

**Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan
Description - Neighborhood Walks**

What are the Neighborhood Walks?

As part of the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan Public Engagement strategy, a series of Neighborhood Walks – tools that residents can use to capture information about walking in their neighborhoods – is planned. The Neighborhood Walks are intended to gather information on walking routes, facilities and perceptions of walking in Seattle’s neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Walks are not intended to provide a comprehensive inventory of the pedestrian environment in the city. Rather, they are envisioned as a way to engage Seattle’s walkers and gather valuable qualitative information from those people who know the city’s walking routes and facilities best – the people who use them every day.

The information gathered from the neighborhood walks will be used to help inform the analysis for the Pedestrian Master Plan project and be the basis for a series of neighborhood walking maps.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Neighborhood Walks is to:

1. Engage Seattle’s walkers and potential walkers in the Pedestrian Master Plan planning process.
2. Collect information, perspectives, opportunities and challenges related to walking in Seattle.
3. Collect information on the best walking routes in the city from people who use the neighborhood streets and paths regularly.
4. Generate neighborhood walking maps that reinforce the second working goal of the Pedestrian Master Plan – to get more people walking.

PRODUCTS

- A summary of the information, perceptions, opportunities and challenges gathered from the neighborhood walks process to inform the Pedestrian Master Plan.
- A set of neighborhood walking route maps to be included in the Pedestrian Master Plan and available online.

ROLES

Neighborhood role –Through the Neighborhood Walks, participants will be asked to walk their neighborhoods and identify key pedestrian facilities, perceptions about the opportunities and challenges of walking in their neighborhoods, things they would like to see replicated, pedestrian destinations, and key walking routes.

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) role – SDOT will provide training, funding, the Neighborhood Walks worksheet or tool, assistance with promotion, and additional assistance as needed to make the effort successful. In addition, SDOT will provide the resources to produce and distribute the final neighborhood walking maps.

Other City Departments role – Other City Departments will be collaborated with as appropriate. For instance, the Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods work with neighborhood planning might provide a natural place for cooperation.

PMPAG role - The Pedestrian Master Plan Advisory Group (PMPAG) will participate in outreach to district councils, block watch groups and other community groups, and organize walking groups, lead walks, and help compile results.

Consultant role – The consultant team will provide technical oversight and analysis of resulting information to inform the Pedestrian Master Plan.

TIMELINE

Proposed Timeline	Activity
Mid January:	Neighborhood walk tool drafted Develop list of groups and individuals to participate in walks
Late January:	PMPAG pilots and gives feedback on neighborhood walk tool (a separate event, not at a PMPAG meeting)
Early February:	Neighborhood walk tool refined District councils, block watch groups, community groups contacted (ongoing) Materials developed
Late March:	Walks completed
Late April:	Results compiled and distributed
Late June:	Walking maps drafted