

# APPENDICES

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## Appendix D

### **Cedar Rapids Sidewalk Master Plan Survey Results (on-line form)**



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Survey Status: Active Launched: 4/22/2010 2:54 PM Closed: N/A

Email Invites: 4	Visits: 201	Partials: 0	Screen Outs: 0	Over Quota: 0	Completes: 54 (Does not include blank responses)
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**1. Age of the individual taking this survey?**

14 or younger		0	0%
14-18		1	2%
18-30		12	22%
30-50		22	41%
50 or older		19	35%
<b>Total</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2. How many school age children do you have?**

0		36	67%
1		7	13%
2		6	11%
3		3	6%
4 or more		2	4%
<b>Total</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>100%</b>

**3. How often do you use the City sidewalk system?**

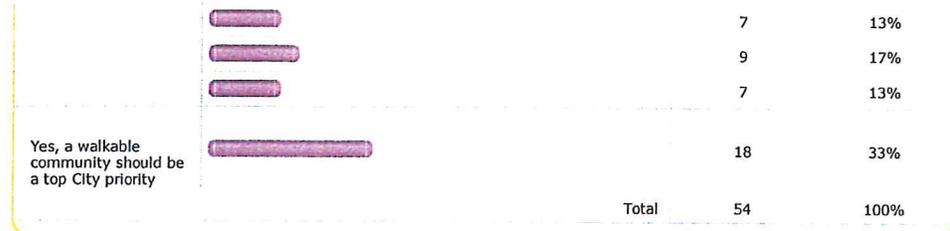
Daily		26	48%
Weekly		18	33%
Monthly		7	13%
Never		3	6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>100%</b>

**4. What are your primary uses of the City sidewalk system?**

Transportation		19	37%
Exercise		38	73%
Walking Pet(s)		18	35%
Recreation		19	37%
Other, please specify		1	2%
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**5. Should an extensive, complete sidewalk system be an important City goal?**

No, the City should concentrate on other issues		2	4%
		2	4%
		2	4%
		1	2%
		4	7%
		2	4%



**6.** To which destinations do you use a sidewalk to access?

Neighbors/Friends /Family	35	71%
Elementary School	10	20%
Middle School	3	6%
High School	3	6%
Parks	35	71%
Churches	8	16%
Bus Stop	6	12%
Grocery Store	12	24%
Other Retail Outlets/Shopping	15	31%
Work	13	27%
Other, please specify <a href="#">View Responses</a>	7	14%

**7.** What are the deterrents that prevent you from walking more?

Physically unable	0	0%
Weather	27	53%
Lack of adequate facilities	25	49%
Don't have the time	15	29%
Need to carry things	11	22%
Just don't think about walking	6	12%

**8.** How would you rank the following sidewalk prioritization criteria?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Not Important	2	3	4	Neutral	6	7	8	9	Very Important
	Proximity to destinations	2 4%	1 2%	1 2%	0 0%	3 6%	5 9%	6 11%	10 19%	8 15%
On a bus route	3 6%	1 2%	5 9%	1 2%	3 6%	7 13%	4 8%	11 21%	5 9%	13 25%
Filling in missing gaps	2 4%	1 2%	0 0%	2 4%	4 8%	3 6%	4 8%	7 13%	10 19%	20 38%
On high traffic roadway corridors	4 8%	1 2%	2 4%	2 4%	3 6%	2 4%	4 8%	3 6%	8 15%	24 45%
Cost of construction	4 8%	0 0%	4 8%	4 8%	10 19%	5 10%	11 21%	5 10%	2 4%	7 13%
Neighborhood acceptance	3 6%	2 4%	4 8%	6 11%	5 9%	5 9%	7 13%	4 8%	6 11%	11 21%

**9.** How would you prioritize pedestrian access to the following destinations?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Not Important	2	3	4	Neutral	6	7	8	9	Very Important
	Neighbor	2 4%	2 4%	1 2%	0 0%	8 15%	7 13%	6 12%	4 8%	6 12%
Elementary School	0 0%	1 2%	1 2%	0 0%	3 6%	1 2%	2 4%	8 15%	7 13%	30 57%
Middle School	0 0%	1 2%	1 2%	0 0%	4 8%	1 2%	5 9%	8 15%	7 13%	26 49%
High School	1 2%	1 2%	1 2%	0 0%	8 15%	5 9%	5 9%	3 6%	7 13%	22 42%

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Parks	1 2%	2 4%	0 0%	0 0%	1 2%	3 6%	4 8%	5 10%	12 23%	24 46%
Bus Routes	1 2%	2 4%	1 2%	1 2%	3 6%	7 13%	6 12%	8 15%	10 19%	13 25%
Churches	3 6%	3 6%	2 4%	2 4%	11 21%	7 13%	3 6%	9 17%	6 11%	7 13%
Grocery Store	4 8%	2 4%	0 0%	1 2%	8 15%	3 6%	10 19%	6 11%	7 13%	12 23%
Shopping/Retail Stores	5 9%	2 4%	0 0%	2 4%	6 11%	3 6%	13 25%	8 15%	5 9%	9 17%
Hospitals/Doctors Offices	3 6%	2 4%	3 6%	2 4%	9 17%	7 13%	3 6%	8 15%	5 9%	11 21%
Trails	1 2%	3 6%	1 2%	0 0%	7 13%	2 4%	3 6%	4 8%	7 13%	25 47%

10. Do you know of any specific locations that would benefit from the addition of sidewalks?

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11. Any additional comments?

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10. Do you know of any specific locations that would benefit from the addition of sidewalks?

**# Response**

- 1 Around large retail areas such as Lindale Mall
- 2 Please connect the missing segment along K Ave NE between Elmhurst and Prairie. The segment across from Regis is missing so kids walking to Franklin School have to walk on a narrow street.
- 3 East Post Road, Cottage Grove, Mt. Vernon Road past East Post heading east
- 4 Yes, in the E Ave. & F Ave. NW locations.
- 5 Boyson Rd needs the sidewalk gaps filled in east of the trail. 1st Avenue needs sidewalks down to Westdale.
- 6 34th Street SE, Cottage Grove SE, 1st Ave, Collins Road, East Post Road SE, Dalewood SE, Memorial Drive SE,
- 7 Boyson Road, near Boyson Trail. Boyson Road near Cedar Valley Trail.
- 8 Southwest side
- 9 On First Avenue between 40th Street and Lindale Mall. On the property of Cedar Memorial.
- 10 Finish the gaps on 74th St NE. Oakland RD NE. Evaluate CR's busiest roads and make sure there are well maintained sidewalks.
- 11 The small side streets in the Grant Wood elem. school area esp. between Grande Ave. and Bever. Streets such as Woodland, Park Terrace, Pleasant, etc. have none and it makes it unsafe for the kids to walk to school, or they have to go way out of their way to use a sidewalk.
- 12 Bever Avenue SE from 34th Street to Bever Park & streets that children use to get to Erskine Elementary & 34th Street from Cottage Grove to Mt. Vernon Rd.
- 13 Wiley Rd, Rogers Rd
- 14 Memorial Drive SE and Bever Ave. SE
- 15 The Erskine School Area that failed to approve. Around Bever Park esp 34th St (gap between 30th-34th) Maybe 34th from Bever to Cottage Grove or Mt Vernon Rd to Cottage Grove.
- 16 After visiting with Jon Bogert I agree that the first use of funding for sidewalks should go to adults/families that walk to get their basic needs met. F Ave, Oakland Rd, Etc...
- 17 O Avenue NW 29th St NE 6th St SW, south of Wilson Ave Wilson Avenue SW C St SW
- 18 34th Street S.E. between Cottage Grove and Mt. Vernon Rd. Cottage Grove Ave. S.E. between Forest Dr. and Sunland Dr. Memorial Dr. S.E. 1st Ave. S.E. between Cottage Grove Ave. & Thompson Dr. Dalewood Ave. between 29th St. S.E. & 40th St. S.E. Bever Ave. S.E. between 30th St. & East Post Rd. & complete the missing 300 foot piece of Bever Avenue
- 19 I Live in the North East part of town near Marion, and it is almost impossible to go east/West across Boyson Road as is, which is unfortunate given all the parks and schools on Boyson.

- 20 Missing chunks of Wiley Blvd and Edgewood Rd to from all shopping. Walmart, Fareway, Staples, Walgreens, Westdale Mall, Menards, All Edgewood Rd to/from the Edgewood bridge to Johnson Ave, Ellis Park, 42nd Street, and now Edgewood Rd South to 77th Ave. since the overpass is finished.
- 21 Along 29th Street NE
- 22 Area near Mount Mercy University
- 23 C Ave. between Collins Road and Blairs Ferry. Boyson Road from C Ave. to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail.
- 24 Time Check and Taylor neighborhoods

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11. Any additional comments?

### # Response

- 1 Thank you!
- 2 Please fill in the gaps in the existing system with an emphasis near schools and along the city bus routes.
- 3 It would be a dream-come-true for Cedar Rapids to be a walking city. How can we expect to fight obesity if we don't have sidewalks for people to walk! Neighbors would get to know each other; car traffic would be lessened; we'd all be healthier!
- 4 As an exerciser, I find it very dangerous to run on the side of roads, where there are no sidewalks. With all the distractions of drivers these days, I frequently have to move into grass or ditch areas as drivers are not paying attention and therefore don't get over.
- 5 This is like anything else. If we cultivate a culture where walking/biking is the norm, adults and children will adopt these behaviors. The obesity problem is as much about exercise as it is food. Let's make this a social and public health priority.
- 6 I am hoping this survey will ultimately make sidewalks possible in neighborhoods that need them (like Erskine) but recently failed, because now you (and the City Council) will be following a written plan that has been researched to accomplish specific goals. I think your plan could make a huge difference. Thank you!
- 7 Prioritize 1) continous sidewalk on at least one side of all collector and/or minor arterials, 2) school routes to elementary & middle schools
- 8 We need to make this a high priority. I'm glad that the city council is pushing harder to put sidewalks in around town.
- 9 Some areas of town are very sidewalk and walker friendly, but there appear to be several outlying neighborhoods and towns that cannot access the main trails and scopping areas safely due to some gaps in the system. Main example is Boyson East of Bowman woods.
- 10 Adequate sidewalks are crucial for creating safer, healthier neighborhoods. Cedar Rapids needs to reinvest in its neighborhoods and citizens in neglected areas of the city.

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