



Public Participation in the Pedestrian Plan

As adopted by the City Council, the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is a framework for all activities to be taken to involve the public in the planning process and create a Pedestrian Plan that meets city-wide needs and is supported by the community. The PIP outlines strategies to be undertaken by the Planning Services Department that are designed to take the public beyond information and engage them in discussion of the planning process. The PIP can be found on the Pedestrian Plan Update webpage.

Pedestrians' preferences for facilities may vary widely and are dependent on a variety of factors such as age, demographics, topography, density, and proximity to services. Because of these variables, the City will be asking for input on a variety of elements related to the Pedestrian Plan Update including the importance of a variety of pedestrian generators, how far people in Spokane will walk to specific facilities, which types of projects to tackle first, etc. There will be a number of opportunities for public input on these items. Interested citizens should look for announcements on the City of Spokane Planning Services website about upcoming events, open houses, and other opportunities.

The City of Spokane appreciates your interest in the Pedestrian Plan Update and hopes that you will help to make walking in Spokane a viable transportation option. For current information about the next opportunities for participation in this planning process please go to www.spokaneplanning.org. If you have any questions about the Pedestrian Plan Update, please contact Dave Steele or Nikole Coleman-Porter with the City of Spokane Planning Services Department at 625-6300.



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Who should get involved in this process?

The pedestrian planning effort is open to any City of Spokane resident that has an interest in assisting the City in developing a vision for our pedestrian infrastructure. The more people that are involved and voice their desires, the better the end result will be!

OPEN HOUSES

The City of Spokane will be holding open houses in various locations throughout this process. The first public open house will be held:

Tuesday, April 26
5:00 – 7:30pm
West Central Community Center
Mason Auditorium
1603 North Belt Street

For more information about the next available open house please go to www.spokaneplanning.org

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City of Spokane Updating Pedestrian Plan

Everyone walks or uses the City's pedestrian network—to get to work, to shop, to reach the bus stop, to get some exercise, or to just have fun. Accessible and usable curb ramps, safe sidewalks, and a usable pedestrian network are needed by resident and visitors alike. Because we all use the City's pedestrian network, we hope you join us for the update of our City's Pedestrian Plan – a document that will determine the pedestrian experience for years to come.

The City of Spokane is updating the city-wide Pedestrian Plan. The Plan will help to increase pedestrian safety and mobility, support a multi modal transportation system, and provide guidance on the best use of resources to implement pedestrian initiatives. You can review the project materials to learn what has already been accomplished. You can find out how to get involved in upcoming meetings and events. You can also tell us what you think by sending us your comments and questions (we will respond if you ask us to).

The Pedestrian Plan Update seeks to promote pedestrian safety and access to help ensure that Spokane is a safe, convenient, and attractive place to walk. It will establish a pedestrian network emphasizing safe routes to school and connections to transit. The routes include streets, walkways, and trails that connect schools, libraries, parks, neighborhoods, and commercial areas throughout the City. It will identify priority sidewalk segments along these routes for targeted improvements over the next twenty years. The plan also seeks to identify locations for new pedestrian design elements and barrier removal to promote pedestrian safety and access throughout the City.

The City of Spokane is committed to walking as a form of transportation and recreation that is safe, accessible, healthy, and affordable for all citizens. Every citizen is a pedestrian at some point during the day. We all walk, whether to a school, transit stop, parked car, work, or just for exercise. The City also recognizes the value of walking for promoting environmental sustainability and the commercial vitality of downtown and Centers and Corridors.



Measuring Success

As the City proposes to tackle pedestrian planning the question of measuring success inevitably comes up. How do we know we are making significant progress? Are we getting the best bang for the buck out of our sidewalk dollars? Are we on track with our goals for completing the work? One of the outcomes of the pedestrian plan will be a concise list of performance measures that allow the City to track our progress.

These measures will give us a good gauge on how efficient we are being with our dollars and how effectively we are getting our sidewalks installed. Measures will be focused on outcomes such as "percent of the sidewalks in the priority areas completed within 5 years", not activities such as "miles of sidewalk completed per year". Tracking activities does not directly measure the progress being made and can sometimes do more harm than good. Good performance measures will be critical to providing transparency and accountability for the implementation of the pedestrian plan.



Pedestrian Generators

The City of Spokane, like many other communities, is missing a significant portion of its sidewalk network. Spokane is missing more than 650 miles of sidewalks across the community. This creates a very real bill of over \$100 million dollars to complete our pedestrian network. Tackling this infrastructure deficiency, with limited available dollars, presents the immediate challenge of prioritization. Which areas get attention first?

Typically, when establishing a pedestrian plan, prioritization begins

by looking for typical pedestrian generators. Pedestrian generators are land uses or developments that create a greater than average number of pedestrians. Neighborhood elements like schools, parks, libraries, community centers, transit stops, multi-family residential, and commercial centers are all considered significant pedestrian generators.

Identifying, ranking, and mapping these developments allow our community to target areas critical to the community with the first available sidewalk dollars.

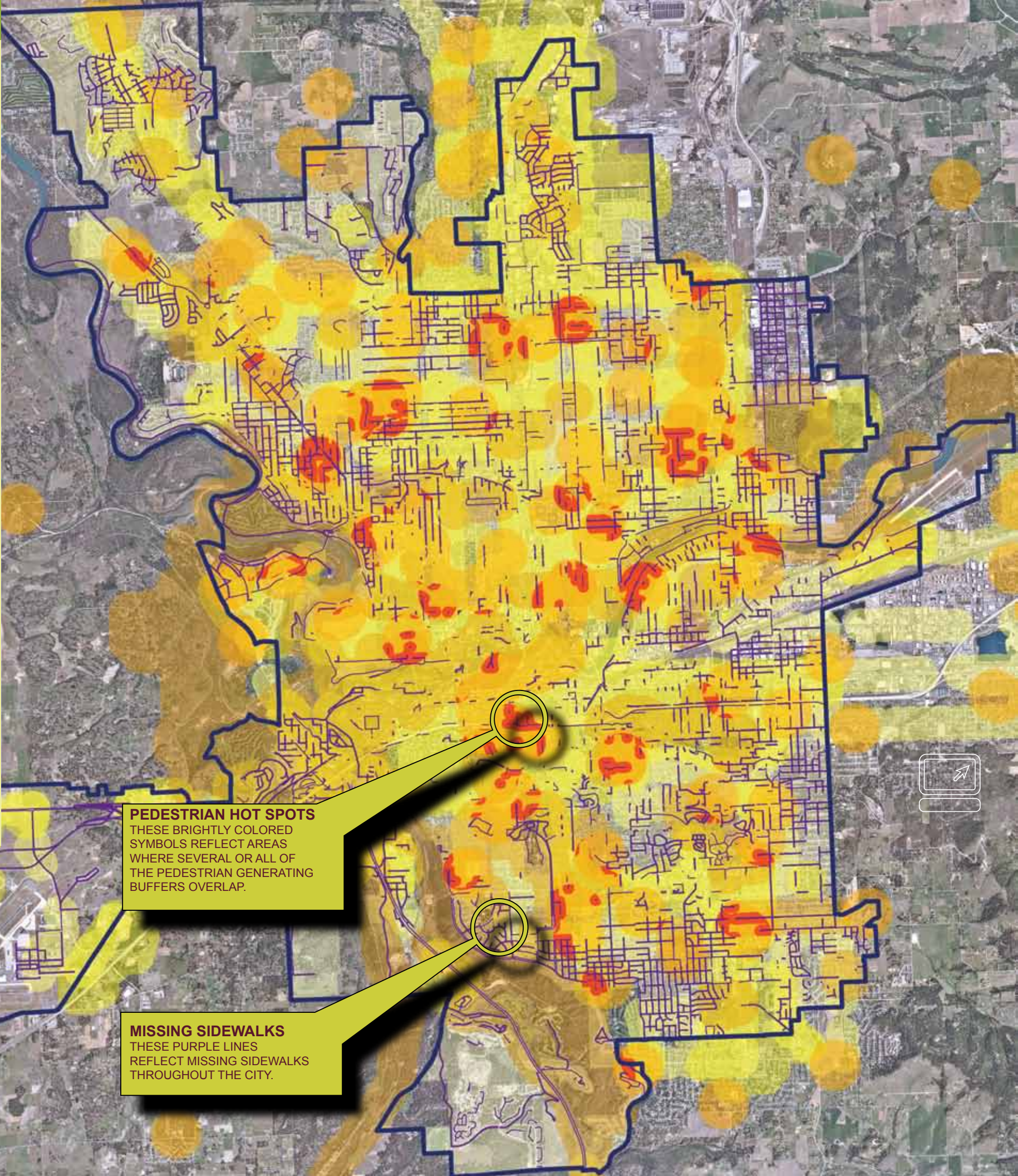
Master Bike Plan Update

Concurrently with the pedestrian planning project, the City is moving forward with making some refinements to the Master Bike Plan this year.

Potential changes focus mostly on route designations included in the Plan. These refinements are based on a recently completed detailed analysis of the proposed on-street routes. Very few changes to previously selected routes themselves will occur.

Because of the close link between pedestrians and bikes the City is planning to combine the public process for both the pedestrian plan and the bike plan update. Collaborating on these linked planning efforts will allow staff to make more efficient use of time and resources while gathering public input and feedback.

Please come and share your thoughts on what we have in mind, as we strive to improve Spokane for all bicyclists in the years ahead.



PEDESTRIAN HOT SPOTS
THESE BRIGHTLY COLORED SYMBOLS REFLECT AREAS WHERE SEVERAL OR ALL OF THE PEDESTRIAN GENERATING BUFFERS OVERLAP.

MISSING SIDEWALKS
THESE PURPLE LINES REFLECT MISSING SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Providing feedback online

Q: Which pedestrian generators do you consider most important?

If you are unable to attend an open houses being held by the city but you still want to have your voice heard please visit www.spokaneplanning.org to



complete a short questionnaire regarding the importance of the various pedestrian generators and how far you walk to typical generators. Your input is valuable and will be included in the establishment of our community's sidewalk priorities.