

# Take Action to Create a Walkable Community!

Build your neighborhood for people--not cars!

Now that you've determined your neighborhood's walkability score, here's what you can do to improve it!



## Long blocks, disconnected streets, missing crosswalks

**Local Department of Transportation (DOT):** Request intersection redesigns, traffic calming, or street grid studies.

**Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs):** Engage in regional transportation plans and funding cycles.

**Planning Commission:** Attend public meetings; advocate for walkable master plans.

**Tools:** Use Google's Street View and Walk Score to document issues visually when submitting concerns.



## Cracked, narrow, or missing sidewalks

**Department of Public Works or Local Streets Division:** File repair requests, sidewalk installation petitions.

**ADA Office or Disability Rights Groups:** Collaborate for accessible sidewalk audits.

**Safe Routes to School Programs:** Partner to prioritize repairs near schools.

**Tools:** Use SeeClickFix or 311 apps to report issues directly.



## Fast-moving traffic, unsafe crossings

**Vision Zero Task Force (if applicable):** Advocate for pedestrian-prioritized street design.

**Police or Traffic Enforcement Division:** Request speed studies or enforcement in problem areas.

**Neighborhood Associations:** Petition for speed humps, chicanes, or raised crosswalks.

**Tactical Urbanism Kits:** Use temporary materials to demonstrate traffic calming solutions (e.g. Better Block).



## Lack of shade, no benches, poor lighting

**Urban Forestry Department:** Request street trees or maintenance for existing ones.

**Parks & Recreation:** Suggest benches, restrooms, and shade in key public spaces.

**Neighborhood Improvement Grants:** Many cities offer small grants for beautification projects.

**Adopt-a-Street Programs:** Engage volunteers for cleanup, greening, and care.



## No nearby amenities or mixed-use zoning

**Zoning Board / City Council:** Advocate for mixed-use rezoning and denser land use.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Encourage walkable business districts and support for small retailers.

**Community Development Corporations (CDCs):** Partner on revitalization and grant-funded placemaking.

**Tools:** Use parcel maps to identify underutilized land for potential development.



## Lack of ADA features or inclusive design

**ADA Coordinator (Municipality or State):** File compliance concerns or improvement suggestions.

**Center for Independent Living (CIL):** Partner with disability advocates for audits.

**Local Human Rights Commission:** Submit cases of exclusion or inaccessibility.

**Tools:** Create photo reports with accessible/inaccessible examples to strengthen your case.



## No bike lanes, poor transit access

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees (BPACs):** Join or attend meetings.

**Transit Agency:** Request shelter improvements, sidewalk connections to bus stops, and real-time signage.

**Local Bike Advocacy Groups:** Partner for community rides and lane proposals.

**Tools:** Use Strava heatmaps or OpenStreetMap to visualize movement patterns and gaps.



## Outdated regulations, poor civic engagement

**Attend Public Hearings:** Speak during zoning, planning, and budget meetings.

**Start a Neighborhood Group:** Focused on livability or complete streets.

**Apply for Local Boards:** Join planning or transportation commissions.

**Tools:** Use Ballotopedia to research local policies and MySociety's FixMyStreet (or local equivalents) to report infrastructure gaps.