Building a Walkable Community
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- Welcoming
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Walkability in Downtown Sioux Falls
The Downtown Walk Audit!
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- 30 participants
- Pre-walk Training
- Four Routes

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<th>How Walkable Is Your Neighborhood?</th>
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<td>Getting started. Read over the checklist before you go, and as you walk, note the locations of things you would like to change. At the end of your walk, give an overall rating to each question. Then add up the numbers to see how you rate your walk.</td>
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**RATINGS:**
- 1 = awful
- 2 = lots of problems
- 3 = some problems
- 4 = good
- 5 = very good
- 6 = excellent

**Location:** Block#  From: To: 

**Walker:**

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<th>1. Did you have room to walk? (Check all that apply)</th>
<th>Locations of Problems (notes):</th>
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<td>□ Plenty of room to walk</td>
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<td>□ Missing sidewalks in places</td>
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<td>□ Sidewalks were broken or uneven</td>
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<td>□ Sidewalks blocked with poles, vendors, shrubbery,</td>
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<td>□ Dumpsters, cars, construction equipment, tables, chairs, etc.</td>
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<td>□ No sidewalks, paths, or shoulders</td>
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<td>□ Too narrow sidewalks - too much foot traffic</td>
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**Circle Rating:** 1 2 3 4 5 6

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<th>2. Was it easy to cross streets? (Check all that apply)</th>
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<td>□ Easy to cross</td>
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<td>□ Road was too wide</td>
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<td>□ Traffic signals made us wait too long or not enough time to cross</td>
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<td>□ Needed striped crosswalks or traffic signals</td>
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<td>□ Parked cars blocked our view of traffic</td>
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Downtown Walk Audit
What We Saw

Sidewalk vs. Driveway

Safety and Accessibility Concerns

Sidewalk Conditions
Traffic Close to the Sidewalk

No “buffer” for pedestrians
Landscaping is good, but can also be a barrier

Mid-block crossing hard to see
We Saw Good Things, Too!

Places to Walk Away from Traffic

Wayfinding
What Happened Next?

Main Avenue Road Diet
“Before”
Main Avenue Road Diet

“After”
COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

City Council Meeting
July 7, 2015

What Do Complete Streets Look Like?

Main Avenue Before
Main Avenue After

Complete Streets Project
COMPLETE STREETS IN SIOUX FALLS

SETTING POLICY

In July 2015, the Sioux Falls City Council passed a resolution approving a Complete Streets policy. Using national best practices in its development, the resolution includes a vision and intent, Complete Streets principles, implementation guidance, and a plan for performance evaluation.

Planning and design of street projects will give due consideration to:

• Bicycles, pedestrians, motorists, transit facilities, and persons of all abilities.
• Innovative or nontraditional design guidance issued by AASHTO, ITE, HACCO, and the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.
• Important land use and transportation connections.
• The identification of gaps or deficiencies in the network for various user groups.
• Balancing the needs of all users.
Improving Walkability for Everyone!
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