

APPENDIX D *Pedestrian Plan Stakeholder Committee Notes*



Stakeholder Committee

Meeting #1 – March 25, 2015

Holliday Building Conference Room, 1st Floor

620 SE Madison, Topeka

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present	Representing
Craig Barnes	Shawnee County Health Agency
Kevin Beck	Planning Commission
Jim Daniel	Heartland Visioning
Karl Fundenberger	Topeka Metro & Topeka Bikeways Advisory Committee
Trey George	Topeka Housing Authority
Nancy Johnson	Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Jocelyn Lyons	Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging
Teresa Miller	North Topeka West Neighborhood Improvement Association
Jim Ogle	Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization
Kent Pelton	City of Topeka Public Works
LJ Polly	Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
Bill Riphahn	Shawnee County Parks & Recreation
Sasha Stiles	City of Topeka Neighborhood Relations
Others Present	Representing
Bill Fiander	City of Topeka Planning
Shaun Murphy	Toole Design Group
Triveece Penelton	Vireo
Steve Rhoades	Vireo
Ciara Schlichting	Toole Design Group
Carlton Scroggins	Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization

Summary of Discussions

Welcome and Introductions

Bill Fiander from the City of Topeka welcomed members of the stakeholder committee. Each person introduced themselves, the organization they represented, and the top thing they would like to accomplish with the Pedestrian Master Plan. Grouped into categories, the top things members want to accomplish are:

- **Values and quality of life**
 - Improved livability
 - Reflect community values
 - Create a life-long community (cradle to grave) where every can access needed resources
 - Continue making a better, more holistic transportation system
- **Safety**
 - Do what needs to be done for safety, especially for the kids who travel to and from schools
 - Connectivity from sidewalks to buses, especially from one busy street to the other and on both sides of the street, thereby making it easier for people to get around
- **Trails**
 - Existing and proposed trail system connections
 - Have an organized, priority plan with more connectivity to the trails system
 - Safety is overarching but there's also a need for access to transit plus quality of life for improved health through recreation
- **Specific portions of the planning area**
 - Older Neighborhoods: Sidewalks to take care of the people walking along busy streets that have ditches and semi-truck traffic
 - Older Neighborhoods: Want seniors to be able to have sidewalks that help them reach Wal-Mart and Dillon's, so they can push their carts without going into the street
 - Highland Park area: Needs sidewalks plus curbs and gutters (have ditches now and people walk in the street)
 - Make it easier for everyone to walk – right now it's not, especially in Highland Park and other areas
- **Priorities**
 - Prioritize with equity in mind
 - See priority list of projects that focuses resources
 - High priority on safety for kids going to school (Safe Routes to School Programs)
- **Implementation**
 - In 10 years we never have to walk in the street to reach a major destinations (park, school, shopping area, or bus stop)
 - Have everyone marvel that we actually do what we say that we'll do
- **Other**
 - Pedestrian plan is nice for community redevelopment
 - Learn more about pedestrian connectivity

Roles & Responsibilities

Bill Fiander from the City of Topeka explained the team approach. The consultants will do the work, and the stakeholder committee will advise the consultants, sift through public input, and make sure the plan reflects what people say. This plan will be presented to the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization – Policy Board for approval. Representation which is currently missing from the stakeholder committee include schools, the Chamber of Commerce, and Topeka Independent Living Resource Center.

Project Overview & Schedule

Ciara Schlichting from Toole Design Group gave an overview of what a Pedestrian Master Plan is and what the schedule will be:

- A pedestrian plan is a document that identifies the issues affecting pedestrians.
- Many times it puts a price tag on projects so that funding can be identified.
- Good things for pedestrians will be sought out – items like pedestrian scale lighting, green buffers, and smooth sidewalk surfaces.
- Bad things for pedestrians will be minimized – items like the absence of sidewalks/ADA ramps, and cracked sidewalk surfaces.
- Different groups will be examined, such as children walking to school, pedestrians with disabilities, senior citizens, and those who would choose to walk instead of drive.
- Priority projects will be identified for 2016 - 2020, and a process to make decisions regarding new projects will be developed.
- Public input will guide the development of 6 to 8 focus areas.
- Field inventories will take place through July.
- The plan will be written between August and October, with plan adoption scheduled for November.

Discussion which followed included:

- LJ requested a copy of the schedule.
- Teresa inquired about representation from the Seaman School District 345, in addition to Topeka School District 501).
- Bill responded that the plan is to connect with Seaman via a one-on-one listening session because they make up only a portion of the planning area.
- Jim D wonders what public survey participation was like in Wichita.
- Ciara responded that a couple hundred surveys were returned, and believes more participation is possible in Topeka because of social media.

Reflections from March 24th Community Workshop

Triveece Penelton from Vireo gave an overview of the activities which took place at the March 24th community workshop. She described the mapping activities, and summarized that good and bad places to walk came in by geography and by type of place. The resulting maps showed that participants wanted a focus on the central city. There was good representation across the city.

Discussion which followed included:

- Jim O. thought consensus was easy to reach in their small group.
- Bill thought there were more good comments than bad comments. We need to answer the question of what is a bigger priority – adding new sidewalks or maintaining existing ones. The responsibility for maintenance of sidewalks also needs to be examined.
- Carl said the meeting was a good start, but he thinks we need a lot more information, and the surveys will help reveal that.
- Carlton said the safety issue (e.g. pedestrians walking in the street) was a big deal over just thinking about sidewalk connectivity.
- Triveece reflected that we didn't hear much about connectivity to bus stops, but we did hear more about connectivity to the trail system.

Pedestrian Design

Shaun Murphy from Toole Design Group ran through many photos of physical aspects of streets and sidewalks which affect walkability.

Discussion which followed included:

- Nancy said that medians are difficult for visually impaired pedestrians to traverse because it is sometimes difficult to know when you can continue across the other half of the street.
- Ciara said that medians sometimes have push buttons.
- Nancy said that push buttons on medians would need to be audible.
- Jim Daniel wondered what sidewalk requirements are in subdivisions, and if that applies to 3-acre and 20-acre lots.
- Bill responded that sidewalks in subdivisions are required, but that 3-acre and 20-acre lots do not constitute subdivisions.
- Kent asked if sidewalks were required in subdivisions when the streets were built, or if it is when the houses are built.
- Bill responded that sidewalks don't have to be built with the street, but rather when the houses are built. This results in a hodgepodge of sidewalks when only 10 out of 20 houses on a new street are built.
- Jim O. says he lives in a subdivision where empty lots haven't been built on in an 11-year period. He hopes we can address this going forward.
- A discussion took place about sidewalk depth.
- Jim D. asked if the County is involved.
- Carlton responded that Bill Riphahn is the County's representative.

Visioning Exercise

Ciara Schlichting from Toole Design Group split the stakeholder committee into groups of 3 to talk about their top priorities for what they would like to accomplish:



Afterward, each group reported back on their top 3 priorities. These were recorded on an Excel spreadsheet at the front of the room. Everyone then voted individually on their top 3 priorities for the Pedestrian Master Plan. The results of the voting are recorded in the following chart:

Item	Votes
Develop a good priority tool	6
Connectivity that improves safety and builds on existing streets with pedestrians	5
Improve safety by getting pedestrians out of the street	5
Improve safety of kids going to school, in high infrastructure needs areas	5
Reevaluating who pays for sidewalk improvements and maintenance	4
Improve quality of life and health by addressing connectivity to trails and destinations	4
Find a separate funding source for related sewer infrastructure improvements	3
Develop long term goals for creating a connected pedestrian system over several decades	3
Enforce existing ordinance regarding sidewalk maintenance	2
Create a community norm over the first 5 years	2

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled by the group for Wednesday, May 27th, 4 to 6 p.m.



Stakeholder Committee

Meeting #2 – May 27, 2015

Holliday Building Conference Room, 1st Floor

620 SE Madison, Topeka

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present	Representing
Kevin Beck	Planning Commission
Dale Cushinberry	Highland Acres Neighborhood Improvement Association
Jim Daniel	Heartland Visioning
Karl Fundenberger	Topeka Metro & Topeka Bikeways Advisory Committee
Trey George	Topeka Housing Authority
Jocelyn Lyons	Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging
Teresa Miller	North Topeka West Neighborhood Improvement Association
Jim Ogle	Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization
Kent Pelton	City of Topeka Public Works
LJ Polly	Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
Bill Riphahn	Shawnee County Parks & Recreation
Rob Seitz	Topeka Public Schools
Others Present	Representing
Bill Fiander	City of Topeka Planning
Shaun Murphy (telephone)	Toole Design Group
Triveece Penelton	Vireo
Ciara Schlichting (telephone)	Toole Design Group
Carlton Scroggins	Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization

Summary of Discussions

Welcome and Introductions

Bill Fiander from the City of Topeka welcomed members of the stakeholder committee. Each person introduced themselves, the organization they represented, and the last great walk they went on.

Walks included:

- Capitol Building
- Governor's Mansion
- Hillsdale Neighborhood
- Kansas Avenue
- Kansas River
- Knollwood Neighborhood
- Lake Shawnee
- Murray Hill Road
- Quincy Street bus station
- Sherwood Lake
- Smokey Mountain National Park
- Washburn University

Review Project Overview and Schedule

Ciara showed several Power Point slides reviewing the project and schedule.

Public Input Summary

Shaun reviewed a summary of the input received from the public. Afterward, discussion included the following:

- Bill wondered what was unique about Topeka compared to other cities.
- Ciara answered that nighttime lighting and bumpy sidewalk surfaces (including brick sidewalks) showed up as bigger issues here than in other cities.
- The issue of motorists not respecting pedestrians, and how that experience varies in severity, particularly when crossing the street.
- Bill referenced the 4th highest priority for improving the pedestrian environment, "Improved overall walking environment, with more green space, benches, other pedestrians, etc.," and said that he thinks that a buffer zone between pedestrians and cars contributes to this.
- Ciara added that trees, shade, and aesthetic improvements can improve the overall walking environment.

Vision, Goals, & Actions

Shaun gave an overview of the draft Vision, Goals, and Actions document. Questions and answers included:

- Bill asked what was meant by “health” in Goal #3, Action #3d.
- Shaun answered that the overall health of individuals (e.g. physical/mental health) was the intention.
- Bill asked Rob if he knew about health measures at schools.
- Rob answered that he wasn’t sure, but he imagined there is some type of measurement.
- LJ asked what was meant by “boulevard” in Goal #1, Action #1b.
- Carlton and Bill answered that it refers to the environment of a street – having well lit, continuous, safe, and well maintained sidewalks on both sides. These would likely be designated on arterial streets which connect neighborhoods. It does not necessarily mean a big, wide sidewalk.

Shaun then explained that we want to hear people’s honest feedback about the document. Which ones excite people, which ones are missing the mark, etc.? Each individual then took 10 minutes to review the document and write down their thoughts. Then 4 groups were formed, and each group discussed their thoughts.



After about 30 minutes, Triveece asked each group for overall impressions.

Group 1 (Karl, Dale, Rob, Carlton)

- Had an overall positive impression of the Vision, Goals, & Actions - they were thorough.
- Goal #1 was too broad and could be more specific.
- In Goal #2, we should be talking about the overall jurisdiction of sidewalk maintenance rather than about homeowner responsibilities.
- In Goal #3, the focus should be on good infrastructure, rather than focusing on groups of people, particularly if there is no rationale for calling out certain groups.

Group 2 (Jocelyn, Trey, LJ)

- The language used wasn't always easy to understand, and this affects project transparency. An example is the use of the phrase "Safe Routes."
- A lot of the actions seem to be impractical and pie in the sky for Topeka.
- In Goal #2, there was a concern that people who have low incomes won't be able to afford the 50% cost share for sidewalk repair.
- It seemed inaccurate to say that property owners should be educated in Action #2c, since they are already educated about their responsibility for snow removal.
- In Goal #3, Action #3d should be moved up to the position of #3a to reflect that it is the highest priority. It should also include bus routes.
- Action #3c regarding ADA accessibility needs to include something about signs, and the need for larger signs for older people who cannot see well, and that trees need to be trimmed around signs to improve visibility.
- Action #4c (lighting between intersections) seemed like a good one.

Group 3 (Teresa, Bill R, Jim D)

- The vision is too long. Take away the last sentence – otherwise a group will get left out.
- There is never going to be enough money for some people to pay for 50% of sidewalk repair, and some people don't want sidewalks.
- Review the whole city, not just one area. Find the critical, missing links where the sidewalks were never built, in areas that already have sidewalks.
- Not sure that lighting is as important as was reflected in the public survey.
- Some schools do not allow kids to walk.
- Goal #5c regarding green space is a good idea, but who will maintain them?
- Sidewalks should be installed in a development immediately when the project is happening, instead of later.

Group 4 (Bill F, Kevin, Kent, Jim O)

- Complete streets help people to think about not only what is between the curbs, but from sidewalk to sidewalk. When the curb-to-curb portion of the street is fixed, that is also when sidewalks and lighting should be fixed.
- The city sales tax which is about to expire should include "sidewalks" in the new ballot measure.
- Where parks are referenced, trails should also be included, because they are synonymous.
- Combine Actions #3b and 5b.
- Merge Goals #4, #5, and possibly #6. Goal #5 is the most important, and safety (Goal #4) is a subset of a good overall pedestrian environment (Goal #5).

Prioritization Activity

Ciara explained the prioritization activity, and Triveece asked everyone to take 12 dots and place them in the categories of destinations, populations, and multi-modal transportation connections. People could place all 12 dots in one location, place 1 dot in 12 locations, or anything in between. The results of the activity were:

Destinations	Votes
Parks	12
Schools (elementary)	9
Major Cultural & Gov't Destinations (e.g. zoo, library)	6
Schools (middle)	6
Senior Centers	5
Community Centers	4
Washburn University	4
Business Districts	3
Downtown Topeka	3
Residential (high density)	3
Office	1
Schools (high)	1
Cemeteries	0
Industrial	0
Residential (low density)	0

Specific Populations	Votes
Children	10
People with Disabilities	9
Low Income Households	7
Seniors	7
Zero Car Households	5
People with Health Disparities	4
Visitors	1
College Students	0

Multimodal Transportation Connections	Votes
Streets with No Sidewalks	14
Streets with Existing Sidewalks in Poor Repair	13
Bus Routes	10
Heavier Traffic Streets (arterials)	8
Trails	4
Lighter Traffic Streets (neighborhood)	3
Streets with Bicycle Routes	3

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 29th, 4 to 6 p.m.



Stakeholder Committee

Meeting #3 – July 29, 2015

Holliday Building Conference Room, 1st Floor

620 SE Madison, Topeka

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present	Representing
Craig Barnes	Shawnee County Health Agency
Kevin Beck	Planning Commission
Kristen Brunkow	Heartland Visioning
Dale Cushinberry	Highland Acres Neighborhood Improvement Association
Jim Daniel	Heartland Visioning
Karl Fundenberger	Topeka Metro & Topeka Bikeways Advisory Committee
Larry Hinton	Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods
Nancy Johnson	Kansas Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Teresa Miller	North Topeka West Neighborhood Improvement Association
Jim Ogle	Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization
LJ Polly	Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
Bill Riphahn	Shawnee County Parks & Recreation
Rob Seitz	Topeka Public Schools
Sasha Stiles	City of Topeka Neighborhood Relations
Emma Starkey	Community Resources Council & Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods
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Triveece Penelton	Vireo
Taylor Ricketts	Topeka Metro
Ciara Schlichting (telephone)	Toole Design Group
Carlton Scroggins	Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization

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Welcome and Introductions

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Review Project Overview and Schedule

Shaun showed a few Power Point slides reviewing the project overview and schedule, including the following changes:

- 1) Neighborhood engagement regarding field inventory work has been inserted in August and September.
- 2) Field inventory work has been pushed back from August to the September/October time frame.
- 3) The 4th steering committee meeting and Round 2 of public input have been pushed back 2 months to November.
- 4) Plan adoption is anticipated to occur in early 2016.

LJ asked what was meant by neighborhood engagement. Bill replied that face-to-face meetings would take place with those neighborhoods which are in priority areas. They will be asked what their pedestrian priorities are.

Update on Vision, Goals, & Actions

Shaun gave an update on Vision, Goals, & Actions document, which is the outline of the plan which will be drafted over the coming months. The feedback received at the May stakeholder committee meeting was used as a guide for making changes. After running through a few examples of how committee feedback was utilized, Shaun highlighted the following overall changes:

- 1) The goals and actions were consolidated and shrunk from 6 goals and 20 actions into 4 goals and 16 actions.
- 2) The use of insider jargon was removed for several less well-known phrases.
- 3) Internal departments at the City of Topeka conducted a review, and many of their suggestions were included in the updated version.

Shaun welcomed stakeholder committee members to contact the project team about any ideas, questions, or concerns in the next 7 days before work begins on drafting the plan.

Jim D. asked what departments reviewed the document, and how the discussion went. Bill answered that Public Works and Neighborhood Relations were involved, and that there were 4 main areas of discussion:

- Could staff manage the 50/50 cost-share projects?
- Language corrections related to pedestrian signals and crosswalks.
- Maintenance practices for sidewalks (proactive vs. non-proactive strategies in relationship to high priority areas).
- Sidewalk snow removal (relationship to high priority/demand areas) – and the political issues associated with ticketing for lack of snow removal.

A short discussion ensued on snow removal, including public awareness, neighborhood involvement, and the use of volunteerism.

High Priority Pedestrian Areas

Ciara reviewed the voting activity that took place at the end of the May meeting, and illustrated how the results were used to create a series of 10 heat maps, including parks and schools. The 10 maps were combined into one composite map, which has a color scale (red = high priority, blue = low priority) to show priority areas for pedestrians.

Ciara asked committee members to draw up to 4 to 6 shapes and/or lines on the map, in addition to the 4 red areas in North Topeka, East Topeka, Highcrest, and Downtown. She explained that the committee's input will help inform the locations for field inventory in September and October.

Committee members then split into 4 groups and discussed their ideas.



After about 30 minutes, Triveece asked each group to present their ideas:

Group 1 (presented by Emma)

- Jardine school expansion area near 29th & Randolph
- Gage Park
- Highland Park

Group 2 (presented by Bill R.)

- North Topeka streets including NW Vail Ave, NW Lower Silver Lake Road, NW Lyman Road, and NW Gordon Ave
- Planned trails including the Oregon Trail, KAW Trail, Deer Creek Trail, and connections from Lake Shawnee to Deer Creek Trail and SE 45th Street
- Perimeter walks around Gage Park and Washburn University
- SW 10th Avenue near MacVicar
- East Topeka streets including SE California Ave, SE 25th Street, SE 29th Street, and SE 45th Street

Group 3 (presented by Jim O.)

- The Highland Park neighborhood and SE California Ave
- The cross town corridor of SW 29th Street and SE 29th Street
- West Topeka streets including Gage Boulevard, SW 17th Street, and SW 21st Street between the VA and Downtown

Group 4 (presented by Karl)

- Oakland neighborhood
- West Topeka streets including SW Gage Blvd, SW MacVicar Ave, SW Topeka Blvd, SW 8th Ave, SW 12th Street, SW Huntoon Street, and SW 37th Street

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th, 4 to 6 p.m.; followed by a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th, 4 to 6 p.m.



Stakeholder Committee

Meeting #4 – January 6, 2016

Holliday Building Conference Room, 1st Floor

620 SE Madison, Topeka

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present	Representing
Kevin Beck	Planning Commission
Terry Coder	City of Topeka Public Works – Traffic Engineering
Jim Daniel	Heartland Visioning
Mariah Debacker	Community Resources Council
Karl Fundenberger	Topeka Metro & Topeka Bikeways Advisory Committee
Trey George	Topeka Housing Authority
Sasha Haehn	City of Topeka Neighborhood Relations
Larry Hinton	Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods
John Hunter	Heartland Visioning
Nancy Johnson	Kansas Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Jocelyn Lyons	Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging
Teresa Miller	North Topeka West Neighborhood Improvement Association
Kent Pelton	City of Topeka Public Works – Traffic Engineering
Maren Peterson	Community Resources Council
LJ Polly	Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
Bill Riphahn	Shawnee County Parks & Recreation
Rob Seitz	Topeka Public Schools
Emma Starkey	Community Resources Council & Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods
Others Present	Representing
Bill Fiander	City of Topeka Planning
Susan Hanzlik	City of Topeka Planning
Shaun Lopez-Murphy (telephone)	Toole Design Group
Triveece Penelton	Vireo
Taylor Ricketts	City of Topeka Planning
Ciara Schlichting (telephone)	Toole Design Group
Carlton Scroggins	Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization
Dan Warner	City of Topeka Planning

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Project Update

Ciara showed Power Point slides reviewing the project schedule. She then updated the committee on what the project team has accomplished since the July meeting:

- Neighborhood meetings
- Field inventory
- Project priority list

Questions from committee members, and follow-up answers (provided by Bill F.) included the following:

Q: What was learned at the neighborhood meetings? A: The neighborhoods helped narrow the field inventory areas down to reasonable size.

Q: Did you consider all of the schools? There are a couple missing in North Topeka. A: Yes, but we missed putting Heritage Christian School and Logan School on the map. Those will be added.

Draft Master Plan

Shaun showed PowerPoint slides giving an overview of the draft master plan, including:

- Executive Summary
- Chapter 1 – Public Input
- Chapter 2 – A Complete Pedestrian Network (Goal 1)
- Chapter 3 – Maintained Sidewalks (Goal 2)
- Chapter 4 – Safety & Comfort (Goal 3)
- Chapter 5 – A Culture of Walking (Goal 4)

Questions/comments from committee members, and answers (provided by Bill F. unless otherwise noted) included the following:

Q/C: Income-based requirements can lower participation in cost share programs due to the associated stigma. A: The point of the sidewalk cost share program is to be used, so the City will monitor it to see if participation increases or decreases after the sliding scale income adjustments are made.

Q/C: Topeka Public Works staff will be providing more comments on Actions 3a and 3b.

Q/C: What can be done to help people who get stuck in the center of US-24 when crossing the street? A (provided by Terry): The signal timing may need to be changed if there is a high frequency of slow pedestrians crossing at particular stoplights.

Q/C: Are we going to put lighting on trails? A (provided by Bill R.): No, some areas are isolated and we don't want to encourage the idea that such areas are safe.

Q/C: There will be logistical elements to discuss at Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods, regarding the proposed Complete Streets Advisory Committee. A: The plan suggests that representation on the proposed committee should be similar to this Pedestrian Plan Stakeholder Committee.

Q/C: Does Action 4a include kids walking to catch school buses? Kids are standing in a muddy area while waiting for a bus (St. John at Taylor). A: Yes.

Q/C: More weight should be given to Jardine Middle School, since it is undergoing an expansion and will have more kids walking. A. We will build flexibility into the priority project list so that the City can respond to unforeseen changes such as this one.

Field Inventory & Priority Projects

Triveece reviewed the results of the field inventory, which captured over 2,000 points covering the following project types:

- New Sidewalks
- Repair of Existing Sidewalks
- Curb Ramp Improvements
- Crosswalk Improvements

She also showed the proposed order for carrying out these priority projects. Intervening discussion about funding these projects occurred throughout this portion of the meeting.



Questions/comments from committee members, and answers (provided by Bill F. unless otherwise noted) included the following:

Q/C: Public Works uses many factors to determine the location of crosswalks. A: Public Works will need to rule if a crosswalk is needed or not – this is only intended to be a planning level estimate of what would be needed to fund crosswalks in these areas.

Q/C: Neighborhood Improvement Associations need to communicate the importance of patience and remind residents that projects are coming.

Q/C: Fundraising and getting people involved will improve buy-in for carrying out this project list.

Q/C: This looks like a logical way to order the projects, but elected officials will want to order this list in ways that fit into their own priority system, on a year-to-year basis.

Q/C: Satisfied with focusing on the Quincy Elementary area in East North Topeka, as opposed to West North Topeka – the school area is low income and they need the help.

Q/C: There is a donut of missing sidewalks because of the lack of regulation requiring sidewalks after World War II. This is now coming back to bite us. A: The challenge we have is with redevelopment in these areas.

Next Steps

Bill reviewed next steps:

- The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th from 6pm to 8pm. Committee members were encouraged to attend.
- Comments on the draft plan are due by February 3rd, and should be sent to Bill F. or Carlton.
- The plan will have one more round of edits, and then it will go to the Metropolitan Topeka Policy Board for adoption on Thursday, February 25th.

