

Healthy Places Walkability Study Clintonville Neighborhood Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2007 Neighborhood Pride areas. The goals of the walkability study are to increase neighborhood residents walking in their neighborhood and to identify destination places that are within walking distance. This will be done by walking with neighborhood residents to 1) identify positive places to walk in their neighborhood; 2) inventory barriers to pedestrians and bikers; and 3) identify neighborhood destinations.

Synopsis

Date	Monday, June 18, 2007, 6pm Thursday, June 21, 2007, 1pm
Community Participation	7 community members
City Participation	Councilmember Maryellen O'Shaughnessy; Transportation Division Terry Stewart and Chris George
Distance Walked	5.06 miles
Weather	Sunny and hot

Neighborhood Findings

Surveys completed	6
Findings of interest	5/6 residents can walk to the grocery store, library and bus stop from their home or business.
	6/6 residents can walk to a restaurant, bike path and coffee shop from their home or business.
Most important aspects of walking (ranked in order of priority)	Safety, Sidewalks, Ability to walk to destination places, Walking access to neighborhood parks, Nice things to see while walking

Overall Comments

- High Street is a geographic barrier, people will not let their children cross High Street and adults feel intimidated by the street.

Graceland Shopping Center to Dominion Blvd. Comments

- More walkers are young families with strollers and dogs. There are no sidewalks on the side streets most do not have street lights. Some neighbors do oppose the lights.
- Speeding cars on side streets, especially in the area between Graceland Shopping Center and Dominion Blvd.
- The area has an active block watch and people walk in the evening.
- 25 mph is too fast for neighborhoods with kids.
- Mostly use peer pressure to get neighbors to obey speed limit.
- To have a more pedestrian friendly environment without sidewalks, people must obey the speed limit.
- Want to make streets less inviting for drivers with traffic calming but the treatments affects neighbors too.
- Tagging is a huge problem in the area (Picture 1).
- Old Beechwold neighborhood designed to natural contours; developed with taking as few trees as possible; drivers are courteous because it is such a small area.
- Trees hang low over sidewalks and interfere with walkers.
- The 43214 zip code has the highest percentage of seniors in Franklin County and the High Street sidewalks are in horrible condition (Picture 2).
- Lots of kids ride bikes on the street.
- Medians on High Street would slow traffic and help pedestrians cross.

Neighborhood Pride Area Comments

- Milton Ave is part of the bike path. It should be a green street due to it being part of the bike path, a heavily car traveled street and a street with heavy pedestrian traffic. (Picture 5)
- Milton Ave needs to be made less attractive to drivers and more so to walkers/bikers. (Picture 5)
- Milton Ave needs a dedicated bike lane and better bike path signage. (Picture 5)
- Milton Ave drivers do not yield to pedestrians at intersection. (Picture 5)
- Delhi is part of the bike path. It has pot holes, gravel and an uneven surface. Another option for the bike path is W. Como Ave but the street turns to brick which is hard for bikes (but slows traffic).
- People feel safe but should be careful at night if not familiar with the area. Area closest to High Street is more vulnerable. A lady was recently attacked for her purse.
- Newspaper bins promote litter.
- Ramps are not present at alley intersections and are an issue throughout the area.



Picture 1. Tagging west side of High Street, south of Riverview Park Drive



Picture 2. Broken and uneven sidewalks on High Street, west side of the street, between Graceland Shopping Center and Dominion Blvd. (pictured sidewalk is south of Riverview Park Drive)



Picture 3. Neighborhood commercial, west side of High Street at Dominion Blvd.



Picture 4. Pedestrian seating and bike racks on west side of High Street, between Pacemont Rd. and North



Picture 5. Milton Ave, looking south from North Broadway. Milton is a designated part of the bike path

This report will be used to create walking maps through the neighborhood. The 1, 3, and 5 mile maps will highlight neighborhood features, safe paths and destinations. The report will also be forwarded to City of Columbus departments that can assist neighborhoods in addressing their needs.

The mission of the Healthy Places program is to enhance healthy and active living by establishing development policies and practices to reduce negative health impacts and by creating places that foster physical activity as a part of everyday life. For more information, please contact Christine Godward, Healthy Places Coordinator at 645-5318 or CLGodward@columbus.gov.

Addendum

Site Specific Comments

Routes

All Pictures

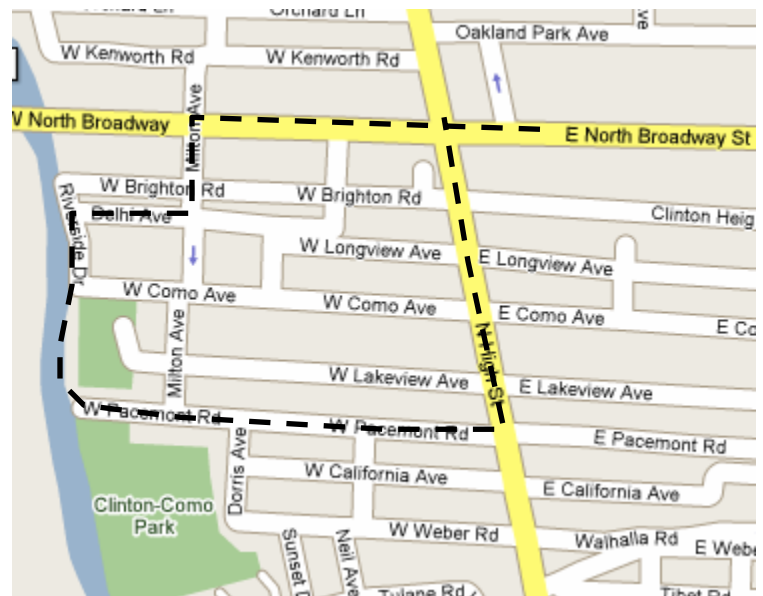
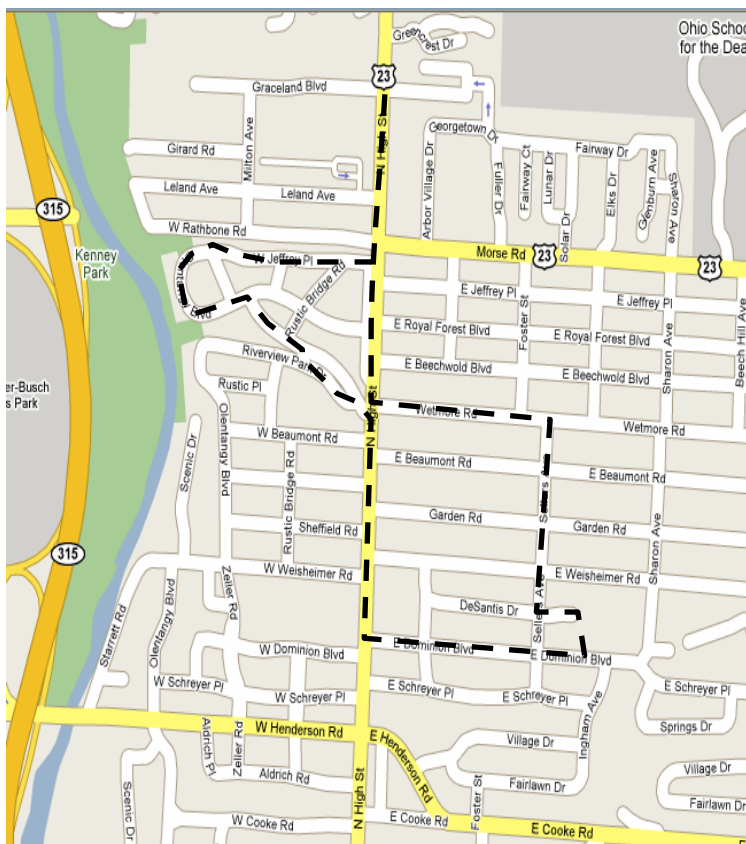
Site Specific Comments

Specific Street	Comment
High Street-Morris Road to Garden Road	No traffic light or cross walks to safely cross High Street.
High Street-Graceland shopping center to Dominion Blvd	Sidewalks are chipped and broken; neighborhood is concerned about the elderly navigating the sidewalks.
High Street and Morris Road	Pedestrian waiting time to cross High Street is long; crosswalks only on south side of intersection which is confusing.
High Street at E. North Broadway	Pedestrian waiting time to cross High Street is long; audible signal and ladder stripping very good.
Graceland Shopping Center	Auto oriented with little consideration for pedestrians
High Street	No buffer between sidewalks and moving traffic; not a nice pedestrian environment. Speed is very high for a pedestrian oriented street-are medians possible?
High Street	Biking dangerous
High Street	Noisy
N. Broadway	Buffer from cars makes pedestrians feel safe; noisy street
Milton Ave-south of W. North Broadway	Very busy street due to the no left hand turn on High Street from North Broadway, part of the bike path, good pedestrian route to Library and bike path; cars are not respectful
Milton Ave and Delhi Ave	Part of bike path but tree obstructs driver views, street curves further adding confusion; stop signs are only on one sides of the intersection; the intersection looks more like a path or driveway versus a main street
Milton Ave	Part of street is one way but people do not obey the one-way
Delhi Ave	Part of bike path but road is chipping, has pot holes and has a lot of gravel and uneven pavement; no sidewalks creating bike/pedestrian conflicts
W. Pacemont Road	No shade

No Sidewalks	Sidewalks
Leland Avenue (no street lights)	
Wetmore east of Sellers Ave	Wetmore Rd (no street lights) High Street to Sellers Ave
Rathbone- Although a narrow street, people still ignore speed limit	High Street
Milton and W. North Broadway-Intersection is scary for walkers and bikers; cars do not yield; designated part of the bike path therefore there is a lot of bike traffic.	
Neil Ave between W. Pacemont Rd and W. Weber Rd	
Pacemont, south side	Pacemont, north side
Milton, Delhi and Riverside-also part of the bike path	

No ramps
E. North Broadway and the Broadway Place, north side of the street
Neil Avenue at W. Pacemont, W. California Ave and W. Weber Rd. (no sidewalks either) heavily traveled street
W. North Broadway and the first alley west of High Street, south side of the street

Routes



Neighborhood Pride Area

Graceland Shopping Center to Dominion Blvd.

Pictures of Graceland Shopping Center to Dominion Blvd. walk
(Explanation of pictures below)



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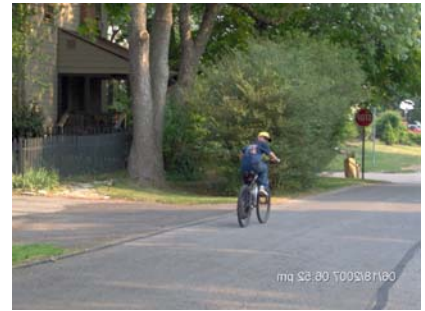
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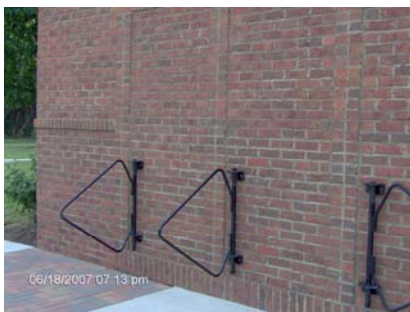
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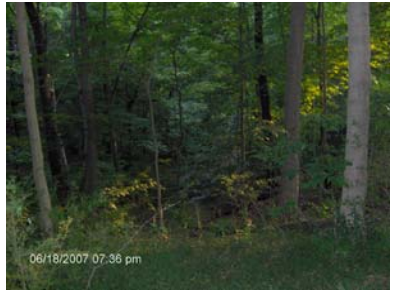
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Pictures of Neighborhood Pride Area walk
(Explanation of pictures below)



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Picture Explanation: Graceland Shopping Center to Dominion Blvd.

Picture Number	Explanation
1	Sidewalk adjacent to street in front of Graceland Shopping Center. Pedestrians may feel unsafe being close to cars.
2	Leland Ave west of High Street, no sidewalks, pedestrians must use the street. Walkers reported speeding on side streets as an issue.
3	High Street Sidewalk; west side of street, south of Rathbone Rd.
4	Wetmore Rd; street with sidewalk and tree cover keep pedestrians safe and comfortable.
5	Wetmore Rd; sidewalk stops at Foster Street.
6	Child riding bike on Sellers Ave.
7	Dominion Middle School, neighborhood schools offer opportunities for children to walk to school.
8	Dominion Middle School
9	E. Dominion Blvd, going towards High Street; no sidewalks.
10	Our Lady of Peace; cross walk for children to get to the school.
11	High Street at E. Dominion; walkers reported High Street as a barrier and a street children could not cross alone. Neighborhood retail and restaurants encourage people to walk.
12	Same as above
13	Bike racks at commercial development at High Street and E. Dominion Blvd.
14	Neighborhood commercial with wide sidewalks for pedestrians. South of E. Dominion, west side of the road.
15	Broken sidewalk on High Street just south of Beaumont Rd; broken sidewalks make mobility difficult especially for the elderly.
16	Same as above
17	Tagging on wooden railroad ties used for landscaping, south of Beaumont Rd.
18	Bike racks in front of potential neighborhood commercial.
19	High Street, south of Riverpark Drive; wide sidewalks in front of commercial are great for pedestrians. These are also used to access store front parking.
20	Broken sidewalks at the High Street and Riverpark Drive intersection
21	Same as above
22	Tagging on utility equipment just west of High Street on Riverpark Drive
23	Riverpark Drive offers shade to walkers
24	Bridge between Riverpark Drive and Olentangy Blvd crosses a creek
25	Ravine in Old Beechwold
26	Ravine in Old Beechwold

Picture Explanation: Neighborhood Pride Area

Picture Number	Explanation
1	High Street and N. Broadway crossing. Signal is audible and crosswalk is marked but pedestrians wait a long time to cross the street.
2	Sidewalk with a tree lawn buffer on N. Broadway west of High Street. Buffers provide pedestrians safety from traffic.
3	Milton Ave just south of N. Broadway. This street is part of the bike path and heavily traveled by bikes and pedestrians. Walkers reported cars do not yield and they do not feel safe at this intersection.
4	W. Brighton Road west of Milton Ave. The street does not have sidewalks and is in poor condition.
5	Delhi Ave is part of the bike path and is in poor condition for cyclists.
6	The intersection of Milton Ave and Delhi Ave. Cars, bikes and pedestrians are in conflict at this intersection due to poor visibility from all corners and a three-way stop.
7	Another view of above. The tree blocks the drivers' views when coming from the north on Delhi Ave.
8	Condition of Delhi Ave is dangerous for cyclists.
9	Condition of Riverside Drive is dangerous for cyclists.
10	Entrance to Clinton Park on the bike path.
11	Olentangy River along the bike path in Clinton Park.
12	Playground at Clinton Park.
13	Clinton Park
14	Alley crossing on W. Pacemont. Many alley and street intersections throughout the neighborhood were not ADA accessible.
15	W. Pacemont Street, between High Street and Clinton-Como Park has sidewalks, a tree lawn buffer and some shade.
16-21	High Street between North Broadway and Pacemont Street has wide sidewalks and pedestrian features such as benches and street trees as well as bike racks. Sidewalk extensions near the pedestrian benches and bike racks slow traffic. On street parking buffers pedestrians.