

# Appendices

# APPENDIX A *Community Pedestrian Workshops*

## Summary of Community Workshop No.1

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6 p.m.

### OVERVIEW

As part of the planning process for the first-ever Topeka Pedestrian Master Plan, a community workshop was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Holliday Building (620 SE Madison) in downtown Topeka. Its purpose was to:

- Gather community feedback about:
  - The Ideas for a possible vision and goals for walkability in Topeka
  - Key issues, problems and/or concerns with walkability in the community
  - Potential strategies/solutions for addressing key issues, problems, and/or concerns
  - Top priorities for walkability
  - Other comments
- Incorporate the information gathered into a review and inventory of existing sidewalk and pedestrian facilities.
- Use the information to inform the selection of focus areas and recommendations that could be included in the initial and final drafts of the pedestrian plan.

A total of 23 people attended the workshop, including elected officials, staff from the City of Topeka and its Metropolitan Planning Organization, Neighborhood Improvement Areas (North Topeka West, Central Highland Park, and others), Topeka Metro, the Advisory Committee for the Topeka Pedestrian Master Plan, Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Department, Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods, Security Benefit, residents, the media, and others. Notice for the meeting was provided via a combination of press release, social media posts, and e-blasts via NEXTDOOR: Topeka.

The workshop began with a short presentation that provided an overview of pedestrian planning and outlined key elements of the planning process for the Topeka Pedestrian Plan, including its intended adoption by year's end and implementation funding available via the City's capital improvements program. Then participants were asked to use maps, dots, and markers to share their opinions about the best (green dots and markers) and worse (red dots and markers) places for walking in Topeka, potential improvement strategies for issues (blue dots and markers), and priority improvement locations (yellow dots). An online version of the mapping exercise was made available via [topeka.org/pedplan](http://topeka.org/pedplan) through April 30.

Workshop participants also discussed their favorite places to walk today, where they would like to walk in the future, important issues to address through the pedestrian master plan, and key items to accomplish in the coming years. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants were advised that they could continue the evening's discussion by visiting the online town hall meeting at [topeka.mindmixer.com](http://topeka.mindmixer.com) and/or responding to the survey at [topeka.org/pedplan](http://topeka.org/pedplan).

## Discussion

During the workshop, three tables of participants (also known as Groups 3, 4, and 5) shared their feedback with the study team. A summary of their responses to key questions regarding favorite walking locations, key issues, and priority accomplishments are included in the pages that follow.

Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
<b><i>Where's your FAVORITE place to walk?</i></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Shunga Trail</li> <li>o Trails looping around Governor's Mansion</li> <li>o Shunga Trail in East Topeka</li> <li>o Downtown Topeka</li> <li>o In my neighborhood near the Library. Walk to the nearby shops, Walgreens, Doctor's Office, etc.</li> <li>o Santa Fe Park and Oakland-Billard Park in Northeast Topeka</li> <li>o Central Highland Park and Lake Shawnee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o McFarland Farms Neighborhood</li> <li>o Shunga Trail</li> <li>o Highland Park</li> <li>o Along Levee</li> <li>o Downtown Lawrence; close to shopping, food, entertainment, and other daily needs</li> <li>o Gage Park</li> <li>o Mt. Hope Cemetery and Seabrooke Neighborhood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Trails</li> <li>o Neighborhood</li> <li>o Washburn University</li> <li>o Older neighborhoods</li> <li>o Ward Meade Neighborhood Improvement Area</li> <li>o Around Chesney Park (Mural at 19th and Weston)</li> </ul>

Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
<b>Where would you like to walk in the FUTURE?</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No responses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o To the Zoo, from McFarland Farms Neighborhood</li> <li>o To work, from Briarwood to High Crest</li> <li>o To Downtown and Lake Shawnee, from California Ave</li> <li>o Improved accessibility in North Topeka</li> <li>o Downtown Topeka; hustle and bustle in future</li> <li>o Improved Gage Park</li> <li>o No sidewalks in Seabrooke neighborhood, would love to have sidewalks in this neighborhood.</li> <li>o North side of Fist Street between Clay and Fillmore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Trails</li> <li>o Neighborhood</li> <li>o All places with no sidewalks or curbs, just ditches. Dangerous.</li> <li>o N. Tyler Road</li> <li>o NW Taylor Road</li> <li>o N Lineman Road; kids have nowhere to walk; pedestrians have been hit and killed. Also, dangerous railroad track crossing.</li> <li>o East Topeka</li> <li>o South Topeka Boulevard</li> <li>o Downtown Topeka</li> <li>o Old Prairie Town (124 NW Fillmore)</li> <li>o 6th Street Business Corridor</li> <li>o No sidewalk down Oakley</li> <li>o East Topeka and other districts that need to be improved at the same level as those in West Topeka</li> <li>o North side of Fist Street between Clay and Fillmore</li> </ul>

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<b><i>In 2020 walking should be _____ in Topeka?</i></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No responses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Easy</li> <li>o Safe</li> <li>o Plentiful</li> <li>o Connected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Safe: Don't have to walk in ditches, in the street, or jump out of the way of trucks</li> <li>o Practical, easy to walk and don't have to go out of your way</li> <li>o Accessible (ADA too)</li> <li>o Connected and complete (No holes)</li> <li>o Protected by adopted policy</li> <li>o Aesthetically pleasing (landscaped, weed free)</li> <li>o Grades aren't dangerous (grade differentials addressed); often caused by uprooting trees</li> <li>o Walking on sidewalks that are in good repair</li> <li>o Sidewalks that matchup on both sides of the street</li> <li>o Complete Streets and/or "Complete Corridors" so bikes and cars work well together</li> </ul>

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<b>What is the BIGGEST ISSUE facing walkability today?</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No. 1 - Safe sidewalks to and around all Topeka schools; Implementation of 'Safe Routes to Schools.'</li> <li>o No. 2. - Limited accessibility around West Ridge Mall. Ramps are not provided at most intersections.</li> <li>o No. 3 - Safety and Connectivity. No sidewalks or intermittent sidewalks along Washington Street and Hudson Boulevard in the Highland Park Neighborhood.</li> <li>o No. 4 - Limited accessibility in neighborhoods around Hospitals and Medical Buildings.</li> <li>o No. 5. - Limited accessibility for mobility impaired – EVERYWHERE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No. 1 - Safety, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Signal Light timing</li> <li>› Lighting</li> <li>› Lack of Sidewalk</li> <li>› Disrepair</li> <li>› Not to Code</li> <li>› Pedestrians vs. Vehicles</li> <li>› Auto Oriented</li> <li>› Open Ditches along roadways</li> </ul> </li> <li>o No. 2 - Connectivity, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Large, privately owned land tracts are barriers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Central Topeka, continuity issues</li> <li>o Sidewalks are mental boundaries between public and private – They are the ribbon that binds neighbors together; also helps with crime prevention</li> <li>o East Topeka, North Topeka, and Oakland Neighborhoods have been forgotten about</li> <li>o Need better planning for the development of Central Topeka</li> <li>o Need better working relationship between City and County</li> </ul>

Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
<b>What's the top thing you'd like the Topeka Pedestrian Master Plan to ACCOMPLISH in the next five years?</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No responses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No. 1 - Highland Park Neighborhood Improvements</li> <li>o No. 2 - Neighborhood Improvements along Gage Boulevard between Gage Park and Big Shunga Park</li> <li>o No. 3 - North Topeka Improvements (around Kansas Ave.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Overarching policy to put in sidewalks where they don't already exist. (Note: Be careful and don't force them on areas that don't want them).</li> <li>o Coordinate new street development with sidewalk development so sidewalks aren't torn up during construction.</li> </ul>

### Meeting Attendees Overall Outreach Ideas/Concerns

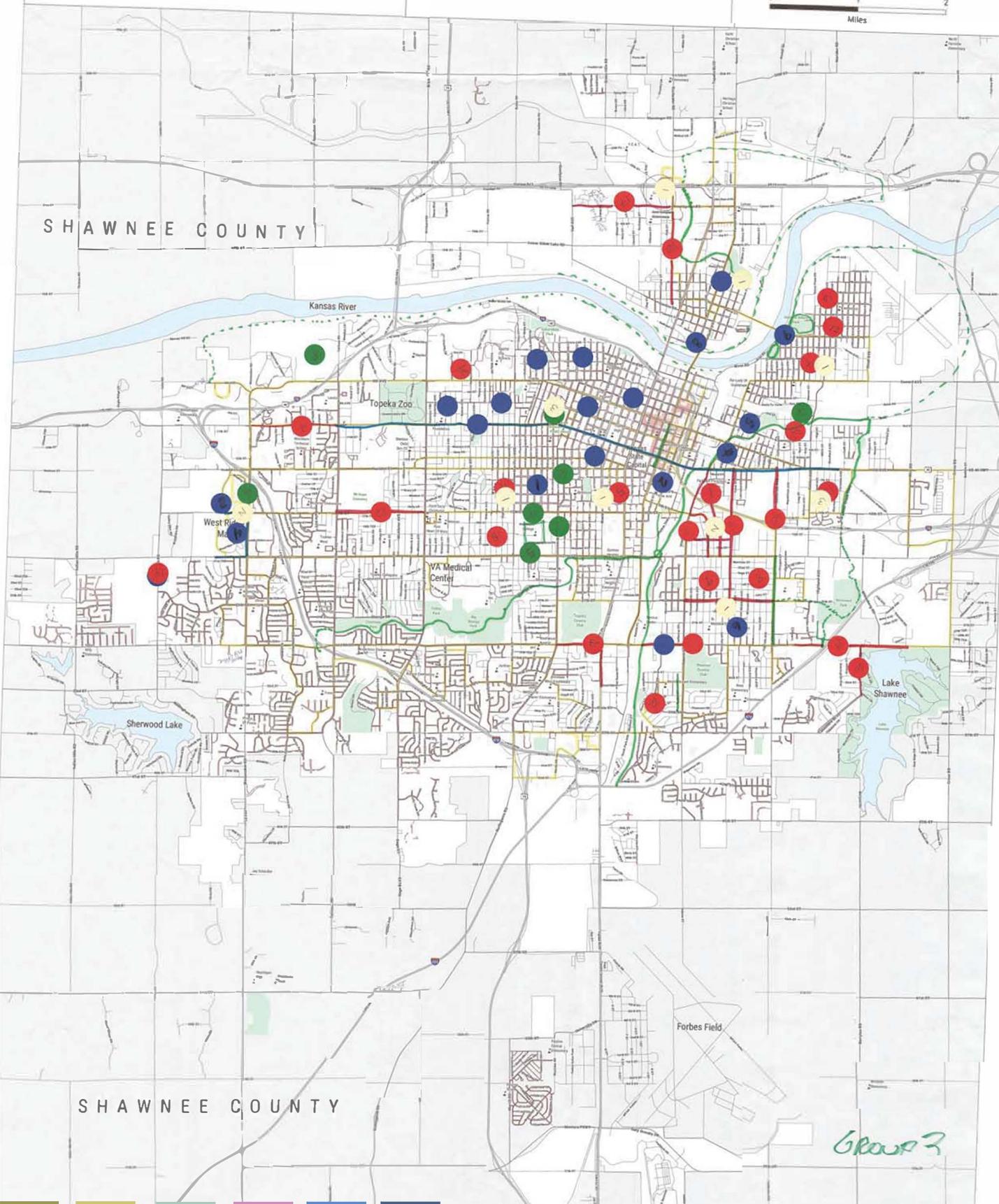
- Reach those who don't have computers
- Neighborhood associations are willing to send and/or hand out hardcopies of the online survey
- Use sidewalk inventories that neighborhood associations have already completed
  - o MPO can attend neighborhood meetings and provide updates to them during the planning process



- Shoreline
- Topeka Metro Area
- Central Business District
- Park



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*Group 3*

BLUE = IMPROVEMENT  
 YELLOW = PRIORITIES

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# Group #3

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Colored Dot and Number	Description or Comment
6	NORTH OF SARDOU <del>ST</del> GRANT, WABASH, THOMAS, ETC.
7	CHASE / STATE STREET SCHOOLS
8	SE 2 <sup>ND</sup> - 25 <sup>TH</sup> <del>INDIANA</del> <sup>INDIANA</sup> <del>ST</del> TO CALIF. NO SIDEWALKS
9	" " INDIANA TO ADAMS 25 <sup>TH</sup> IS BUS ROUTE <del>ST</del>
10	SE CAL 1-70 NORTH & SOUTH ALONG CEMETARY NO SIDEWALK
11	RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY (11 <sup>TH</sup> )
2	CROSS STREETS TO KANSAS 6 <sup>TH</sup> TO 10 <sup>TH</sup>
6	WANAMAKER
3	NO RAMPS DN 17 <sup>TH</sup> MID BLOCK TO CROSS MAIN TO KOHL
4	CONNECT MAIN OUTLOTS TO S/W ON WANAMAKER

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8	UPRR CROSSING KS. AVE./
16	NW TYLER - BUSY, NARROW NO SIDEWALKS
17	NW LYMAN, HILL, RR, LOCAL ELEMENTARY
18	SW URISH, NO SIDEWALKS TO FUTURE COMMUNITY POOL @ 21 <sup>ST</sup> /URISH
19	SE 29 <sup>TH</sup> NO SIDEWALKS TO TRAIL AROUND LAKE (OR AT LEAST ON WEST SIDE)
20	NO S/W ALONG WEST EDGE
21	<del>NE</del> 3 <sup>RD</sup> TO DAKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
22	SW 17 <sup>TH</sup> NO S/W
23	SW 29 <sup>TH</sup> BUS LINE, BREWSTER P. CE S. TOPEKA BLVD
10	10 <sup>TH</sup> & MACVICAR

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1 (Green)	MEDICAL DISTRICT
2, 3 (Green)	WASHINGTON LANE
4 (Green)	17 <sup>TH</sup> ST. WASHINGTON V FRONTAGE GOOD SIGNALS
1 (Red)	SE WASHINGTON / INDIANA
2 (Red)	SE ADAMS
3 (Red)	SE INDIANA
1 (Blue)	<del>HIGHLAND / CENTRAL</del> COLLEGE HILL REHAB 50/50 PROGRAM
4 (Red)	SW 10 <sup>TH</sup> FAIRLANE - WANAMAKER DITCHES, ARTERIAL, 10 <sup>TH</sup> & FAIRLANE SPECIAL NEEDS BUILDING
5 (Green)	MID BLOCK 2 <sup>ND</sup> SE CROSSWALK NEW
5 (Red)	14 <sup>TH</sup> / 15 <sup>TH</sup> TOPEKA - PEOPLE DON'T SLOW DOWN CROSSWALK

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12	H1 CREST / ANONDALE EAST NO SIDEWALKS
13	DEER CREEK AREA - DITCHES
14	SCOTT MAGNET
7	PED BRIDGE
5	RIPLEY PARK
6	H.P. ELEMENT. SCHOOL ISSUE IS NO CURBS - NEED BRAND NEW STREETS
8	GOV. MANSION
9	2-MILE PERIMETER AROUND W.U.
15	MEDFORD
7	SE BRANNER CO <sup>TH</sup> TO <del>17TH</del> 17TH NO SIDEWALK EAST SIDE PARALLEL TO SHUNGA TRAIL

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24	6 <sup>th</sup> & OAKLEY
1	SCHOOLS
2	WESTRIDGE MAN
3	MEDICAL DISTRICT
2	HUDSON HILL / CENT. HIGH PARK

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- Sidewalk
- Topeka Metro Route
- Central Business District
- Park



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Kansas River

Topeka

West  
Main

WA Medical  
Center

Sherwood Lake

Lake  
Shawnee

Forbes Field

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*GROUP 4*



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Colored Dot and Number	Description or Comment
1	North Arts District N. KS Ave Events, big sidewalks, First Fridays, can stroll Lake Shawnee
2	Trails all around, recreation
3	Gage Park + Zoo b/c family activity, sidewalks, pool, dog park
4	Felker Park Trails, sports fields
5	The Capital Historical, New
6	Downtown stroll during the day
7	Ward Meade <del>Kids</del> , gardens, Kids activities Historical
8	Dorwood Park National Bird watching
9	West Ridge Mall
10	Washburn University

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11	College Hill Development Burger Stand
12	Garfield Park Pool, School, Trail, rental facilities, ground for kids
13	Shunga Trail Loop
14	<del>Things to see, super connected London Trail</del>
1	Hi Crest Safety
2	29th b/w Adams + California No sidewalks
3	25th California - Adams
4	London Trail No lights
5	Shunga Trail No lights or outlets
6	11th - 15th - California No lights / sidewalks

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7	7 <sup>th</sup> + 12 <sup>th</sup> in N. Topeka Old, grass over, broken sidewalks
8	E 6 <sup>th</sup> + Branner
9	Hope Street Around School
10	Seabrook
11	Wanamaker Bad connectivity bw sidewalks + shops
12	Shunga Park Surrounding residential cant get to park
13	23 <sup>rd</sup> + California No sidewalks, ditches
14	Deer Creek people walk to work, no sidewalks, <del>etc</del> ditch drain
15	Tyler No <del>sidewalks</del> sidewalks, ditches
16	Lake Shawnee residents cant get to it

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Colored Dot and Number	Description or Comment
1	Shunpike Improve lighting
2	Landon Improve lighting
3	Wanamaker Improve connectivity, accessibility - ADA
4	North Topeka Replace sidewalks + build streets to standards <small>curb, gutter, width</small>
5	<del>East Topeka</del> General Infrastructure
6	Neighborhood sidewalks
7	Access to recreation
8	ADA accessibility in Downtown
9	Connections Civ. Trails/ Kaw River St Park
10	Lake Shawnee Connection w/ Landon Trail, option besides 29th

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group 4

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15	Governors Mansion & Kaw River St Park
16	29th & Fairlawn
1	wide sidewalks, people, activity Highland Park (25th/California/Indiana) Kids to schools, people to and from work/shopping
2	(Blue circle along Gage) Connectivity to Major Parks
3	North Topeka, general improvements Historic N. Topeka East, Topeka West South of
4	Sidewalks b/w West Adams to <del>Shawnee</del> Lyman Care Shawnee Wittenberg Bridge

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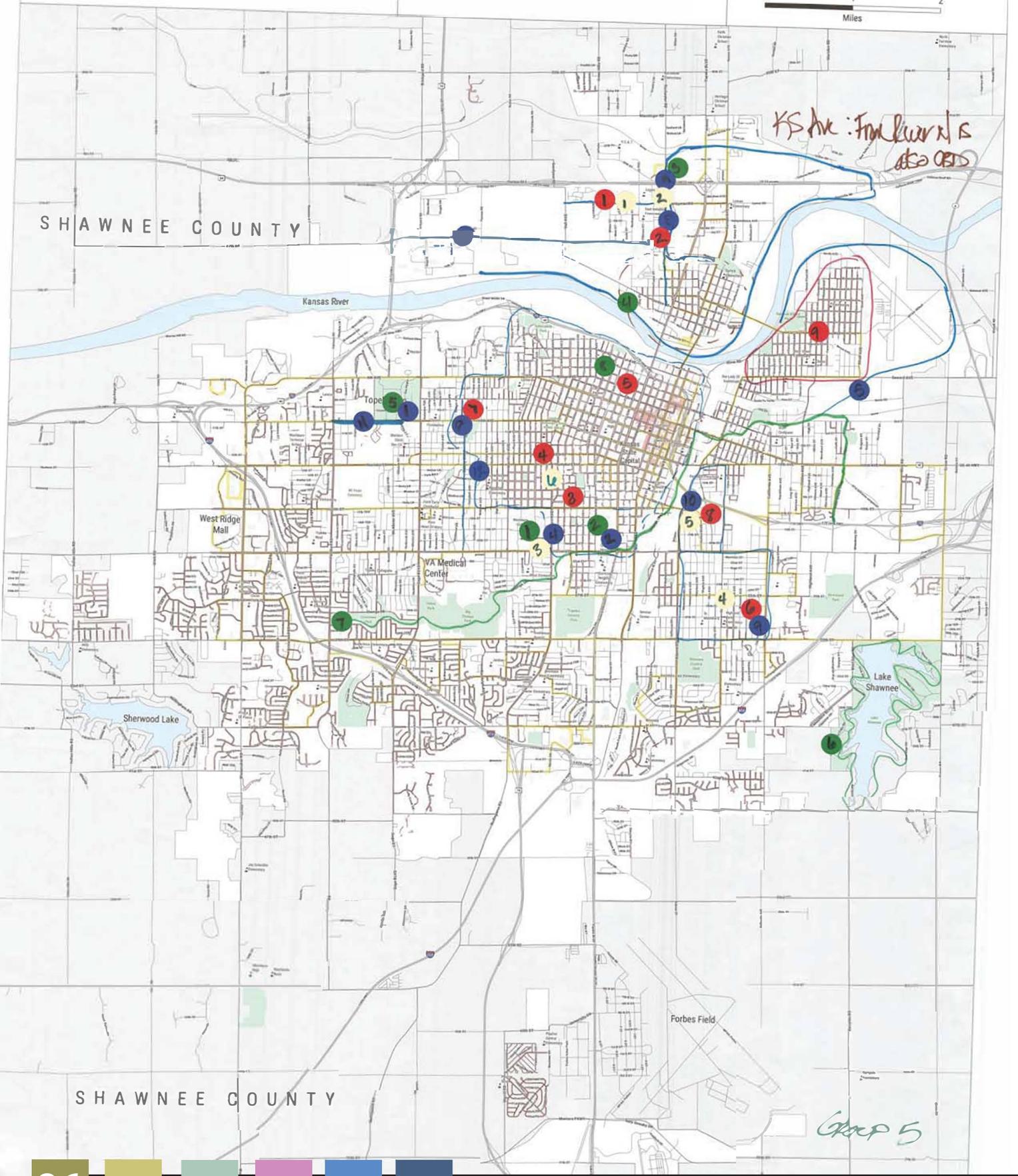


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*KS Ave: From Leavenworth to CBD*



*GROUP 5*

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1.	Lyman Rd - between Tyler & Vail No side walks - narrow & dangerous No storm drains - ditches
2.	Nw Tyler from Lyman to Gordon No side walks, very narrow street, no storm drains = ditches
3.	16th & Clay - Crime - not safe Kids walking to school - Robinson JR
4.	Elmhurst Neighborhood - Older sidewalk - bricks.
5.	Ward & Meade Neighborhood - Older sidewalks - vegetation
6.	Highland Park Neighborhood - Ditches instead of storm drains & no sidewalks - Ditches
7.	Oakley St. from 8th to 21st - No sidewalk at all - Dangerous for pedestrian & cars
8.	North Highland Park - No sidewalks.
9.	Oakland - many sidewalks need repair.

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1	NW Lyman Need Pedicans out of Street Safety Reasons, Sidewalks.
2	NW Tyler Need Pedicans out of Street Safety Reasons Curbcuts, Sewers.
3	chesney Park - not far to go. walk
4	Highland Park Nhd. - No sidewalks
5	
6	Central Topeka - sidewalk continuity throughout

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1	Cage Park sidewalks around the perimeter of the park
2	Chesney Park Mural Need street signs to identify the Mural is there and a good place to walk.
3	NW 25th Street + Tyler More trails piggy back more trails with Tyler improvements
4	Washburn 14th + Washburn a crosswalk for students something to identify cutting - 17th Washburn
5	Continuation of Shunga Trail
6	Crosswalks
7	Improvements for joggers so they don't have to run in the street Lower Silver Lake Road Sidewalk at least on one side of the street
8	Oakley sidewalk from 8th street to 21st
9	Sidewalks storm drains & curbs gutters 21st to 29th All of Highland Park neighbor Adams to California and everything in between
10	Just north of Highland Park it needs all the same as above

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	<p>10th street between Gage and Fairlawn no sidewalks now but will be added during street <del>not</del> widening.</p>
	<p>Central Topeka for continuity since it is missing sidewalks all over. Oakley to Jefferson I70-dist</p>

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GOOD

Colored Dot and Number	Description or Comment
1	WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
2	<del>THE</del> MURAL WALL EXPO CENTRE 19 <sup>TH</sup> & WESTERN
3	SR. WALK TRAIL WALMART <del>AT</del> NW 25 <sup>TH</sup> ST. TYLER
4	(THIS PARK IS LESS THAN 1/3 OF AN ACRE) GARFIELD PARK IS A BETTER PARK TO WALK IT IS A COMMUNITY PARK IN NORTH TOPEKA MC KINLEY PARK N. TOPEKA
5	
6	CAGE PARK LONG DRIVE TO GET THERE NOT CONNECTED SHOWER CO. LAKE
7	SHUNGA TRAIL
8	MENDOUS ELEM SCHOOL

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# Community Pedestrian Workshops

## Summary of Community Workshop No. 2

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6 p.m.

### OVERVIEW

As part of the planning process for the first-ever Topeka Pedestrian Master Plan, a community meeting was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Holliday Building (620 SE Madison) in downtown Topeka. Its purpose was to:

- Gather community feedback about the draft pedestrian master plan, specifically its:
  - Vision
  - Goals
  - Action Steps
  - Projects
  - Other comments
- Incorporate the feedback received into the final draft of the master plan.

A total of 15 people attended the meeting, including elected officials, staff from the City of Topeka and its Metropolitan Planning Organization, neighborhood organizations, and others. Notice for the meeting was provided via a combination of press releases, social media posts, and e-blasts. Eleven (11) comment forms were returned.

### DISCUSSION

The meeting began with a short presentation that provided an overview of the recommendations in the draft Topeka Pedestrian Plan, including its goals, action steps, maps, and priority improvement projects plus associated planning-level (pre-engineering) cost estimates. In response, meeting participants provided the following comments:

- **Goal 1** A complete pedestrian network connecting all neighborhoods
  - o Huntoon at 12th Street: No sidewalks, scary – Why isn't it included? Part of the ½-cent sales tax as a large complete streets project. Complete streets projects involve lighting and all modes of transportation.
- **Goal 2** Maintained sidewalks for safe travel at all times
  - o Going to recommend more funding for the 50/50 cost-share program? Yes and include brick sidewalk eligibility.
    - Will there be a program expansion on a sliding scale by neighborhood and/or income?
  - o How much priority was given to trail connectivity?

- **Goal 3** A safe and comfortable walking environment
  - o Priority for projects related to safety and comfort (lighting, etc)?
  - o What about neighborhood/pedestrian-scale lighting?
  - o Elmhurst: Proper tree trimming along sidewalks is an issue – Was this discussed?
    - Is shrub encroachment on sidewalks a code compliance issue?
    - Difference between visibility for cars versus that for walkers?
  
- **Goal 4** A culture of walking
  - o Is the Safe Routes to School Study for Quincy Elementary comparable to the county health study?
  - o How would you implement improvements for Action 4c - Promote walking in neighborhoods through mixed use development and redevelopment along neighborhood corridors?
  - o What do other cities' coalitions look like and how does Topeka compare to them (re: Action 4B - Establish a complete streets advisory committee)?
    - Are resources and sources available? Similar information will be included in the final draft plan.
    - Are there best practices? Similar information will be included in the final draft plan.
  - o What are we doing for areas that don't have sidewalks?

## IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- **Curb ramps**
  - o How were costs and improvements determined? If one ramp was missing, the sidewalk inventory assigned costs for improving all of the ramps at the intersections. Truncated domes would be added to existing ramps that don't have them. All ramps would be complete by 2017.
  
- **Crosswalks**
  - o Costs should be increased to \$25,000 per flashing pedestrian signals.
  - o Gage and Fairlawn need flashing pedestrian signals.
  
- **Improvement Locations**
  - o Does the heat map include the major street reconstruction projects? No.
  - o Why was the Jardine School area given priority? It's an area of high pedestrian demand, noted by the stakeholder advisory committee, and is planning to expand.
  - o How were the focus areas selected? By combining the heat map, stakeholder committee comments, discussions with neighborhood groups, etc.
  - o Ward Meade
    - › Lots of work in the neighborhood to improve walkability. Why not support a neighborhood that's already done work securing planning grants, etc? Other neighborhoods should be doing what we're doing. Add previous planning in the neighborhood as a criterion for selection.

- › Heat wasn't high due to neighborhood health – Part is at risk
- › Heat map is missing some elements – Don't let the map discourage good neighborhood work.

- **Group E** Corridors and Complete Streets Linkages

- o Competitive pool of money for improvements that weren't inventoried. After plan adoption, citizen advocacy could accelerate and increase funding for pedestrian projects. Funding sources are listed in the plan. We can revisit and update the plan, incorporate funding sources, etc.
  - › Funding beyond a sales tax is needed.
  - › Lots of people are working on walkability – Need to know more about funding and neighborhood work.
  - › Walkability is trendy now – Spin it to get projects funded.

## OTHER COMMENTS

- Are you trying to eliminate brick sidewalks? No. City policy goal is preservation.
  - o Hard for people in wheelchairs.
  - o Repair for brick sidewalks is needed less often.
  - o City has brick streets (95% are to be preserved).
- 42% of survey respondents said they wanted to walk to shops, etc but busy streets were given "low priority" – Contradiction? Wanted to avoid double county streets and commercial parcels. Assumed commercial corridors were part of pedestrians' route to destinations.
  - o Bus routes are high but there aren't many routes
- Weighting sidewalks within a ½-mile buffer is incorrect and should extend farther as a priority area.
  - o Downtown's red on the heat map – There are a lot of sidewalks there.

## COMMENT FORMS

Comment forms were given to all meeting participants. After the meeting, a total of 11 were returned. The responses have been tabulated and appear in the table on pages 95-97 of this report.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
Goal 1 – A complete pedestrian network ...?	4	2			
Action 1a: Encourage pedestrian-friendly	8	2			
Action 1b: Continue to improve complete streets policies...?	9	1			
Action 1c: Ensure all geographic sectors of the city are connected with a continuous sidewalk...?	7	3	1		
Action 1d: Require complete sidewalks in new development?	9	2			
Action 1e: Expand the walkability sidewalk network...?	9	2			
Goal 2 –Maintained sidewalks for safe travel at all times	6				
Action 2a: Initiate a targeted, proactive sidewalks repair program...?	11				
Action 2b: Expand the affordability of the 50/50 cost-share...?	9	1			1
Action 2c: Conduct and awareness	5	4	2		
Goal 3 – A safe and comfortable walking environment?	3	1			2
Action 3a: Continue to add and maintain crosswalks...?	7	3			1
Action 3b: Increase pedestrian-focused lighting...?	7	2		1	1
Action 3c: Continue to remove obstructions...?	6	4			1

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
<b>Action 3d: Expand buffers between pedestrians and motorists...?</b>	5	2	1		3
<b>Action 3e: Continue implementing ADA</b>	7	3	1		
<b>Goal 4 – A culture of walking</b>	5				1
<b>Action 4a: Implement programming that encourages children to</b>	7	2	2		
<b>Action 4b: Establish a complete streets advisory committee?</b>	9	1	1		
<b>Action 4c: Promote walking in neighborhoods through mixed use development...?</b>	9	2			
<b>Do you agree with the recommended 13-year priority list?</b>	1		1		
<b>Do you agree with the recommended new sidewalk construction</b>	6	4			
<b>Do you agree with the recommended sidewalk repair projects?</b>	9	1			
<b>Do you agree with the recommended curb ramp improvement projects</b>	6	2	1		1
<b>Do you agree with the recommended crosswalk projects?</b>	6	.5	1.5		2
<b>Do you agree with street lighting or other amenities NOT included in the cost estimates?</b>	4	2	1	1	1

**What other questions do you have?**

I think this is the sort of planning needed in Topeka. I also think this work can make Topeka more livable and a more attractive place to live. Thanks to all who have been involved.

Why are people walking at night? They probably aren't. No need for lighting. Still confused as to why commercial and arterial streets were weighted so low. If that is the case, no need for crosswalk improvements to busy and mostly commercial streets.

Previous investments are ignored when designating high priority areas – Ward Meade Neighborhood \$99,000 in Empowerment + \$5,000 in volunteer field surveys + \$1,500 software grant. Proxy for community development when not represented during traditional methods. Lack of demographics – older populations require better sidewalks. Bus routes – ½-mile buffer = high? Farther from bus routes requires more walkability, not closer to routes as in plan. Why is downtown red??? Lots of sidewalks there.

I feel as though longer corridor streets such as 10<sup>th</sup> would be utilized more than neighborhood areas. But since they don't have schools they are less of a priority. Would love to see HHN, Heartland Visioning, bikeways, way-finding, etc all working together! Also to find extra funding. Thank you! This is awesome!

What can we as citizen do to help encourage and drive the continuous implementation of this plan? Beyond just participation on the complete streets committee, but continuing to follow up on the progress made and looking at new projects as they come up.

Well thought plan. Thank you for your work for our community.

This is wonderful. Thank you to city employees (planners) contractors (mpls) and elected officials for y our professionalism and serve to our residents.