WALK CHAMPAIGN!
CHAMPAIGN'S PEDESTRIAN PLAN
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AGENDA

- Plan Goals
- CUPHD Partnership
- Public Involvement
- Prioritizing Improvements
GOALS: FROM VISION TO IMPLEMENTATION

- **Adopt a vision** for the advancement of Champaign’s Pedestrian system
  - Promote health and wellness for residents by improving community walkability
  - Everyone is a pedestrian every day
- **Understand challenges** citizens face in our current pedestrian network
  - Not just how people walk, but why as well
- **Establish clear priorities** for pedestrian infrastructure improvements citywide
  - Identify pedestrian improvement projects and resources for construction
  - Assess and modify City policies impacting walking
WHY WORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH?

- **Growing recognition** of overlap between the built environment and public health
- **Increased intergovernmental cooperation** benefits citizens through coordinated approaches to problem solving
- **Staffing assistance** to improve our ability to gather public input
NEIGHBORHOOD WALKABOUTS

Public Involvement
NEIGHBORHOOD WALKABOUTS

1) Windsor and Galen
2) Campustown
3) South Downtown
4) North Prospect
5) Prospect and Bradley
6) Garden Hills
7) Douglass Park
8) Country Fair

July 16
July 18
July 23
Aug 1
Aug 6
Aug 8
Aug 15
Aug 20
BUILDING BLOCKS OF WALKABILITY

Facilities

Crossing

Connections

Livability

Public Involvement
HOW TO APPORTION LIMITED RESOURCES?

Top Performers  Good to Great  Baseline Service
**Good to Great**

- Projects would benefit the highest number of walkers
- “Showcase projects” lead to greater support for future pedestrian projects
- Further inequality between neighborhoods
- Leaves some of the least safe conditions in place

**Baseline Service**

- Delivers equity in walking to every Champaign resident
- Addresses some of the most pressing safety concerns
- Projects would benefit a smaller number of walkers
- May not induce additional pedestrian activity
EXAMPLE: SIDEWALK ANALYSIS

- Green = sidewalks both sides
- Yellow = sidewalks on one side
- Gaps especially clear in 1940’s-1960’s developments
- What’s more important:
  - Yellow everywhere?
  - Yellow to green?