

A walkability audit is a review of actual walking conditions against established principles of what makes a truly walkable experience. The most successful walkability audits are conducted with diverse groups of people who bring different experiences and perspectives, as these:

1. Allow people to see the environment from different view points... from people with different backgrounds, ages, and mobilities;
2. Help participants understand their many shared values...to be safe, healthy, economically vibrant, socially connected; and,
3. Focus attention on what's really happening on the ground.



The Fort Collins Urban Renewal Authority (FCURA) is advancing projects from the Prospect South Community Investment Plan to help the City realize the community's vision established in the Midtown Corridor Plan and support the neighborhood's transition to a transit supportive, mixed-use activity centers.

This initiative aims to identify, prioritize, design, and deliver pedestrian, bike, and public space improvements to ensure the neighborhood evolves into a more walkable and accessible place to gather, work, live, do business, and go to school. Two walk + roll audits, 12 facilitated focus groups meetings, and a community-wide meeting were held January 11th and 12th to identify this list of specific projects.

The FCURA will continue to work with the City and the community to prioritize, design, and construct the South Prospect URA's Community Investment Plan's five prioritized improvements:

West side Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridor – Enhance walking and biking corridor through the center of the west side of the plan area, including creating a safe crossing over the Sherwood Lateral.

Sidewalk & Crosswalk Improvements along College Avenue – Improve sidewalk connectivity and safety along both sides of College Avenue and at east-west street crossings.

Creekside Park Enhancements – Increase enjoyment opportunities of Creekside Park with food truck(s), wayfinding, improved gathering spaces, and nature play / learning opportunities at the creek.

Green Plaza and/or Outdoor Dining – Create an inviting public green plaza and/or outdoor dining area.

Existing Small Business Preservation – Make efforts to preserve existing small businesses in the plan area.



Assessment Questions?

ACCESSIBLE

Are the sidewalks and pedestrian ramps level and well-maintained?
 Could the route accommodate a wheelchair or stroller?
 Do the pedestrian ramps align with the striped crosswalk?
 Are there visual and physical obstructions along the walk?
 Do the traffic control devices at intersections and mid-block crossings provide pedestrian features?

COMFORTABLE

Is the sidewalk wide enough for comfort?
 Are the sidewalks protected from the moving traffic?
 Could a pedestrian, regardless of age or ability, be seen by motorists when crossing a Street?

CONVENIENT

Did the sidewalk connect directly to your origin and destination? Were the sidewalks and crosswalks located conveniently to serve your trip?
 Did their location make you walk out of your way?
 Did the traffic signals make you wait too long before crossing?
 Did they give you enough time to cross?

ENGAGING

Was the walk visually interesting?
 Are buildings designed for the pedestrian by opening to the sidewalk, offer transparency to allow the pedestrian to see into the building, and provide protection, such as awnings, from the sun or rain?
 Were there businesses using the sidewalk for sales, or dining areas, etc.?
 Which areas along the walk sparked your interest?
 Were there locations along the walk that encouraged you to linger?

VIBRANT

Were there people around on the walk?
 What were they doing?
 Were there locations along the walk with a sponsored event or activity?
 Did the atmosphere excite you, or make you want to return?



