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# East African | 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 EAST AFRICAN 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 East African community on March 27, 2019 at the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center. 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 East African community is for the City of Minneapolis to...

- 1 Build safer crossings for pedestrians and design treatments to slow speeding cars.
- 2 Improve lighting to increase safety in the public space.
- 3 Take action on projects that will improve the community.

*Elders don't go to mosques when it snows because sidewalks aren't cleared.*

**TAP goals reflecting community needs:**

-  Safety
-  Prosperity
-  Mobility

**TAP topics reflecting community needs:**

-  Walking
-  Street Operations
-  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 East African 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.

**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.



**Transit strategy 1** – Increase transit coverage so that 75% of city residents are located within a quarter mile and 90% of residents are located within a half mile of high frequency transit corridors.

- **Transit action 1.3:** Establish enhanced neighborhood-based transit options, considering the use of new vehicle types, in growing neighborhoods to provide enhanced access and connections to housing, goods, services, employment and other destinations including existing high-frequency transit routes. Explore options along the downtown riverfront and North Loop first.



**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.