Active Steps Toward Walkable Communities
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Why do cities exist?

To maximize exchange while minimizing travel.
How have we built our transportation system?

To facilitate travel over longer distances
Streets have many purposes, only one of which is moving cars.
“Transportation professionals picked the wrong indicator species, the automobile. The correct indicator species would have been the pedestrian.”

Ian Lockwood

Transportation Prescription for
Walkable Atlanta Task Force
Adopt a resolution incorporating the key principles for creating a walkable community into the city’s Comprehensive Development Plan.
Adopt GDOT's Pedestrian and Streetscape Guide
Re-engineer the engineers.

Use the flexibility that exists in AASHTO to customize street designs to the environment in which they are located.
Replace automobile-only LOS measures with multi-modal LOS measures.
Reduce the typical lane width on collector and arterial streets to 10 feet and convert excess space to bike lanes or on-street parking.
Allocate 40% or more of the right-of-way to pedestrians
Allocate funds for sidewalks and traffic calming and hire sufficient staff to implement projects.
Develop a Pedestrian Master Plan, with an objective, points-based system for selecting sidewalk construction projects.
Make sidewalks accessible
Develop a proactive System for monitoring and repairing hazardous sidewalks.
Empower pedestrians to report problems.
Inventory uncontrolled crossings to identify safety issues, and . . .
Develop an improvement plan.
Install median refuge islands.
Use high visibility crosswalk markings and advance stop bars.
Make all legs of intersections available to pedestrians.
Implement signalization changes, such as Leading Pedestrian Indicators and Countdown that increase safety and convenience for pedestrians.
Time signals so that speeding cars get red lights.
Install in-street crosswalk signs at uncontrolled crossings near schools, parks, and on commercial streets.
Enforce speed limits.
Increase fines for parking on sidewalks and hire staff to enforce laws.
Enforce crosswalk laws.
Adopt zoning codes that encourage (or at least allow) pedestrian-friendly development.
What else is needed for a good walking environment?

- Access Management
- Street Connectivity
- Land Use / Site Design / Parking / Building Orientation...
- Creating good places for people
making metro Atlanta safe and accessible for all pedestrians

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