Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan Update: What are Your Walking Priorities?

Thank you for taking the Pedestrian Master Plan Survey! Your thoughts will help us improve walkability in Seattle over the next five years.

In 2009, Seattle's 20-year <u>Pedestrian Master Plan</u> set out to make Seattle the most walkable city in the nation. The Plan goals of safety, equity, vibrancy, and health drive decisions about where to build new sidewalks and curb ramps, where to stripe crosswalks and put in new signs, and many other improvements that make it easier to walk in our neighborhoods.

As part of our update to the Pedestrian Master Plan, we are gathering feedback from those who live and/or work in Seattle to help prioritize projects and identify the highest priority areas to focus improvements.

We need your input: What types of pedestrian improvements do you think are most important, and where should we build them? We will use your feedback to shape plan priorities and the types and general locations of improvements we build over the next several years.

The survey will take less than ten minutes to fill out. Thank you!

1. What conditions make it difficult or unpleasant for you to walk?

The following conditions can make it difficult or unpleasant for people to walk. Please rate how much each discourages you from walking, from 1 (somewhat unpleasant) to 6 (absolute barrier to walking).

	1 – Somewhat unpleasant	2	3	4	5	6- Absolute barrier to walking
Busy streets with no sidewalks						
Residential streets with no sidewalks						
Tripping hazards on sidewalks						
Sidewalks that are too narrow						
Sidewalks that do not provide a buffer (such as street trees, landscaping, or parked cars) between people walking and moving cars						
Not enough safe ways to cross busy streets (such as traffic signals, stop signs, or crosswalks)						

Missing curb ramps (wheelchair ramps) at intersections			
People driving too fast			
Poor lighting			
Drivers not stopping for people crossing streets			
Not enough time to cross street with signal			
Blocked sidewalks (by parked cars, utility poles, etc.)			
Other (please specify)	Б		

2. Where should the City prioritize pedestrian improvements <u>first</u>?

How important is each of the following locations for improvement? 1 is not very important, 6 is extremely important.

	1 – Not very important	2	3	4	5	6- Extremely important
In areas with the most people walking (e.g., Downtown, University District, Capitol Hill, etc.)						
On streets connecting people to transit stops						
To serve people who rely on walking the most (e.g., low-income and transit dependent residents)						
On streets connecting people to local community facilities such as parks, libraries, and community centers						
Along and across busy arterial streets						
On streets connecting people to neighborhood businesses (grocery stores, coffee shops, restaurants, etc.)						

Places where the most pedestrians are injured			
On residential streets without sidewalks			
On streets connecting families and children to schools			
Other (please specify)			

3. What types of pedestrian improvements should we build <u>first</u>?

How important is each of the following types of improvements? 1 is least important, 6 is most important.

	1 – Not very important (build later)	2	3	4	5	6- Extremely important (build now)
Repair and maintain existing sidewalks in areas with the most people walking (e.g., Downtown, University District, Capitol Hill, etc.)						
Provide safe walking paths where they are missing on residential streets						
Provide a buffer (such as street trees, landscaping, or parked cars) between people walking on sidewalks and cars on busy streets						
Build sidewalks where they are missing on busy arterial streets						
Provide safe walking paths on neighborhood greenways*						
Provide more safe ways to cross busy arterial streets						
Reduce speeds on busy arterial streets						
Reduce speeds on residential streets						

Other (please specify)			

*Neighborhood greenways are calm residential streets with low car volumes and speeds. They provide safe, calm routes for people walking and biking to connect to destinations like parks, schools, shops, and restaurants. See www.seattle.gov/transportation/greenways.htm for more information.

4. How comfortable would you feel walking on residential streets with the following types of walking paths?

Background: Many streets in Seattle are missing sidewalks. It would cost the City about \$3.6 billion to build traditional concrete sidewalks with curbs where sidewalks are currently missing.

To stretch our dollars and provide more walking improvements to more people as quickly as possible, the City is launching a new program to provide lower-cost design options for residential streets without sidewalks. These options may lower the cost of addressing the city's sidewalk gaps on residential streets by as much as two-thirds.

While the type of improvement appropriate for a particular street will vary, we'd like to hear your thoughts on different designs options we are considering.

The following questions will show images of different types of walking paths. Please tell us how comfortable you and members of your household or family would feel on each type, from very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, to not comfortable.

4.a. Stamped and stained asphalt sidewalk with curb (raised walkway)

Very comfortable

Somewhat comfortable

Not comfortable



4.b. Stained asphalt sidewalk with curb (raised walkway)

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Very comfortable

Somewhat comfortable





4.c. Curb-separated walking path at same level as cars

Very comfortable

Somewhat comfortable





4.d. Shared walking space (people walking and driving share the roadway space) with traffic calming features to slow cars, including curved roadways, landscape elements, and speed humps.



Very comfortable

Somewhat comfortable









4.e. Traditional concrete sidewalk with curbs on one side of the street only, with raingardens.



Very comfortable

Somewhat comfortable





4.f. Walking path at same level as cars, set behind landscaping (no curb).



Very comfortable

Somewhat comfortable







In the box below, please tell us more about what you do or don't like about these lower-cost walking improvements for residential streets:

[Limit online survey answer to 500 characters]

5. What is the single, most important thing we can do to improve walking conditions in Seattle?

[Limit online survey answer to 500characters]

6. Tell us a Little About You

Do you live in the City of Seattle? Yes No a. What is your home zip code? b. What neighborhood do you live in? [drop down menu] c. Do you work in the City of Seattle? Yes No d. What neighborhood do you work in? [drop down menu] e.

- f. How many vehicles does your household own? _____[drop down menu]
- g. During a typical week, how many days do you walk more than one block in the City of Seattle?

None
One or two days
Three or four days
Five or six days
All seven days

 Which of the following activities would typically involve you walking <u>more than one block</u> on streets in the City of Seattle? (Select all that apply to you.)



Commuting to work or school

Going to libraries, community centers, parks, or other community destinations

Exercise / leisure (including walking a pet)

Taking children to / from school

Accessing public transit

i. Do you have one or more children (17 or younger) living in your household currently?

Yes
No

We aim to reach out to and hear from a broad cross-section of Seattle. By answering the following optional questions you'll help us better understand who is engaging with us.

Please select your gender identity:

- □ Male
- □ Female
- □ Transgender
- □ Other ____

Do you:

- □ Rent
- □ Own
- □ Other ____

What is your race? Select all that apply.

- □ American Indian/Alaska Native
- □ Asian
- □ Black/African American
- □ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- □ White
- □ Other
- \Box Two or more of these
- □ Prefer not to say

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- □ Yes, Iam
- □ No, I am not

Please select your age category:

- □ 17 or younger
- □ 18-29
- □ 30-39
- □ 40-49
- □ 50-64
- □ 65 or over
- □ Prefer not to answer

What language do you speak at home? _____

Thank you for completing the survey. We will use your feedback will update the priorities in the Pedestrian Master Plan. We expect to release a draft of the updated Plan for public review in February, 2016.

To be included on the project email list and receive project updates, please visit <u>www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedMasterPlan.htm</u>.

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