VITAL AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES: 
THE POWER OF WALKABILITY

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NATIONAL WALKING SUMMIT

INTERCONTINENTAL RIVERFRONT HOTEL 
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
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Welcome to the 2017 National Walking Summit!

America Walks is excited to host community advocates, nonprofit representatives, government officials, and transit, health, and planning professionals in the great city of St. Paul, where we will explore the creation and benefits of vital and vibrant communities.

Vital and vibrant communities build connections between individuals and the larger community, provide access to basic services, and support livability and wellness for everyone. These communities are places where arts and cultural expression are encouraged and celebrated. They make safety a priority and understand both the community and personal responsibility for maintaining safe places. They cultivate sustainable economic growth, promote civic engagement and value the protection of the environment and historical places. Every neighborhood can be vital and vibrant. The act of walking and the infrastructure that promotes walking for people of all ages and abilities is fundamental to building vitality and vibrancy. During this Summit, we will be exploring these topics and many more.

We are faced with many challenges as a movement. Community divides and health disparities challenge all of us. Segments of our population are not engaged in the conversation and are too often overlooked as we create livable spaces. Opportunities for work, school, play, and other vital parts of life are not available to all. Promoting safe walkable places and creating vital and vibrant communities provide feasible ways to bridge divides and address disparities. We hope the Summit will help you make connections, expand your thinking, and gain inspiration to continue to grow the walking movement.

We would like to thank our Local Host Committee, National Program Committee, partners at the Every Body Walk! Collaborative, and our Board of Directors for their support of this event. The Summit would not be taking place without the support of our generous sponsors committed to the work of the walking movement. We know that we are stronger together and have been fortunate to work with a set of individuals and organizations who are committed to creating vital and vibrant communities for all.

Kate Kraft
Executive Director
America Walks
REGISTRATION OPEN 7:30AM – 7:00PM

INTENSIVE TRAININGS
Pre-Registration Required

MORNING TRAININGS 8:00AM – 12:00PM

Livable Communities Through Public Involvement
(Please Note: This is a Full Day Training)
State 1

Placemaking and Design Training
Governors 1

Talking the Walk: Communication Tools for Walking Champions
Governors 3

Achieving Walkable Communities Through Equity and Inclusion
Governors 4

Advocating for Walking and Walkable Communities
Kellogg 1

AFTERNOON TRAININGS 1:00PM – 5:00PM

How to Build Safe Walking Networks
Governors 1

Using Data to Advance Walkability
Governors 2

Safe Routes to School Training
Kellogg 1

Funding the Change: Fundraising for Non-Profits
Kellogg 3

MOBILE WORKSHOPS WILL MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN YOUR PARTICIPANT CONFIRMATION EMAIL
LEARNING-FROM-PLACE MOBILE WORKSHOPS

Pre-Registration Required

STARTING AT 8:30AM

Street Synergy: All-Inclusive Considerations for a Two-Way Cycletrack in a Central Business District (8:30am-12:30pm)

Historic Rondo Neighborhood: Past, Present, Future (8:30am-12:30pm)

Vibrant City Streets: Where Play and Walking Intersect (8:30am-12:30pm)

Nicollet Mall and Washington Avenue: Walking in the Heart of Downtown Minneapolis (8:30am-12:30pm)

Identifying Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Gaps Using Walk Assessments and Mobile Technologies (8:30am-12:30pm)

Let’s Go for a Walk: How to Host a Walkability Workshop (8:30am-12:30pm)

St. Paul Central Station: A Walking Case Study in How to Turn a Place Around (8:30am-12:30pm)

Jane’s Walk: A Walking Movement for Better Cities (8:30am-12:30pm)

Experiencing Mobility Through Different Lenses: Navigating the Public Right of Way (8:30am-12:30pm)

STARTING AT 9:30AM

10-Minute Walk to a Park (9:30am-12:00pm)

Bus Stop and Walk to School (9:30am-1:00pm)

ReConnecting Rondo (9:30am-2:00pm)

A Walk in the Park (St. Anthony Park That Is) (9:30am-2:00pm)

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STARTING AT 11:00AM

**Small Town in a Big City: Seward Neighborhood Walking Tour (11:00am-5:00pm)**

**Minneapolis’ First Shared Street: 29th Street West (11:00am-5:00pm)**

STARTING AT 1:00PM

**Walking Boot Camp (1:00pm-2:00pm)**
State 2

**Wheels in Motion (1:00pm-5:00pm)**

**Walking with GirlTrek for Health, Change, and Healing (1:00pm-5:00pm)**

**Dale St. Bridge: From Community Action to Infrastructure (1:00pm-5:00pm)**

**Stop for Me: Conducting Enforcement & Education Events (1:00pm-5:00pm)**

**Greenway Trail Systems: Improving the Health and Equity of Suburban Communities (1:00pm-5:00pm)**

**Commons Park Development: Creating a Space that is Friendly for All (1:00pm-5:00pm)**

STARTING AT 3:00PM

**Let’s Move More at St Paul Public Housing (3:00pm-6:00pm)**

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL OPENING RECEPTION

5:00PM-7:00PM
MINNESOTA BALLROOM

**Poster Session and Presentations**

**Featured Speakers**

**George Halvorson**
Chair and CEO, Institute for InterGroup Understanding

**Deputy Mayor Kristin Beckmann**
City of St. Paul, MN

Mobile Workshops Will Meet in the Hotel Lobby Unless Otherwise Noted In Your Participant Confirmation Email
WALKING NOTES

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY BREAK
6:30AM-7:15AM
Led by Physical Activity Partner ACE Fitness
Meet in the Lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel

“YOU ARE WHERE YOU LIVE”
OPENING PLENARY
8:30AM - 10:00AM
MINNESOTA BALLROOM

Featured Speakers
Glen Harris, President, Race Forward
Juliette Rizzo, National Inclusive Health and Wellness Advocate, Ms. Wheelchair America, and Director of Special Projects, Partnerships and Events in the U.S. Department of Education

MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS
10:15AM – 11:45AM

The Road Begins with Assessment-Walkability
Stories from Neighborly South Dakota Cities and Towns
State 1

Mixing It Up: Building Partnerships and Engaging Communities to Meet the Challenge of Promoting Healthy, Walkable Communities in Central Minnesota
State 2

Walking into the Future: Technology and the Walking Movement
State 3

We Are Stronger Together: Creative Coalitions to Promote Walking and Walkability
Kellogg 1

Exploring the Great Outdoors
Kellogg 2

Grow! Play! Celebrate! Transform Your Street!
Kellogg 3

Safe Routes to School Planning and Engagement
Governors 1

The View from City Hall: Opportunities and Challenges for Small Towns
Governors 2
FROM THE GROUND UP: HOW THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT INFLUENCES COMMUNITY HEALTH

GOVERNORS 3

GIRDING THE MOVEMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON KEY EMERGING TRENDS

GOVERNORS 4

“WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY: THE ROLE OF THE WALKING MOVEMENT IN PROMOTING SOCIAL JUSTICE”

LUNCH PLENARY

12:00PM - 2:00PM
MINNESOTA BALLROOM

FEATURED SPEAKERS
TAMIKA BUTLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST

BRIAN KNUDSEN, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, POVERTY & RACE RESEARCH ACTION CENTER

KATHY MOUACHEUPAO, PROGRAM OFFICER, TWIN CITIES LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION

DR. ADONIA E. LUGO, BICICULTURES

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY BREAK
2:00PM-2:15PM
LED BY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PARTNER ACE FITNESS

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS
2:15PM - 3:45PM

LAW ENFORCEMENT: PARTNERS IN SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT
STATE 1

IMPROV CRASH COURSE: SAVING THE WORLD WITHOUT A SCRIPT
STATE 2

DESIGNING FOR INCLUSIVE HEALTH
STATE 3

WALKING ADVOCACY 101: PART 1
GOVERNORS 1

WALKING AND WALKABILITY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
GOVERNORS 2

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Measuring What Matters: Opportunities and Challenges with Performance Measures
Governors 3

Off the Walking Path: Creative Walkable Interventions
Governors 4

Walkable, Not Unaffordable: Creating Walkable Communities Without Displacement
Kellogg 1

Crafting Inclusive and Equitable Safe Routes to School Programs
Kellogg 2

Expand Your Toolbox: New and Emerging Resources for Community Change Agents
Kellogg 3

BREAK
3:45PM - 4:00PM

LATE AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS
4:00PM - 5:30PM

Long Lost Allies? Walking Advocates and Business District Organizations
State 1

Livable Communities for All Ages
State 2

The Importance of Political Leadership - Elected Officials Panel
State 3

Walking Advocacy 101: Part 2
Governors 1

Designing and Engineering for Safety and Connectivity
Governors 2

Picture This! Engaging Those Who Use Active Transportation in Photomapping
Governors 3
Every Body Walk! Collaborative: The Power of Partnership
Governors 4

US Report Card on Walking and Walkability
Kellogg 1

Rural and Tribal Walking Challenges: Examples and Solutions
Kellogg 2

Walking School Bus
Kellogg 3

A Night at the Movies
Featuring: Citizen Jane
7:30PM
Minnesota Ballroom

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MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS
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Vision Zero: How Local Communities Are Zeroing in on a New Approach to Safe Mobility for All
State 1

Minneapolis’ Radical, Equitable Greenway Project
State 2

Creating Walking Communities One “Playce” At a Time
State 3

The National Walking Movement: Perspectives from Federal Policy Leaders
Governors 1

Creative Placemaking At the Intersection of Community Engagement and Pedestrian Safety in Little East Africa, San Diego
Governors 2

It Takes A Village: Vital Elements Of A Healthy Community
Governors 3

Planning For A Connected, Healthy, and Active Future
Governors 4

Bridging the Gap: Forming Cross-Sector Connections For A Collective Impact on Walkability
Kellogg 1

Safe Routes to School and Community Walking Programs and Partnerships
Kellogg 3

BREAK
10:30AM-10:45AM
“WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?” CLOSING PLENARY
10:45AM-12:00PM
MINNESOTA BALLROOM

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

CALL TO ACTION AND CLOSING OBSERVATIONS BY
AMERICA WALKS AND EVERY BODY WALK! COLLABORATIVE

PERFORMANCE BY THEATER FOR PUBLIC POLICY WITH
ADDITIONAL GUESTS

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America Walks is celebrating 20 years of promoting safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and to be physically active. As the only national organization exclusively dedicated to walking and walkable communities, we provide resources, training, and technical assistance for advocates on the ground. America Walks serves as a national voice for tens of thousands of community change agents across the US.

America Walks engages, equips, and mobilizes these walking champions, giving strength to a diverse walking movement that includes everyone regardless of age, ability, gender, and background. We are excited to see the growing demand for healthy, active, and engaged communities. America Walks stands ready to lead in the next 20 years as we continue the fight for making walking a basic human right.