

Transportation & Planning Committee
Monday, November 10, 2014
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 280

Committee Members: Vi Lyles, Chair
David Howard, Vice Chair
Patsy Kinsey
Greg Phipps
Kenny Smith

Staff Resource: Debra Campbell, City Manager's Office

AGENDA

I. Development Review and Permitting Assessment—10 minutes

Staff Resource: Ann Wall, City Manager's Office

Staff will provide an update on the status of this effort.

Action: For information only

II. Walkability Scan and Charlotte WALKS—45 minutes

Staff Resource: Scott Curry, CDOT

Staff will update the Committee on The Charlotte WALKS effort. The Charlotte Walks initiative will coordinate the City's various efforts related to pedestrian safety and walkability including the walkability scan, and offer recommendations for actions the City can take to make Charlotte a more walkable community.

Action: For information only

Attachment: Charlotte Walks: Taking the Next Steps.pdf

III. Future Agenda Items—5 minutes

Staff Resource: Debra Campbell, City Manager's Office

Staff will review topics to be presented at future Committee meetings.

- Auto Oriented Uses
- Zoning Ordinance Update
- Prosperity Hucks Area Plan
- Parking near Colleges and Universities
- University City Area Plan

Action: Discuss topics to be presented at upcoming Committee meetings.

Next Scheduled Meeting: December 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.



Charlotte WALKS:

Taking the Next Steps

CDOT Pedestrian Program | November 10, 2014



We are all pedestrians



This slide features the Charlotte logo and the title 'Walkability Scan → Charlotte WALKS' at the top. The left side has a yellow background with the text 'Walkability Scan' in green and a green silhouette of a woman holding a child's hand. The right side has a dark blue background with a list of criteria:

- USEFUL**
 1. Variety of destinations & land uses
 2. Minimal walking distance
 3. Clear & obvious access to buildings
- SAFE**
 4. Separation from traffic
 5. Safe & convenient crossings
 6. Sense of security
- INVITING**
 7. Space to walk
 8. Visual interest & activity
 9. Screening from the elements




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- *Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte*




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- Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte
- *Charlotte's Ongoing Challenges*





- Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte
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- *Charlotte WALKS Strategy*



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- *Let's Take a Walk*





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- *Preliminary Recommendations*

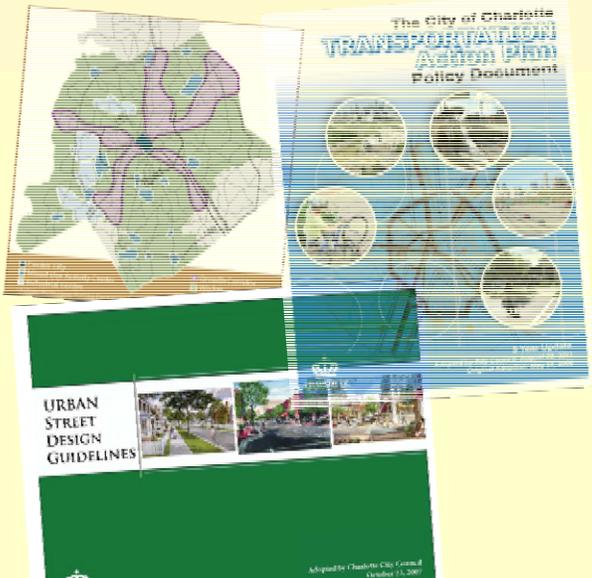


Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte

 **Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte**

Complete Streets Policies

- Centers, Corridors, and Wedges Growth Framework
- Transportation Action Plan
- Urban Street Design Guidelines
- Capital Investments
- Private Sector Improvements



 **Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte**

Better pedestrian environments through capital projects



Before **After**

 Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte

Better pedestrian environments through private development



Before After

 Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte



We're supporting more transportation choices than we ever have before.

 Steps Toward a More Walkable Charlotte



City capital programs
Over 200 miles of new sidewalks since 2002





**Charlotte's
Ongoing
Challenges**



Charlotte's Ongoing Challenges

What do Charlotteans think about walkability?

(National Citizen Survey, 2014.)

- 24% rate the ease of walking as "Poor."
- Peer City Comparison – Charlotte rated lower in
 - Ease of walkability
 - Frequency of walking or biking, instead of driving



Charlotte's Ongoing Challenges

Sustainability Report Card

(Sustain Charlotte, 2014.)

Transportation Evaluation

- Local Trend Grade: B



*Charlotte Department of Transportation
2014 Community Sustainability Award Winner: Transportation*

*We've come a long way,
but we can still do more.*



Charlotte's Ongoing Challenges

Why is Charlotte still such a challenging place for pedestrians?

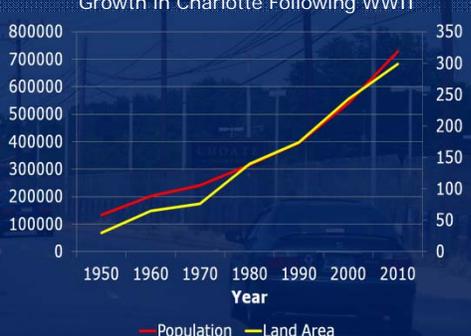
1950 to 2000

TRANSPORTATION POLICY
Move as many cars as we can as fast as we can.

POPULATION
More than quadrupled from 134,000 to 570,000

AREA
+213 square miles

Growth in Charlotte Following WWII



Year	Population	Land Area
1950	134,000	50,000
1960	~180,000	~70,000
1970	~250,000	~100,000
1980	~350,000	~150,000
1990	~450,000	~200,000
2000	~500,000	~250,000
2010	570,000	300,000

We forgot about walkability.



Charlotte's Ongoing Challenges

Our development legacy...







Andy Singer





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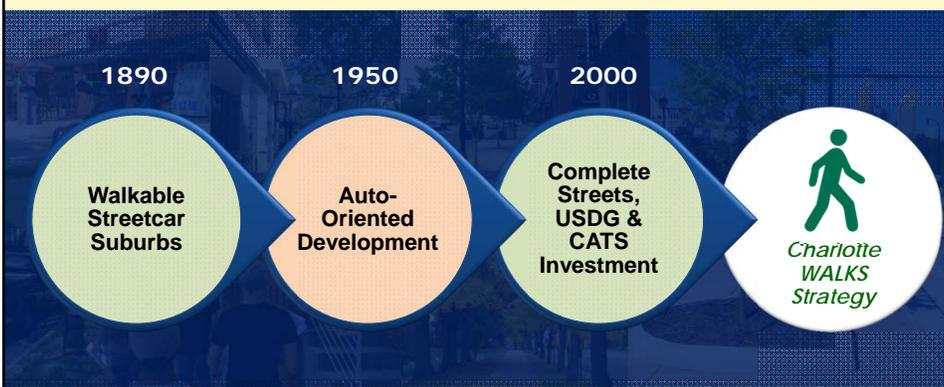


...wasn't always like that.



Charlotte's Ongoing Challenges

Our development legacy...



...is getting better.


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Charlotte WALKS Strategy


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It's about more than sidewalks... **It's about creating GREAT PLACES**



 **Charlotte WALKS Strategy**

What is Walkability?



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 **Charlotte WALKS Strategy**

✓ **USEFUL**
SAFE
INVITING

Walkability



1 out of 3 isn't good enough



 **Charlotte WALKS Strategy**

USEFUL
✓ **SAFE**
✓ **INVITING**

Walkability



2 out of 3 isn't good enough



 **Charlotte WALKS Strategy**

✓ **USEFUL**
✓ **SAFE**
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Walkability



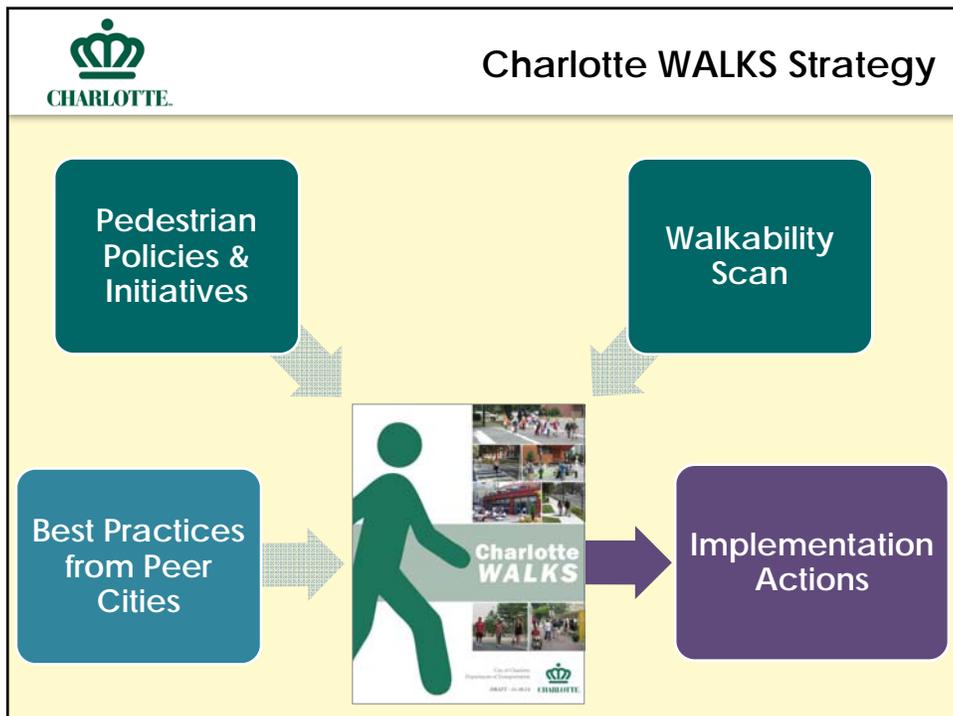


 **Charlotte**

Charlotte WALKS Strategy

- ✓ USEFUL
- ✓ SAFE
- ✓ INVITING

Walkability



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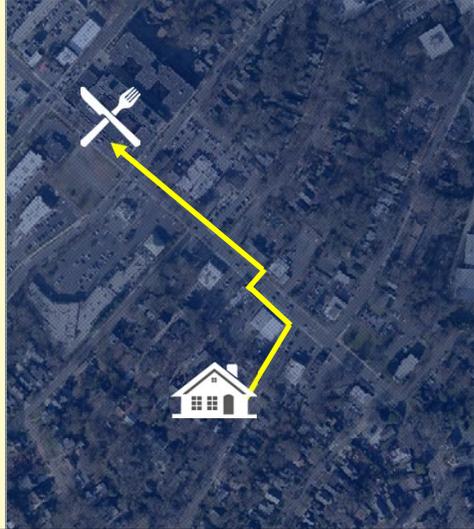


Let's Take a Walk

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Walk 1 – Mary **Walk 2 – Samantha**



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 **Preliminary Recommendations**





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1. Safer and more frequent pedestrian crossings
2. Replace back-of-curb sidewalks along busy streets (public & private sector)
3. Review regulations for sidewalk construction in new development



Next Step

- Introduce Charlotte WALKS Strategy at future Council meeting



Questions?

