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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 AFRICAN AMERICAN 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 African American community on March 14, 2019 at the Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center. In addition, community members were able to participate in a number of organizational workshops, community workshops, an online survey and through the interactive plan website. 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 African American community is for the City of Minneapolis to...

- 1 Create multiple options for convenient, safe and efficient transportation.
- 2 Improve the transit experience by addressing safety, comfort, and affordability.
- 3 Build and maintain higher levels of pedestrian scale lighting.

Transit is too inconvenient, too slow, and doesn't go where I want to go.

TAP goals reflecting community needs:

-  Safety
-  Prosperity
-  Mobility

TAP topics reflecting community needs:

-  Walking
-  Transit
-  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 African American Community Dialogue. Key strategies and actions include:



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

- **Walking action 2.2:** Develop criteria for adding marked crosswalks at unsignalized intersections and midblock marked crossings to reduce distances between formalized crossings.

Walking strategy 3 – Improve street lighting to increase visibility for pedestrians on streets and to meet the City's energy goals.

- **Walking action 3.1:** Update the Street Lighting Policy to include pedestrian lighting on all street reconstruction projects included as part of the capital project cost.



Transit strategy 2 – Increase the speed and reliability of transit.

- **Transit action 2.1:** Use full-time dedicated bus-only lanes or dynamic lanes (peak period operation) to improve the speed, frequency and reliability of transit on congested corridors.

Transit strategy 6 - Support efforts to ensure transit is a safe, comfortable and affordable option for all city residents.

- **Transit action 6.1:** Study and assess the feasibility of free or reduced transit fares; evaluate the passage of programs citywide and/or within certain zones or based on trip distance.
- **Transit action 6.3:** Support Metro Transit initiatives tied to increased security of the transit system that address real and perceived safety issues while considering equity concerns.
- **Transit action 6.5:** Work with Metro Transit to expand affordable fare programs and increase participation among eligible residents.



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.



Street Operations strategy 2 - Use quick-build tools to eliminate traffic related deaths and severe injuries on city streets.

- **Street Operations action 2.1:** Complete all Safe Streets strategies and actions in the Vision Zero Action Plan and any updates of the 2020-2022 plan, with a focus on reducing speeds, reconfiguring road space to support safer travel and encourage more people to walk, bike and take transit and install safety improvements at intersections along High Injury Streets.

Street Operations strategy 3 - Plan for efficient and practical operations of people walking, biking and taking micromobility options or transit throughout the street design process.