

Bundle 11 – Pedestrian Environment

Context, Policies, and Actions

The Built Environment - Pedestrian Environment

WEBSITE CONTEXT - The current arrangement of Plano’s sidewalks, organization of land uses within the city as well as major thoroughfare crossings make walking, from residential neighborhoods to commercial and retail areas, a challenge. Pedestrian-oriented developments typically, have wider sidewalks, street trees and furniture, as well as narrowed street intersections to reduce the crosswalk distance and slow vehicular traffic. The design principles that encourage walkability in popular locations could also be utilized in redevelopment of existing retail centers and enhancement of neighborhoods. Plano will pursue an accessible, well-connected pedestrian system that promotes walkability.

POLICY – Plano will pursue a safe, universally accessible, and well-connected pedestrian system that enhances walkability, improves navigation of major thoroughfares, and provides connections to nearby destinations desired by the community.

- PE1)** Develop strategies and identify priorities within the city’s transportation plan to create a safe and accessible pedestrian network that enhances walkability in Plano.
- PE2)** Update development standards to prioritize streetscape design that enhances Plano’s pedestrian environment through greenery, wider sidewalks, lighting, street furniture, shade structures, wayfinding guides, paseos, and other amenities where appropriate.
- PE3)** Improve safety in highly-trafficked pedestrian areas by evaluating and implementing effective traffic calming methodologies to reduce traffic speeds and improve pedestrian safety, such as median islands, landscaping, crosswalks, and on-street parking.
- PE4)** Improve the safety of intersections of major roadways by evaluating and implementing effective strategies for pedestrian-oriented enhancements.
- PE5)** Improve pedestrian safety and convenience by completing sidewalk gaps along the city’s roadway system. Include prioritization strategies when developing and updating the city’s transportation plan.

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- PE6)** Partner with local school districts and other educational institutions to annually provide Safe Routes to School maps.
 - PE7)** Partner with educational institutions, businesses, and other stakeholders to develop public service announcements that promote pedestrian safety, awareness, and education.
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Changes Tracked from Original Ordinance

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POLICY – Plano will pursue a safe, universally accessible, and well-connected pedestrian system that promotes enhances walkability, improves navigation of major thoroughfares, and encourages provides connections between residential areas and neighborhood centers to nearby destinations desired by the community.

- PE1)** Develop strategies and adopt identify priorities within the city’s transportation plan to create a safe and accessible pedestrian plan network that ~~provides for an accessible, safe system to promote~~ enhances walkability in Plano.
- PE2)** Update development standards to prioritize Foster a streetscape design that includes tree plantings enhances Plano’s pedestrian environment through greenery, wider sidewalks, lighting, street furniture, and shade structures, wayfinding guides to enhance Plano’s pedestrian environment, paseos, and other amenities where appropriate.
- PE3)** ~~Implement~~ Improve safety in highly-trafficked pedestrian areas by evaluating and implementing effective traffic calming methodologies to reduce traffic speeds and improve pedestrian safety, such as median islands, landscaping, crosswalks, and on-street parking.

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- PE4)** ~~Review feasibility~~ Improve the safety of ~~narrowing~~ intersections ~~on~~ of major roadways ~~to improve the safety of crosswalks and reduce the distance pedestrians must travel across streets~~ by evaluating and implementing effective strategies for pedestrian-oriented enhancements.
- PE5)** ~~Identify and complete~~ Improve pedestrian safety and convenience by completing sidewalk gaps along the city's roadway system. Include prioritization strategies when developing and updating the city's transportation plan.
- PE6)** ~~Create~~ Partner with local school districts and other educational institutions to annually provide Safe Routes to School maps.
- PE7)** Partner with ~~the public school districts, colleges, and~~ educational institutions, businesses, and other stakeholders to develop public service announcements that promote pedestrian safety, awareness, and education.
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