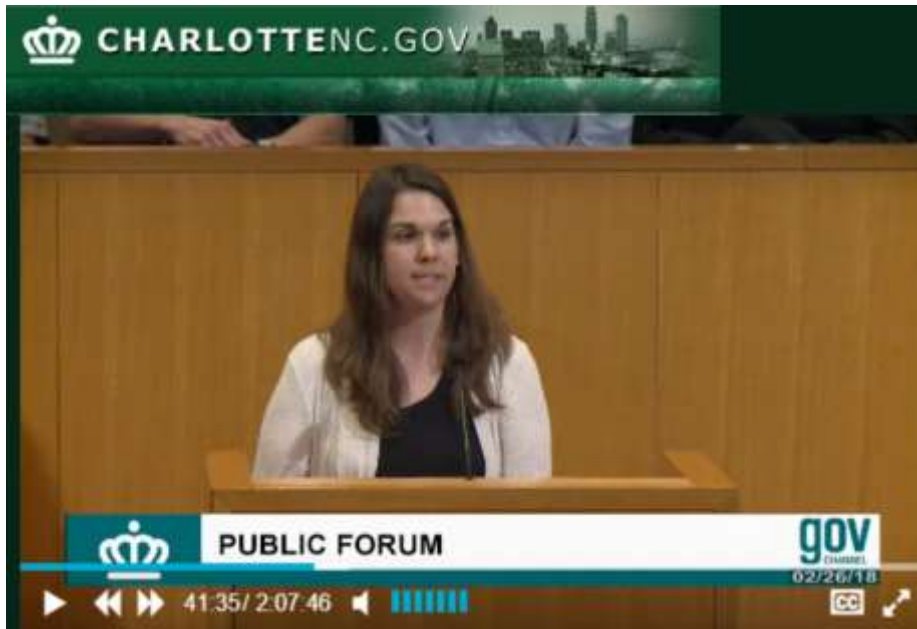


Many students used this bus stop near East Meck High School (left). With 5 lanes of traffic and few marked crosswalks, pedestrians lack choices for crossing busy Monroe Rd (right).

Demonstration Projects



Advocating for Walkability



Parkwood Ave. / The Plaza Road Diet



Lessons Learned: Overall Project

- Define geographic scope and stop criteria early.
- Clarify project goals and expectations with participants (not just during audits).
- Understand *who* has power to make improvements and *how* to connect.
- Keep elected officials and agency staff informed. Invite them to participate!

Share the work at key intervals
with elected officials and local media!

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