

Healthy Places Walkability Study Wilshire Heights

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	October 7 th
Community Participation	4
Distance Walked	1.0 mile
Weather	Warm fall evening

Neighborhood Findings

Recreation

- We do not have a safe way to get to the park.

Walking

- Whitehead is a popular street.
- Mound Street leads to a middle school-there are no sidewalks and cars speed.
- People clean up after their dogs.

Housing

- Corner houses collect litter-people leave it and the wind blows it.

Economic Development

- There is shopping on Sullivant-a UDF, tortilla place and another small market that has fresh produce.

Transportation

- Mound Street-most dangerous street in neighborhood; has a high school and other kids have to cross the street to get to school. There are COTA buses along the street but no sidewalks. There are ADA ramps at Mound and Binns but only sidewalks on Binns.

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- Hilltonia needs sidewalks for schools kids.
- Traffic on Mound and Sullivant is a safety issue. It is safer to walk in the daytime-when there is less traffic.
- Binns is a neighborhood street with houses and kids but the lights at Mound and Sullivant promote thru traffic. This issue is combined with Mound going from four lanes to two lanes at Binns.
- The traffic signal at Binns and Mound does allow pedestrians to cross safely.
- Mound Street is impassable in the snow as a pedestrian.
- Whitehead is a calm street.

Neighborhood

- Kids ride bikes.
- We see our neighbors out walking and in the UDF
- People stay here for years, it is walkability, we have the park, library and a bus line
- People were more friendly 30 years ago.
- Apartments on Sullivant at Chestershire have been cleaned up and make a big difference to the neighborhood
- Camp Chase is a little know piece of history-a civil war Confederate cemetery

Safety

- I feel safe during the day.
- I pretty much feel safe.
- I do not feel as safe as I use to-I have lived here for 46 years.
- Holidays increase crime.
- I feel safe up until 10p. After that, I would not walk anywhere.
- Need more opportunities to cross Sullivant. To get to the library, I take Whitehead to Hague or Binns (agreed that would not take a stroller on Binns but as a walker she felt okay).

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Beautiful homes of Wilshire Heights



Binns Blvd is a residential street but has a lot of traffic and speeding



Intersection of Sullivant and Binns Blvd- residents would like more opportunities to cross Sullivant and more pedestrian friendly features.



Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery was a Civil War camp

This report will be used to create walking maps through the neighborhood. The mile-marked 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 Green, Healthy Places Coordinator at 645-5318 or CGGreen@columbus.gov.

Addendum

Site Specific Comments
Routes
All Pictures

Site Specific Comments

Street Comments	Comment
Binns and Sullivant	This is the safest intersection to cross Sullivant, but Binns is not a safe street north of Sullivant due to parked cars and heading toward the park on Parkside (picture 27-31)
Binns and Parkside	The intersection is offset and the street curves; some traffic does not have to stop. The sidewalks stop and there are blind spots that block cars' view of pedestrians. On street parking also blocks pedestrian views. (picture 32)
Mound Street	Most dangerous street in the neighborhood-the street is four lanes between Hague and Binns-people use it as a cut thru and speed; Mound Street has no sidewalks; Kids need to cross Mound for Binns elementary school; bus stop at Mound and Roys; Mound impassable in the snow for a pedestrian (picture 5-6)
Binns and Mound Street	There is a traffic light to cross and sidewalks on Binns but now on Mound. (picture 27-28)
742 Binns	Sidewalk in poor condition
Whitehead	Calm street, runs parallel to Sullivant but does not have sidewalks (Picture 1)
Parkside-from Binns to library	Ballfield blocks the library and there is no cut thru (picture 34)
Sullivant	Sidewalks are wide but buffer is narrow-the street does not feel good to walk on; need more opportunities to cross the street. (picture 35)
Binns and Mound	Pedestrian signal allows pedestrians to cross safely. (picture 22)

No ADA ramps
Eakin and Binns

No Sidewalks	Sidewalks
Mound Street	Sullivant
Hilltonia	Binns
	Roys

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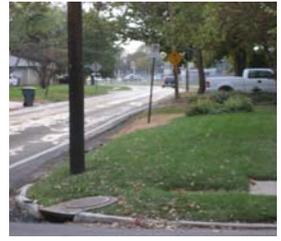
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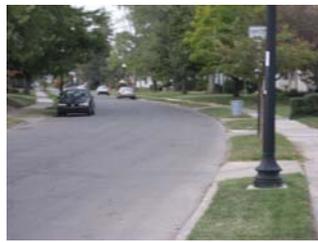
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Picture Explanation

Picture Number	Explanation
1	Whitehead Rd. looking east from Roys Ave
2-3	Roys Ave looking south from Whitehead
4	Sidewalk on Roys Rd before Mound St
5-6	Mound Street looking west from Roys Ave with kids walking and the COTA bus stop
8-9	The homes of Wilshire Heights
10-11	Nice sidewalks on Roys Rd south of Mound but sidewalk stops
12	Eakin Rd and Roys Rd intersection
13	Eakin looking west from Roys Rd
14-16	Intersection of Eakin and Binns Blvd
17-18	Discontinuous and broken sidewalks on Binns Blvd north of Eakin and south of Mound
19	Uneven Binns Blvd sidewalk
20	Binns Blvd houses
21	Intersection of Binns Blvd and Mound Stree-pedestrian signage
22-25	Wilshire Heights neighborhood on Binns Blvd
26-27	Intersection of Sullivant and Binns Blvd
27-30	Binns Blvd north of Sullivant-sidewalk is narrow and becomes more narrow
31	Intersection of Binns Blvd, which jogs and Parkside Rd looking west, sidewalks stop
32	Intersection of Binns Blvd and Parkside Rd looking east with St. Mary Magdalene School
33	Parkside Rd looking east from Binns Blvd, the street does not connect to the Library because the school is fenced in
34	Sullivant Ave outside of Camp Chase Cemetery
35	Apartments on Sullivant Ave across from Camp Chase Cemetery-landlord has recently cleaned the apartments up and become more strict on renters
36-40	Camp Chase Cemetery-civil war camp and current Confederate Cemetery
41	Chestershire Rd looking south from Sullivant-sidewalks are absent for the first lot
42-43	Chestershire Rd sidewalks-blocked and discontinuous
44	Houses of Wilshire Heights