

# DULUTH-SUPERIOR **METROPOLITAN PEDESTRIAN PLAN**

**Encouraging walking as a safe,  
convenient & desirable transportation  
option**

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Advisory Committee

Kick-off Meeting

March 25, 2020



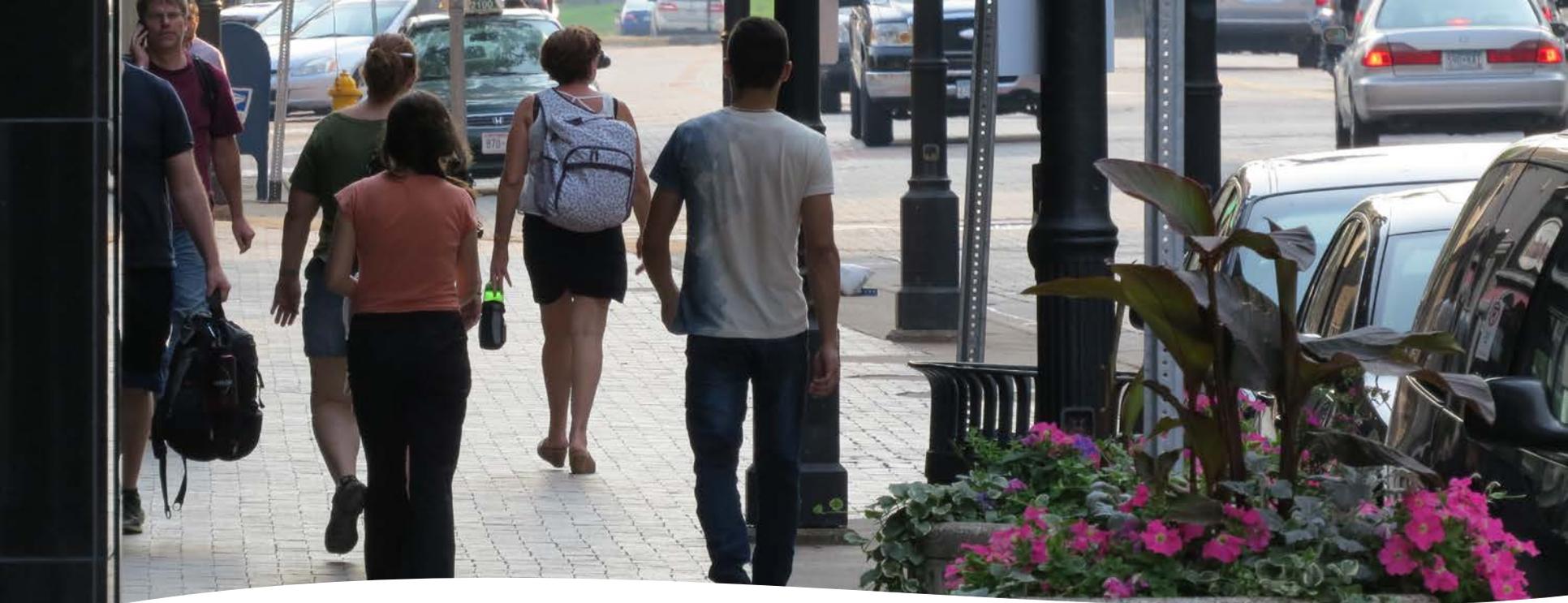
# Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan

- Walking is an essential mode of the transportation system.
- Will set a framework for making walking safe, convenient and desirable.



# Walking – an inclusive term

- **PEDESTRIAN.**—The term “[pedestrian](#)” means any person traveling by foot and any mobility-impaired person using a [wheelchair](#).
- **WHEELCHAIR.**—The term “[wheelchair](#)” means a mobility aid, usable indoors, and designed for and used by individuals with mobility impairments, whether operated manually or motorized.



# Role of the MPO Pedestrian Plan

- Component of the Long Range/Metropolitan Plan
  - Guides the development of a multimodal system
  - 20+ Year Plan
  - 3-5 year program of projects implements the Plan
- Serve the mobility needs of people, including accessible pedestrian walkways.
- Increase safety of non-motorized users.
- Seek out and consider needs of those traditionally underserved.
- Pedestrian Plan includes:
  - Integrated multimodal transportation system
  - Pedestrian facility recommendations for safe & efficient movement of people
  - Address current & future transportation demand
  - Include both long range & short range strategies/actions

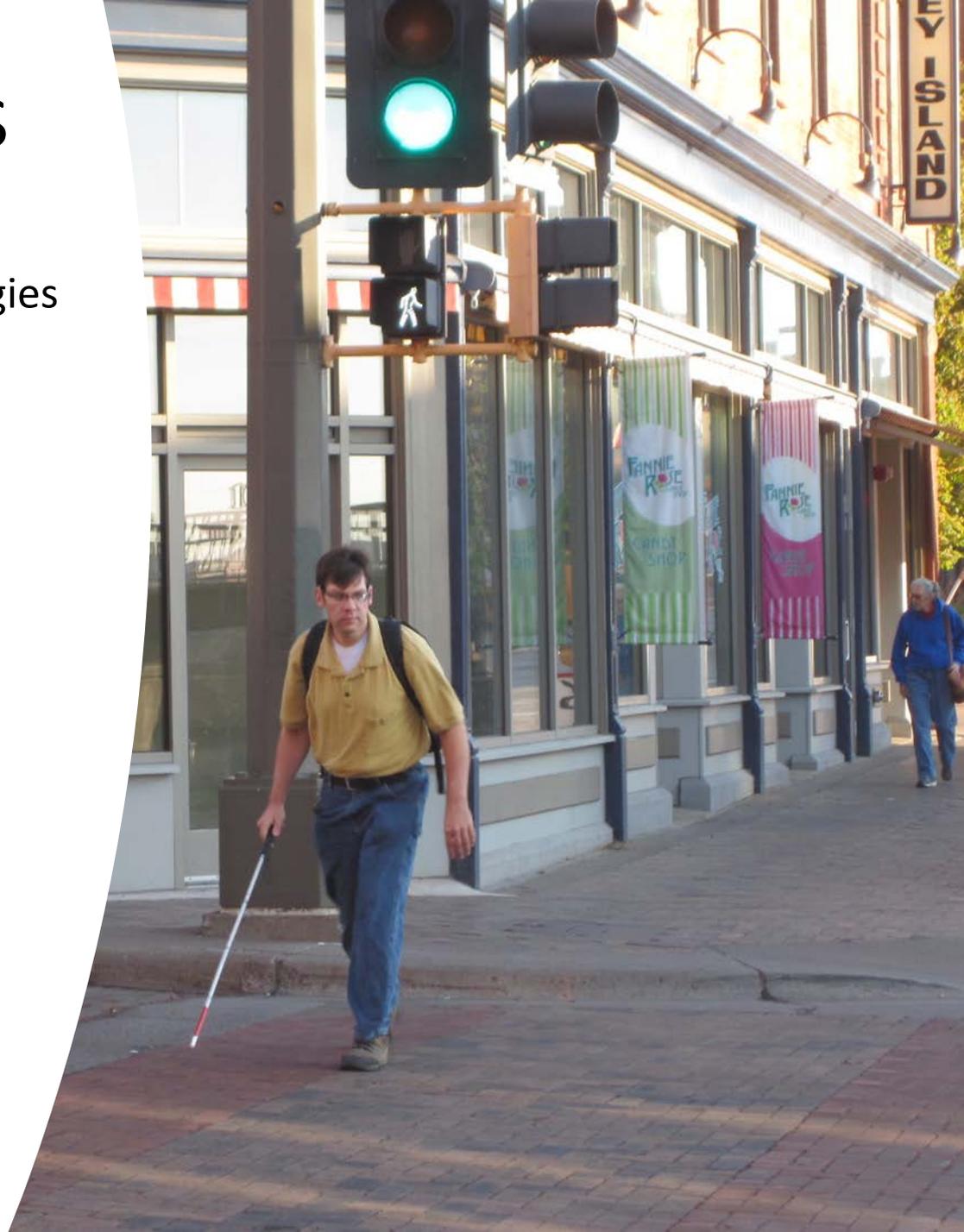
# Federal Regulations

## **Transportation Purpose.**

- Project will be principally for transportation, rather than recreation, purposes.
- Performance-driven, outcome-based approach

# Work Activities

- Update vision, goals and strategies
- Review state & local ped plans
- Examine existing conditions
- Gather input
- Identify issues
- Develop solutions
- Decide on short & long term recommendations



# National



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration

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## Strategic Agenda for **PEDESTRIAN *and* BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION**



SEPTEMBER 2016

**STEP IT UP!**  
THE SURGEON GENERAL'S CALL TO ACTION  
TO PROMOTE WALKING  
AND WALKABLE COMMUNITIES



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# MINNESOTA WALKS

December 2016



**A framework for action for creating safe, convenient and desirable walking and rolling for all.**



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## MINNESOTA WALKS!

MnDOT is in the process of creating a Statewide Pedestrian System Plan for Minnesota. Walking is a key element in the state's transportation system, and it's essential to provide safe and connected walking spaces for Minnesota's residents and visitors. The Statewide Pedestrian System Plan will help MnDOT understand the walking communities that its trunk highway system serves and help prioritize future investment and policy to create a fully walkable system.

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# WISCONSIN PEDESTRIAN POLICY PLAN 2020



# Ped Plan Advisory Committee

## Sustainable Choices 2045

### Health of People & Environment

- Public Health
- Medical Care
- Service Providers

### Livable Communities & Equity

- Realtors
- Mobility
- Low Income

### Safety

- Law Enforcement
- Towards Zero Deaths

### Moving People & Goods

- Government Jurisdictions
- Educational Institutions

### Economic Vitality

- Realtors
- Businesses
- Chambers of Commerce



# Status Report



# 1999 Ped Plan - where are we now?

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>What's been undertaken?</b>
1	Street Designs Standard	-Jurisdictional policies to include sidewalks as part of roadway projects.
2	Traffic Calming	-Traffic Circles -Chicanes -Raised Ped Crossings -Curb Extensions -Narrow Traffic Lanes -Block/Restricted Access
3	Pedestrian friendly land uses/zoning	- Form based code - Parking regulations

# 1999 Ped Plan - Status

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Status</b>
4	Employer incentives	-U-Pass Program
5	Walk to School Day	-SRTS
6	Business districts – improve pedestrian environment	-West Duluth/Spirit Valley -Tower Ave/Downtown Superior -Lincoln Park Craft District -Superior St/Downtown Duluth
7	Improve high pedestrian use areas	-Downtown Superior & Duluth -UMD/CSS
8	Equity considerations	-SRTS -ADA Transition Plans
9	Create a bike-pedestrian coordinator	-BPAC
10	Pursue funding to finance pedestrian improvements.	-Transportation Alternatives

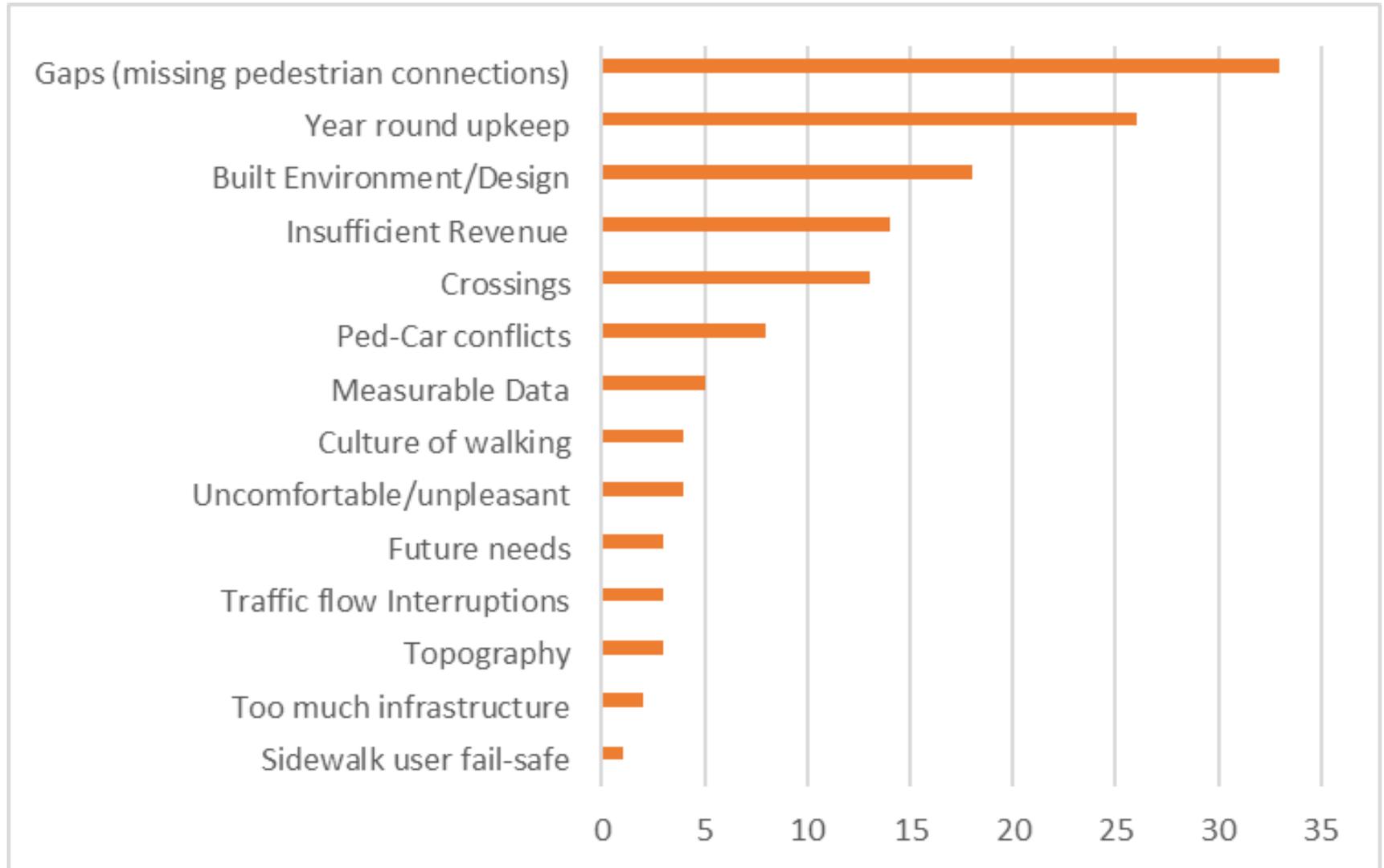
# 1999 Ped Plan

## MIC work & timeline

- 1999 - Superior Sidewalk Inventory
- 2002 - Duluth Sidewalk Inventory
- 2005 - Superior SRTS
- 2006 - Duluth SRTS
- 2010 - BPAC
- 2012 - Pedestrian Priority Model
- 2012 - Pedestrian Counts
- 2013 - Walk to School Day/Bus Bike Walk Month
- 2015 - Duluth SRTS Update
- 2016 - Hermantown SRTS
- 2017 - Proctor SRTS



# Pedestrian related issues identified by MIC Policy Board, TAC & BPAC (Jan-Feb 2020)



# Question for Advisory Committee:

Share a pedestrian related issue that you would like to see this Duluth-Superior Metro Pedestrian Plan address.

- Issue to be addressed in the short term (next 5 years)
- Issue to be address in the long term (in the next 20 years)