

SAINT PAUL PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Open House
March 22, 2018



 **RAMSEY COUNTY**
Working with you to enhance our quality of life

Plan Overview



Saint Paul Values Walking



Programs

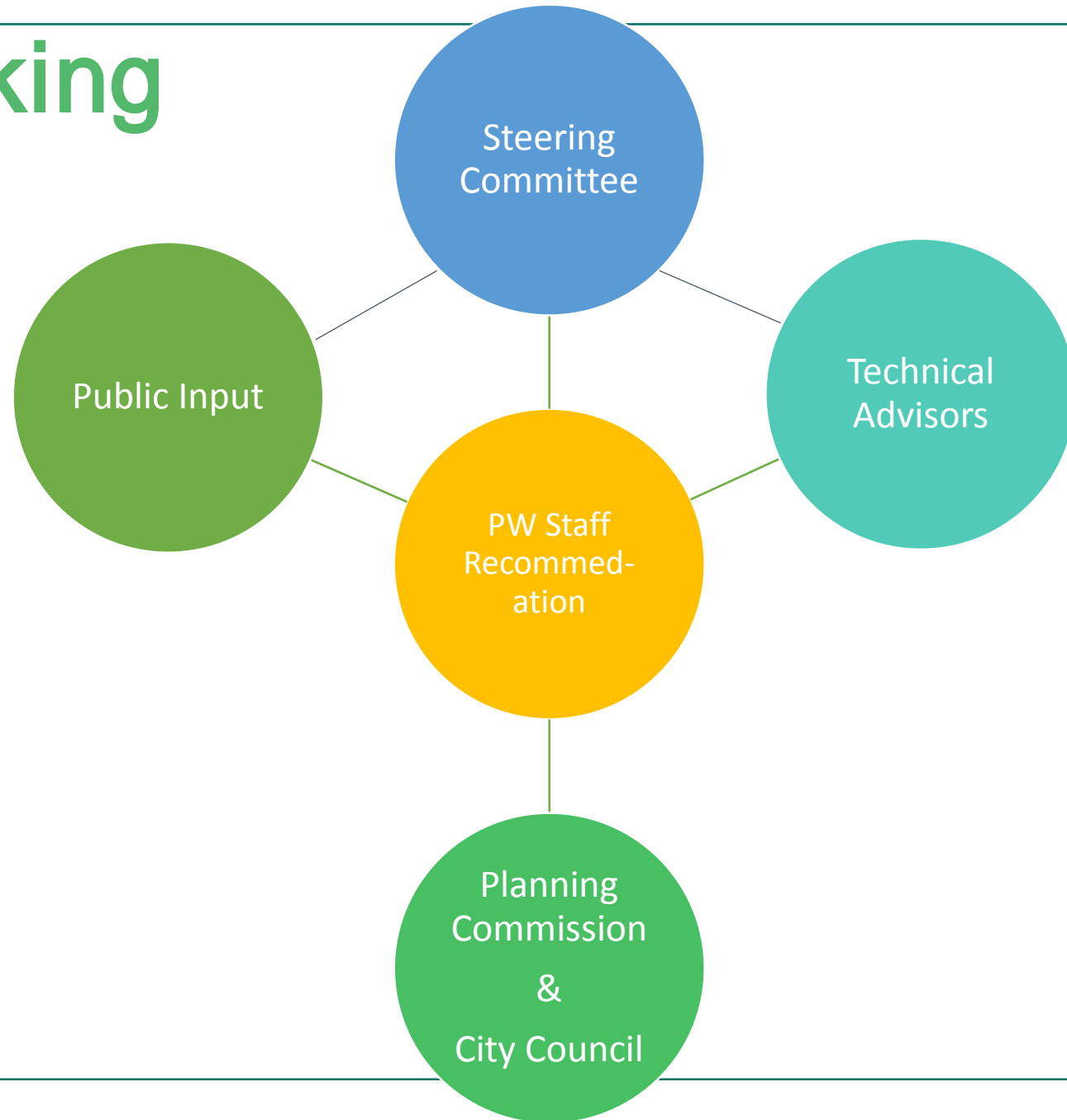
- Stop for Me
- Vibrant Places and Spaces
- Safe Routes to School
- Green Line planning

Desired Outcomes

- Build capacity to support safe walking everywhere in Saint Paul
- Identify proactive policies for equitable safety improvements
- Develop priorities for investments in walking, based on equity and safety
- Identify programs to support safe walking: education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation
- Promote and energize a culture of walking



Decision-Making Structure



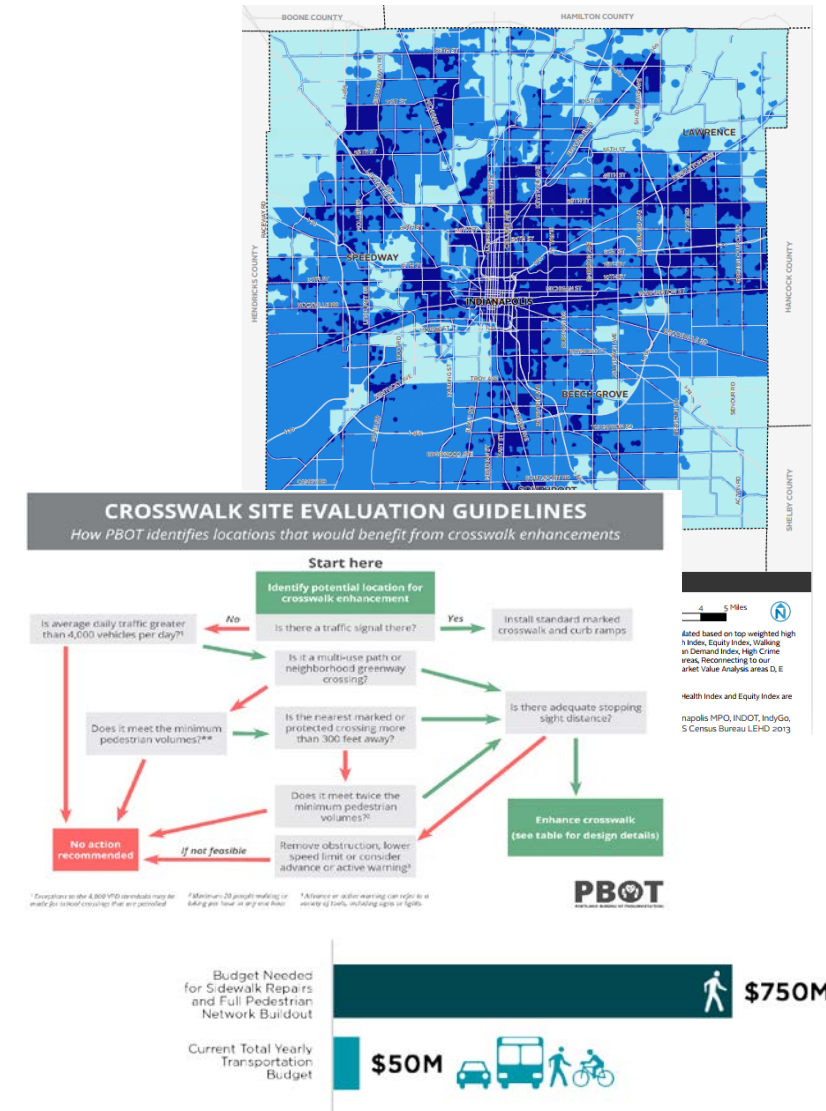
Taking the plan to the community

- Summer 2017 events
- E-mail updates
- Web page
- City social media channels
- Small group discussions
- Prioritization survey
- Community group presentations
- Open houses (March and Sept.)



Next Steps

- Develop vision and goals
- Prioritize locations for pedestrian safety improvements
- Develop crosswalk evaluation criteria
- Identify funding needs
- Present draft plan at open house (Fall 2018)
- City Council adopt plan (Winter 2018/2019)



Key Milestones - 2018



Plan
Kickoff

Winter



Community
conversations;
Set Priorities

Spring



Develop
Plan

Summer



Public
Review of
Plan

Fall



Plan
Adoption

Winter

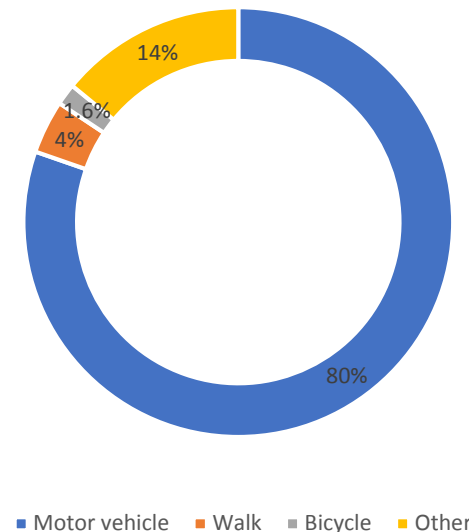
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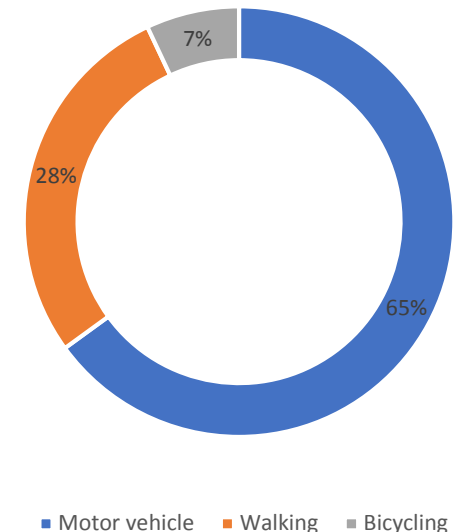
Saint Paul Snapshot

- **1083** miles of sidewalk
- **6-8** miles replaced annually
- **394** miles of gaps
- Uptick in annual pedestrian crashes
 - 2015 (6 fatalities, 146 crashes)
 - 2016 (4 fatalities, 188 crashes)
 - 2017 (3 fatalities, 192 crashes)

How Saint Paul Commutes
(2015)



Saint Paul Traffic Deaths and Serious Injuries
(2004-2015)



What We've Heard (from 1500 residents)

Top 3 Reasons We Walk

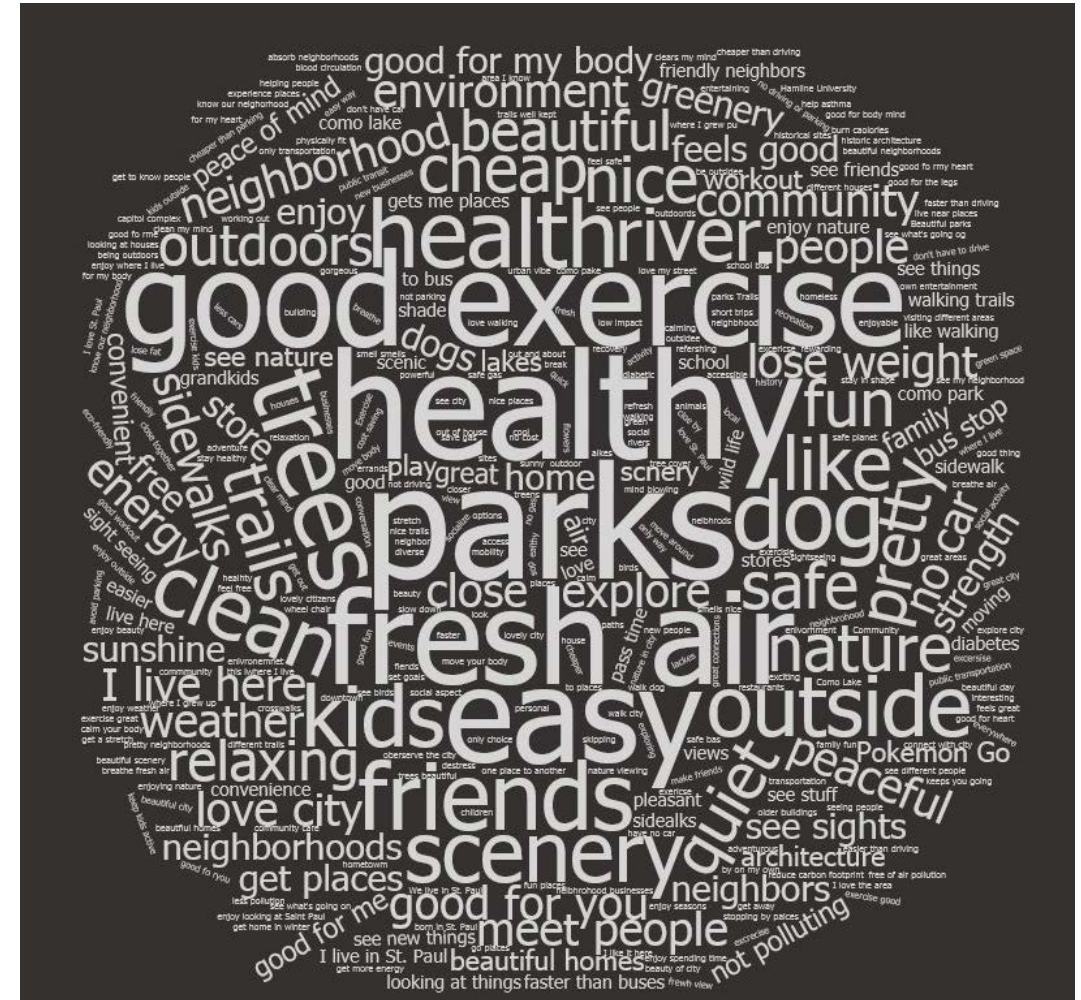
- *Exercise*
- *Social activities*
- *To get to a bus or train*

Top Challenge

- *Crossing the street*

Differences by zip code:

- *Sidewalk network*
- *Personal safety*



Transportation Plans and Policies

High-Level Direction:

- Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan
- Saint Paul Bicycle Plan
- Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy
- Ramsey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Design Guidance:

- Saint Paul Street Design Manual

Detailed Recommendations:

- Saint Paul Complete Streets Action Plan
- Saint Paul Safe Routes to School Policy Plan
- Saint Paul Roadway Safety Plan
- Ramsey County Roadway Safety Plan
- City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works ADA Transition Plan

Pedestrian Infrastructure Funding

Annual Programs

	Funding Source	Use	Five Year Capital Plan Budget (2018-2022)
1.	Sidewalk Reconstruction Program	Reconstruct deteriorating sidewalks.	\$1 million annually (\$500,000 City general funds; \$500,000 property owner assessments)
2.	Sidewalk Infill	Construct infill sidewalk where gaps exist.	Funded 100% by property owner assessments.
3.	Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Program	Install new crosswalk markings and signage, bicycle lanes, signal improvements, etc.	\$350,000 in 2018 \$250,000 2019-2022

Project-Specific

- Safe Routes to School: local, state and federal programs
- Capital Improvement Budget Process
- Federal and county safety grants
- Street reconstruction projects
- Street mill and overlays

Existing Programs

Enforcement

- Stop for Me campaign
- School Patrol

Engagement and Communications

- Pedestrian Safety Advocate
- Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity
- Safe Routes to School Steering Committee

Evaluation and Performance Measures

- Pedestrian counts
- Pedestrian crashes
- School transportation tallies



Challenges to Walking in Saint Paul

Funding

- Infrastructure needs are more than available funding

Equity in Decision-Making Processes

- Lack of defined process creates a perception of inequities

Programs

- Existing programs rely on grant funding and volunteers

Attitudes and Norms

- Drivers do not routinely stop for people crossing

Challenges to Walking in Saint Paul

Internal Coordination

- Lack of formal process for pedestrian coordination between City divisions

Creative Design Solutions

- Lack of use of low-cost, temporary, or alternative treatments and design for pedestrian infrastructure

Maintenance and Reporting

- Inconsistency in quality of maintenance
- Lack of data on infrastructure condition

Policies and Procedures

- Existing policies and procedures are difficult to find and hard for the public to understand

Challenges to Walking in Saint Paul

Arterial Roadway Jurisdiction

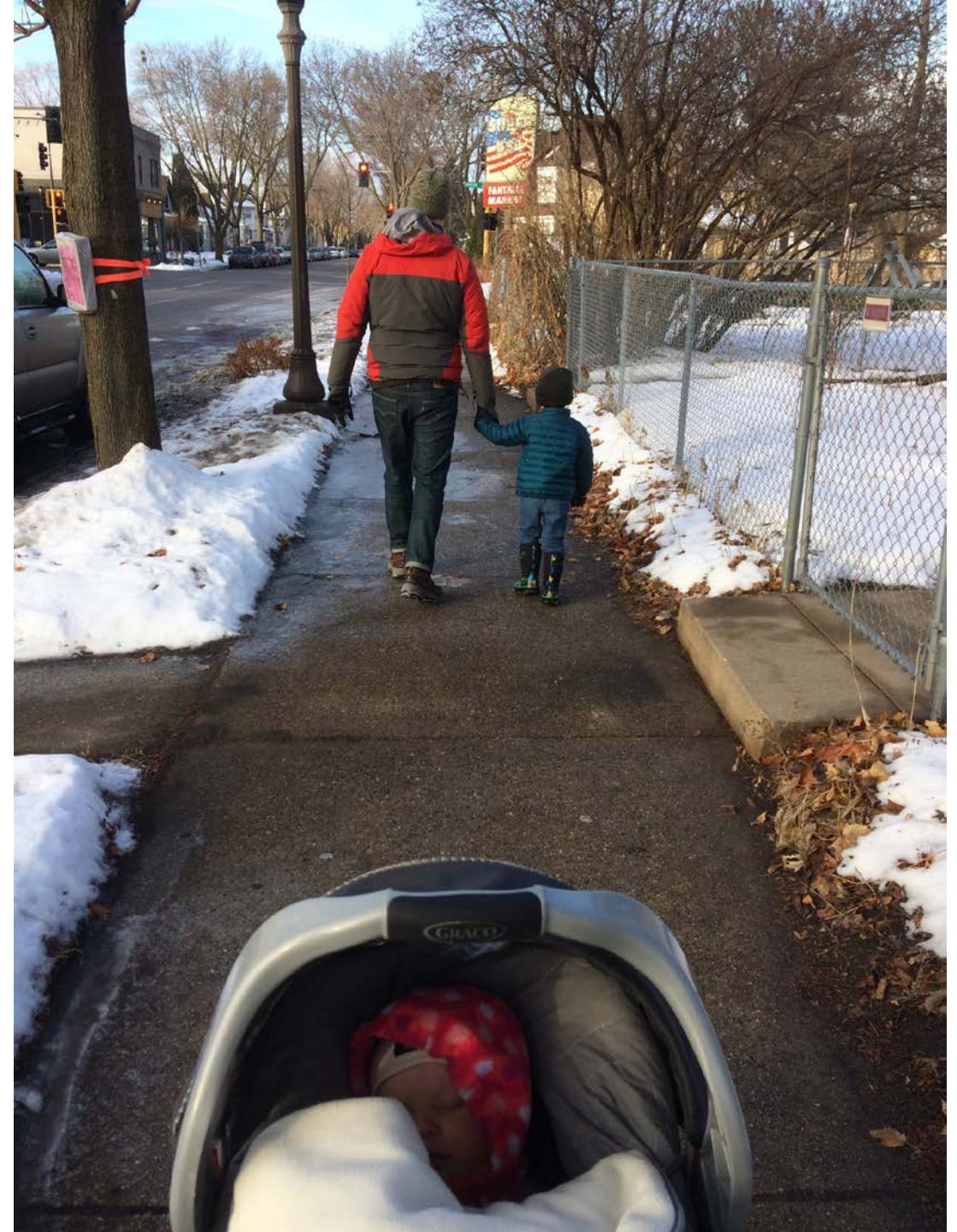
- Ramsey County and MnDOT operate most higher traffic, higher speed roads in Saint Paul



Winter Maintenance

- Snow, ice, and long nights create challenges
- Patchwork of conditions due to property owner responsibility to clear snow
- Winter is very challenging for people with mobility impairments

Tonight's Open House



Activities

1. Learn more about the planning process and meet the planning team
2. Share your vision
3. Tell us where walking improvements are most needed
4. Play hopscotch trivia



Photo Contest

- Walk with Mayor Carter
- Collected through March 30
- Please share on Facebook, via newsletters, and Retweet



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