



**2017 National Walking Summit
Vital and Vibrant Communities: The Power of Walkability
Call for Proposals
Due December 15, 2016**

America Walks and the Every Body Walk! Collaborative are excited to announce the 2017 National Walking Summit to be held in St. Paul, MN from September 13-15, 2017. After two extremely successful conferences in Washington, DC, we are moving the conference to a city that is embracing livability to give participants an opportunity to explore firsthand the potential of walkable communities. The theme of the 2017 National Walking Summit is "Vital and Vibrant Communities: The Power of Walkability."

The conference will explore how walking and walkability create engaged, thriving, and inclusive communities for all members. The Summit Program Committee is seeking individuals and groups to actively participate in the Summit. We are looking for sessions that emphasize action-oriented and results-driven research, programs, policies, and partnership to promote walking and walkability.

[Please click here](#) to get more information about the 2017 National Walking Summit or email Kristen Henry at khenry@americawalks.org. Applicants will be notified on the status of their submission by March 1, 2017.

Instructions for Submission

Please submit this form saved as either a PDF or .DOC with the name "Last Name_First Name_Summit 2017" to summitproposal@americawalks.org by **December 15, 2016** at 9pm Eastern, 6pm Pacific. Applicants will be informed by March 1, 2017 on the status of their submission.

Please note that the email address summitproposals@americawalks.org is not checked on a regular basis. All questions related to submitted proposals should be sent to Kristen Henry at khenry@americawalks.org. For more information on the 2017 National Walking Summit please visit www.walkingsummit.org

Contact Information of Person Submitting the Proposal

Name:
Email:
Phone Number:
Address:
City, State, Zip:

About the Session

Please select the type of proposal:

Panel Session with Moderator

These submissions will be breakout sessions lasting ninety minutes. Sessions submitted must include panel speakers (no more than 4) and moderator. The session should allow for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes for question/answer or some other interactive component.

Single Presentation

These submissions will be presentations of up to fifteen (15) minutes. Submissions will be combined with other proposals on a related topic and delivered in a moderated session by a moderator identified by the programming committee.

Poster

These submissions will be a poster demonstrating a project, program or study. The poster should be results-based and show some form of measurement and evaluation. Accepted posters will be displayed on boards during the reception on September 13, 2017. Accepted submissions will require that presenters be in attendance with their poster for the entire reception. Posters should be attachable to boards via tacks or tape and should be no bigger than 24" x 36".

Walking Workshop

These submissions can include site visits, walking tours, presentations and other formats to help learn, showcase and/or experience different aspects of walkability. The walking workshop programming will take place during the day on September 13, 2017. Workshops should be between ninety minutes and two hours in length, however, longer workshops will be considered if the agenda is well defined and the extra time is accounted for. Submissions must be **highly** interactive and should include in their description how the session will engage participants with the St. Paul-Minneapolis region. These submissions are an opportunity to learn from place and proposals should how these sessions will demonstrate first-hand the power and potential of walkability and place.

Please provide a description of the session including topic, format and what it hopes to achieve. (250 Words)

Please select the knowledge level expected of the audience attending your session your session:

Basic Level

Basic Level to Intermediate Level

Intermediate Level to Advanced Level

Advanced Level

The program will be divided into the following six paths that look at how walkability contributes to the vitality and vibrancy of communities. Please select the path(s) that most directly categorizes your work, the role of walkability and the benefits that come from them. The following questions aim to help the program committee plan for each path.

Please select the path(s) (no more than three) your proposal best fits into. [Click here to read the full description and objectives of each program path.](#)

Vital and Vibrant Communities Are ***Healthy for All***

Vital and Vibrant Communities Are ***Community-Designed and Safe***

Vital and Vibrant Communities Are ***Artistic and Innovative***

Vital and Vibrant Communities Are ***Productive and Thriving***

Vital and Vibrant Communities Are ***Open and Collaborative***

Vital and Vibrant Communities Are ***Engaged and Informed***

Please describe how your session fits into the program track(s) selected (100 words).

Please outline three learning objectives this proposed session hopes to achieve (50 words each).

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2)

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The 2017 National Walking Summit works to bring together a diverse set of topics, speakers and attendees. The following questions aim to help the program committee plan for a conference that works to bring together diverse communities and address the disparities across the US that can be addressed by walking and walkability.

Does your proposal examine issues, research, projects or successful community efforts related to social justice or equitable access in communities? Yes No

If yes, please describe how your proposed session or presentation works to further a discussion related to these topics (100 words).

Please identify how the proposed panel of speakers represents diversity of lived experiences (e.g. race, color, national origin, gender, age, ability, income, languages, disciplines). 50 words per speaker is sufficient.

About the Presenters

Please complete for each speaker and/or moderator.

Presenter 1(Point of Contact for Submission)

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Bio (100 words):

Presenter 2

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Bio (100 words):

Presenter 3

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Bio (100 words):

Presenter 4

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Bio (100 words):