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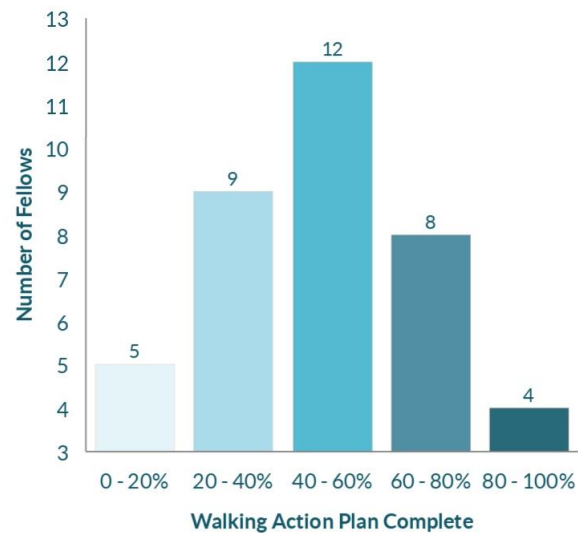
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The Walking College: Proven to Improve Communities

The data are in and the verdict is clear – **the Walking College** is empowering individuals across the US to improve walkability. A new report by America Walks explores the progress (and success!) of some of our earliest Fellows.

According to a survey of 38 Walking College Fellows who completed the program in 2015 and 2016, their participation has already contributed to a total of 441 meaningful outcomes in their communities, ranging from “Walking summit held” to “Walkability project(s) added to long-range transportation plan” to “Complete Streets policy adopted.” No matter the outcome, one thing is certain—these Walking College Fellows are at the forefront of creating safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk, move, and be physically active.

Self-Assessed WAP Progress



[Read Our Full Report Here](#)

Want to Bring The Walking College to Your Community?

Join these stories of success by applying to be part of the Walking College. America Walks will be accepting applications for a brand new class of walkability leaders between February 1st – 28th, 2019. Follow #WalkingCollege on Twitter for a chat on February 11th at 1pm Eastern to engage with Fellows and learn more about the experience.

[Learn How to Apply for The Walking College](#)

More Communities on the Walking Path

In addition to empowering individual Walking College Fellows, since 2015 America Walks has worked with communities across the US to support projects that increase walking and improve walkability. Meet the latest class of **Community Change grantees** who will be working throughout 2019 to get their community on the walking path.

Deadly Walking Conditions

Though traffic fatalities overall have been decreasing—even as driving rates have started to go back up—pedestrian fatalities have been on the rise over the last decade. Nearly 6,000 people were killed while walking in 2017 alone, the second highest total in the last decade. However, the danger of being hit and killed is not the same in every place, and that danger is increasing more in some communities than others. Explore this year's **Dangerous By Design report by the National Complete Streets Coalition** to learn how your state measures up.



Three Active Transportation Organizations Huddle Together

On the blog this month, we sat down with the leaders of three national active transportation advocacy organizations, America Walks, the League of American Bicyclists, and Safe Routes to School National Partnership, to discuss the current climate of mobility advocacy, the importance of emphasizing social justice, opportunities to connect, and what comes next. **Read why the future of mobility and the active transportation movement calls for collaboration.**

Mark Those Calendars

- **Happening Now:** Submit your **program proposals** for the 6th Safe Routes to School Conference, to be held November 12–14, 2019 in Tampa, Florida.
- **January 31st:** **Register for Safe Routes to School's Investing in Health: Local Active Transportation Financing Initiatives webinar** for an overview of the key role that active transportation financing can play in developing healthy communities.
- **February 13th:** Even one life lost is too many. **Join us for Creating Safer Streets for All**, a webinar to learn techniques for improving safety, an overview of the safe systems approach, and intervention stories from communities in action.
- **February 28th:** **Register for Exploring the Human-Centered Mobility Principles webinar**, where we dive into The Partnership for Active Transportation's **Human-Centered Mobility Principles**, how they might be applied to current efforts, and how two communities are embracing what's next in active transportation.

Content We Loved This Month

- **We Need a Better Word Than Walkable** / *Mother Nature Network*
- **Walking with Neighbors Reveals the Bounty in a Block** / *Every Body Walk!*
- **Transit Systems Must Address Women's Safety Concerns** / *Streetsblog*
- **America's Most Dangerous Roads for Pedestrians** / *City Lab*
- **Take the Tram into a more playable city** / *Child in the City*

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Feb 11th - 1pm EST - #WalkingCollege

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conditions as an America Walks Walking College Fellow

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