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# People with Disabilities Community Dialogue

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## THE MINNEAPOLIS TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN

The Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan (TAP) is a 10-year action plan to guide future planning, design, and implementation of transportation projects for all people in all the ways they move around. The TAP supports the policies adopted in the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

### A CONVERSATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES COMMUNITY

Working with the City’s Neighborhood and Community Relations Cultural Engagement Team, Public Works held seven community dialogues to connect with communities of different cultures, languages and abilities through small group discussions in spring of 2019.

Public Works met with members of the People with Disabilities community on April 2, 2019 at University of Minnesota’s Parking & Transportation Services Office. In addition, community members were able to participate in a number of organizational workshops, community workshops, an online survey and through the interactive Transportation Action Plan website throughout 2019. The input collected directly helped us establish priorities and inform the content of the Draft Plan.

### KEY MESSAGES WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

The top three needs that we heard from the members of the People with Disabilities community is for the City of Minneapolis to...

- 1 Establish consistent designs for intersections, sidewalks, bike lanes, et cetera.
- 2 Ensure people with disabilities are included in technology-related options.
- 3 Preserve access to destinations through design and maintenance.

*There’s so many issues that play into the usability of our streets for people with mobility issues and you have to understand, we’re not talking about a small number of people. We’re talking about a huge number of people.*

**TAP goals reflecting community needs:**

- Safety
- Mobility
- Active Partnerships

**TAP topics reflecting community needs:**

- Walking
- Technology
- Design





# RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS IN THE DRAFT MINNEAPOLIS TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN

The proposed strategies and actions in the Draft Plan address many needs brought to light during the People with Disabilities Community Dialogue. Key strategies and actions include:



**Walking strategy 1** – Focus pedestrian improvements along and across the Pedestrian Priority Network.

**Walking strategy 2** – Prioritize visibility and safety of pedestrians at intersections and midblock crossings.

**Walking strategy 4** – Improve winter walking and rolling.

- **Walking action 4.2:** Collaborate with the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department to build and share a list of community resources for clearing sidewalks to help clear snow for those who are unable.

**Walking strategy 5** – Ensure City’s policies and practices support consistent access to the sidewalk network.

- **Walking action 5.3:** Implement and fund proactive inspections of pedestrian access requirements around work zones and ensure compliance, issue fines for and eliminate non-conforming or non-existent pedestrian access routes.

**Walking strategy 8** – Set policies and practices to leverage, manage, monitor and design for new and emerging technologies that increase visibility and comfort of pedestrians.

- **Walking action 8.4:** Assess demonstrations of new applications that provide navigation assistance for people who are blind or low vision and the potential impact on City practices.



**Bicycling strategy 4** – Enhance intersection design and safety during the buildout of the All Ages and Abilities Network.

- **Bicycling action 4.3:** Install transit islands where appropriate to ensure compatibility of protected bikeways, transit operations and people walking, with careful consideration for accessibility.

**Bicycling strategy 8** – Design bikeways using best practices that reflect the community and serve as an asset to people who may not currently ride a bike or use micromobility.

- **Bicycling action 8.1:** Design protected bikeways to accommodate access to the curb for the mobility impaired, working directly with the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities and the broader disability community to test and monitor designs.



**Technology strategy 2** – Increase access to shared mobility services by removing the barriers of physical ability, geographic placement, language, payment methods, income and technology and digital literacy.

- **Technology action 2.2:** Include conditions in agreements with shared mobility service providers that require equitable access: low-price options, education and outreach about how to access services, geographic distribution with a focus in areas of concentrated poverty with majority people of color, non-English resources, non-smartphone access, ADA access to vehicles and services and multiple payment options including options for the unbanked.



**Street Operations strategy 9** – Manage street detours in line with Complete Streets Policy.



**Design strategy 1** – Develop a Street Design Guide that informs the planning and design of all future street projects. The Street Design Guide will recognize streets as the city’s largest public space and institutionalize the City’s Complete Streets Policy, Vision Zero commitment, greenhouse gas emission reduction goal and stormwater management requirements through the design of city right of way.