

Healthy Places Walkability Study Franklinton 2008 Neighborhood Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2008 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 cyclists; and 3) identify neighborhood destinations.

Synopsis

Date	10/6/08
Community Participation	1
Distance Walked	2.07
Weather	Cool, cloudy morning

Neighborhood Findings

Recreation

- Bike path from Dodge Recreation Center does not connect and stops near the Main Street Bridge construction. There is no signage indicating the bike path does not connect. (pictures 1-17)
- The bike path from Dodge Recreation Center is overgrown and has grass and debris on the path.
- The Dodge Recreation Center is beautiful and has walking paths around the outside as well as a pool and hockey rink.
- There are no bike racks near the pool and if you ride a bike in on MacDowell, parking lot wheel stops prevent you from riding smoothly to the Recreation Center. (pictures 18-21)
- Call boxes on the bike path would make people feel safer-there are homeless on the path as well as graffiti and there are not lights.

***Note: contact was made with Recreation and Parks. There is a long term plan to complete the Dodge Recreation Center bike path to McCoy Park. There is a maintenance schedule for bike paths and lighting on the bike path is rare (due to maintenance issues) although blue phone boxes are now being considered at a certain point on the Olentangy Trail.*

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Housing

- City View has built some new homes in our neighborhood-they are very nice. (pictures 34, 41-42)

Personal Safety

- There is definitely a perception that the neighborhood is not safe. People are afraid of the homeless on the bike path even though we have never heard of homeless people harming anyone. (picture 6)
- I avoid Rich and MacDowell-there are a lot of subsidized apartments in this area.
- Kids in the neighborhood do not have supervision-they run out in front of cars and do not follow pedestrian laws. They are the biggest problem as far as people following the pedestrian laws.
- Most people have their dogs under control; we don't have a big dog problem.

Traffic Safety

- Town Street is hard to cross-one way and wide. A traffic light is at Grubb. (picture 25)

Opportunities

- The Boys and Girls Club is at Gift and State Street. (picture 26)
- Pilot Dogs is at Town and Grubb-there is also a traffic light there.
- Franklinton Elementary School at Grubb and State Street.

Addendum

Site Specific Comments
Routes
All Pictures

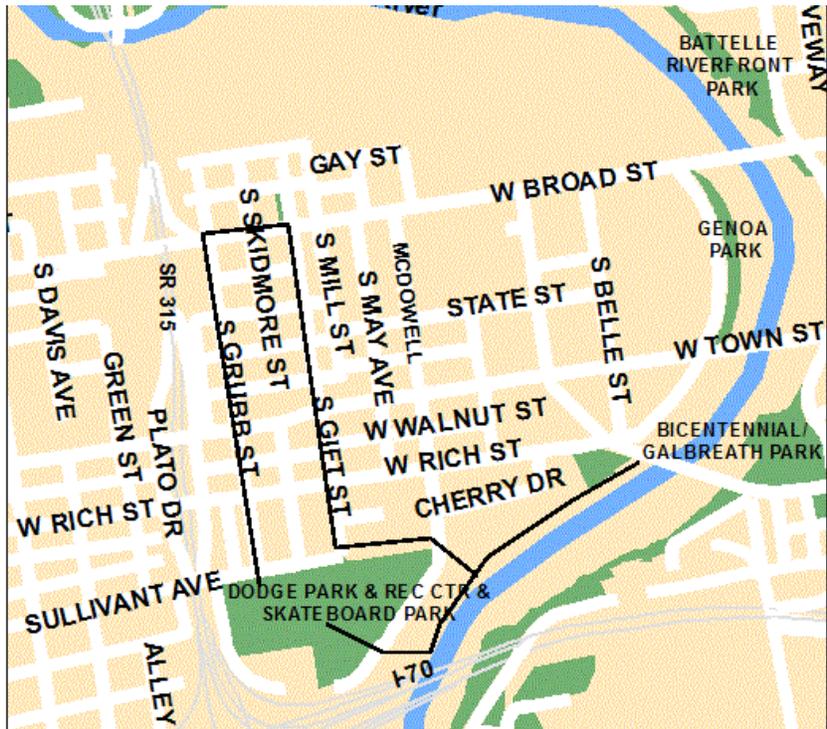
Site Specific Comments

Street Comments	Comment
Town Street	Hard to cross at Gift and Skidmore (picture 25)

No Sidewalks
Gift Street south of Town; North of Sullivant; west side of the street (picture 22, 24)

No ADA ramps
Sullivant and Grubb (non-matching ADA ramps) (pictures 43-44)
Grubb St and first alley south of Broad St (picture 32)

Route Walked



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Pictures (Explanation of pictures below)



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Picture Explanation

Picture Number	Explanation
1	View of downtown from the start of the bike path at Dodge Recreation Center
2-3	View of Dodge Recreation Center outdoor area from the bike path
4	Bike path leaving Dodge Recreation Center
5-6	Walkway to lookout is blocked by a fallen tree and a homeless person has set up camp on the lookout
7	Stairs leading from the bike path and lookout to the neighborhood
8-14	View of the bike path. The path was overgrown, had broken glass and debris as well as graffiti. Cyclists could not fit under the trees that grew over the path.
15-16	Bike path offers spectacular views of downtown.
17	The end of the bike path from Dodge Rec Center.
18-21	Path to the Dodge Rec Center pool. This path leads from McDowell and cyclists cannot get through because of the wheel stops for cars and cannot access the parking lot due to a gate. There is no bike parking at the pool.
22-24	Gift Street north of Sullivant and south of Town Street.
25	Intersection of Town and Gift Street
26	Boys and Girls Club, a neighborhood asset at State St. and Gift St.
27-28	Nice sidewalks on Gift Street north of Town Street
29	View of downtown from Broad Street and Gift Street
30	Harrison House
31	South on Grubb St from Broad St
32	Alley on Grubb St south of Broad St-no ADA access and pole obstructing the walkway
33	633 Culbertson, neighborhood was reporting this property
34	City View house on Grubb south of Town Street
35	Historic house on Grubb south of Town Street
36-37	House proud neighbors on Grubb
38-39	Buddhist Meditation Center on Grubb

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40	Sidewalk on Grubb north of Sullivant, east side of the street
41-42	City View houses on Grubb north of Sullivant
43-44	Intersection of Grubb and the driveway to the Recreation Center-ADA ramps do not match

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