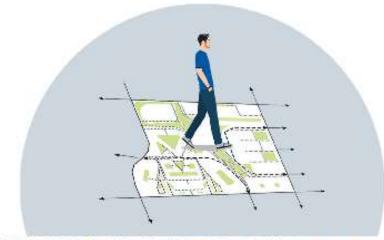


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WALKABILITY AUDIT 2021-22 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



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INTRODUCTION

GOAL: Develop a Walkability Index for the campus of University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

The Facilities & Services Transportation Demand Management (F&S TDM) Dept. of UIUC is conducting a thorough walkability audit of the University District using two surveys:



2021 UI CAMPUS WALKABILITY AUDIT SURVEY: Assesses the general walkability of the map blocks -[Macro scale]

2021 UI CAMPUS DEFICIENCY REPORTING SURVEY: Identifies specific deficiencies within a map block -[Micro scale]

This project will help us identify areas that are ideal for walking and areas that may require improvement. The 2 surveys will enable us to get a complete picture of the walking infrastructure needs and will help address issues at the macro and micro level.

OBJECTIVES

COLLABORATORS



Facilities & Services Transportation Demand Management (F&S TDM) is collaborating with:

- Department of Urban and Regional Planning
- Disability Resources & Educational Services
- Office of Access & Equity
- F&S Grounds
- F&S FIR
- F&S Sustainability
- Campus Landscape Architect
- Transportation iCAP Team
- Student Planning Organization (SPO)

UIUC - AT A GLANCE









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miles of sidewalk network in the UIUC campus

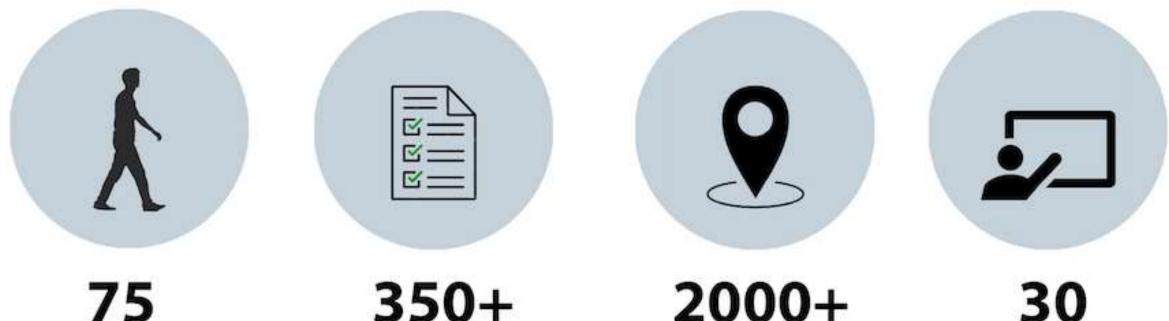
51,000

number of students in UIUC campus 34%

of total students use public transit as their primary travel mode **39**%

of total students walk/roll in UIUC Campus as their primary mode of travel

WALK AUDIT - AT A GLANCE



Number of volunteers in the walk audit

350 +

General walkability audit records collected of UIUC campus

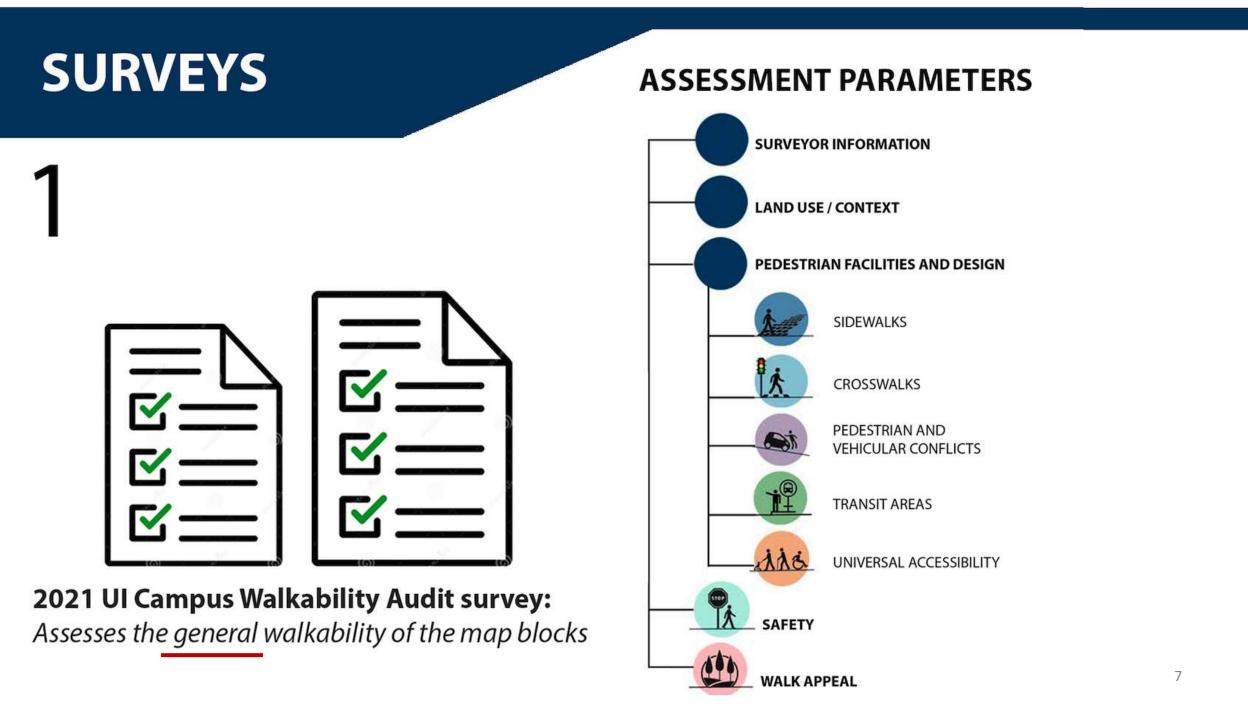
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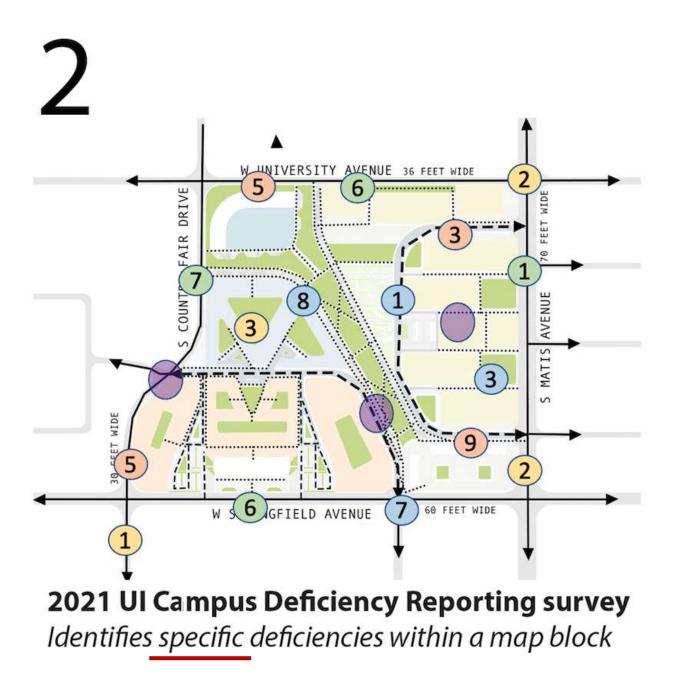
Deficiency Reporting records collected of **UIUC** campus

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In-person and Virtual Training sessions conducted for volunteers

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DEFICIENCY CATEGORIES

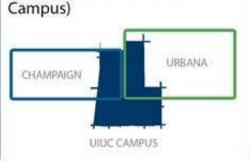


METHODOLOGY

SITE OF AUDIT



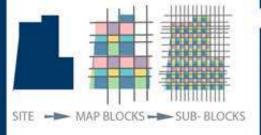
STUDY AREA AND EXTENTS Study of audit area and mapping its extents (UIUC



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DIVISION OF SITE

Dividing the site of intervention for detailed analysis into 29 map blocks (120 sub-blocks)



ASSESSMENT PARAMETERS AND SCORING

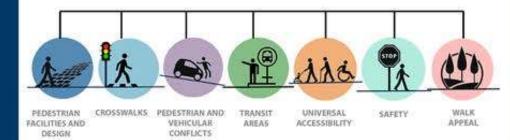
ASSESMENT PARAMETERS

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Determining assesment parameters that impact walkability



SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE Creating a balanced general survey questionnaire and adopting a 0-5 point scoring system (40 questions)

DETERMINING WEIGHTS

Assigning weights to assesment parameters based on impact (High = x3, Medium = x2, Low = x1)

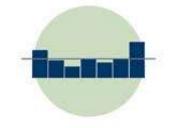


QUANTIFYING WALKABILITY

AVERAGING SCORES

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Averaging scores weighted scores to calculate individual scores of each map block

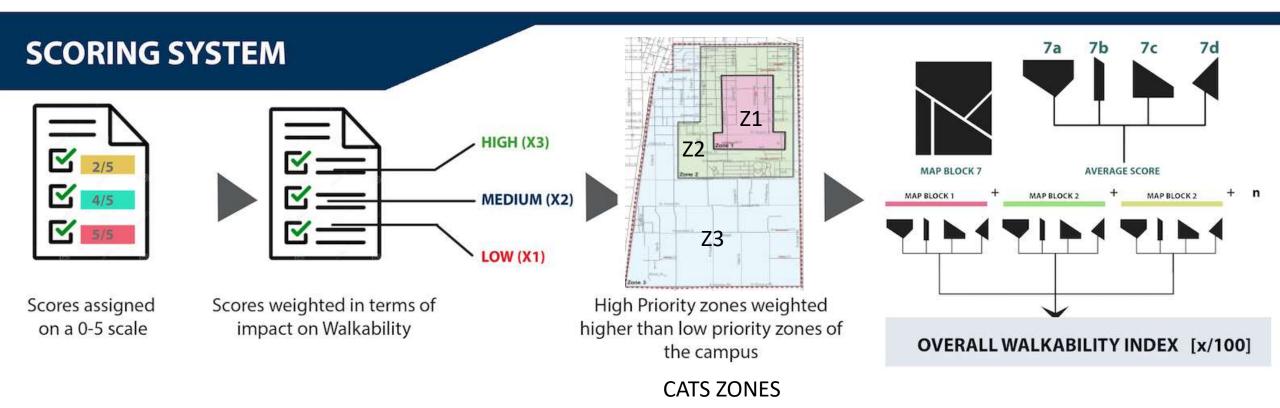


FINAL WALKABILITY INDEX

Converting scores to a 0-100 scale to determine walkability index of UIUC Campus.



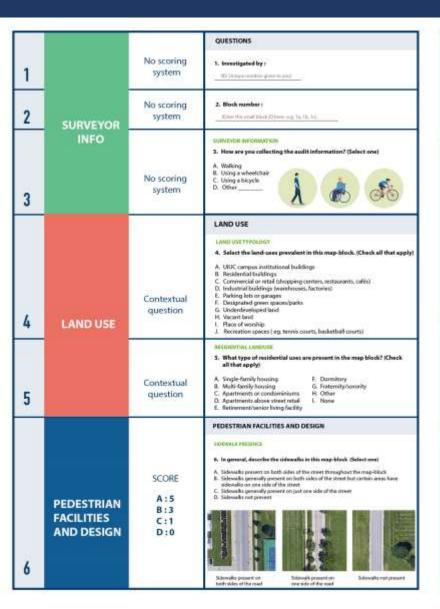
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WEIGHTS

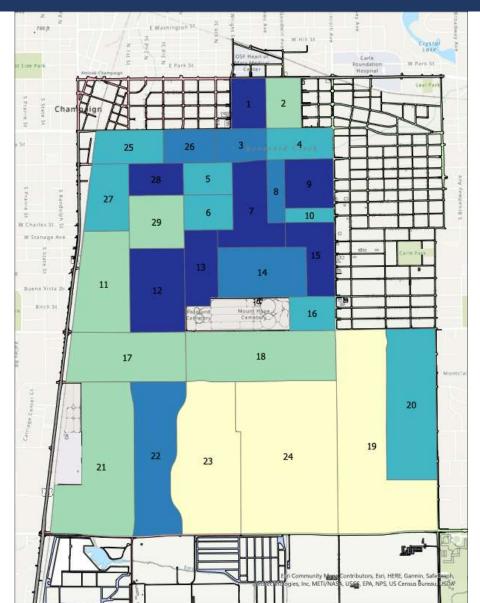
• Various categories of the assessment parameters were weighted according to the impact they have on walkability. The finalized weights are as follows:

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE AND SCORING



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OVERALL WALKABILITY INDEX- PHASE I AND PHASE II RESULTS



- Highest scoring map blocks: 1,7, 9, 12, 13
- Lowest scoring map blocks: 19, 23, 24

Poor Walkability

Very Walkable

Walkers' Paradise

Average walkability

Somewhat Walkable

LEGEND

Overall Walkability Index: 76.2/100

MAP BLOCKS	SCORES	MAP BLOCKS	SCORES
1	87.6	17	70.1
2	67.7	18	64
3	81	19	33.3
4	75.9	20	75.1
5	75.3	21	67.5
6	76.3	22	78.9
7	84	23	53.3
8	78.1	24	44.6
9	83.7	25	76.8
10	76.3	26	79.8
11	71.6	27	76.2
12	86.2	28	82.5
13	83.5	29	67.8
14	80	WEIGHTED	
15	86.8	AVERAGE	76.2
16	74.2	AVERAGE	13

HIGHEST SCORING MAP-BLOCKS- MAP BLOCK 1



After averaging the scores of each map block, it was found that map block 1 had one of the best walking conditions with a score of 87.6/100. Map block 1 scored high Sidewalk Presence (5/5), Sidewalk connectivity (5/5), Parking connectivity to walkways (5/5), Pedestrian Visibility along sidewalks (5/5), Walk Appeal (4.9/5). All average scores of the parameters of Map Block 1 were above (4.0/5).

Map block 1 is relatively smaller in size as compared to the rest of the map-blocks and houses the North quadrangle. It has multiple landscaped spaces with presence of shade and its streets have safe crosswalks with multiple traffic calming measures. It also has several transit stops that make it accessible and pedestrian friendly.



Well maintained walkways in the North Quad along with landscaping elements



Transit stops with several amenities to support pedestrians

SCORE 87.6/100

Priority: Medium

MAP

BLOCK

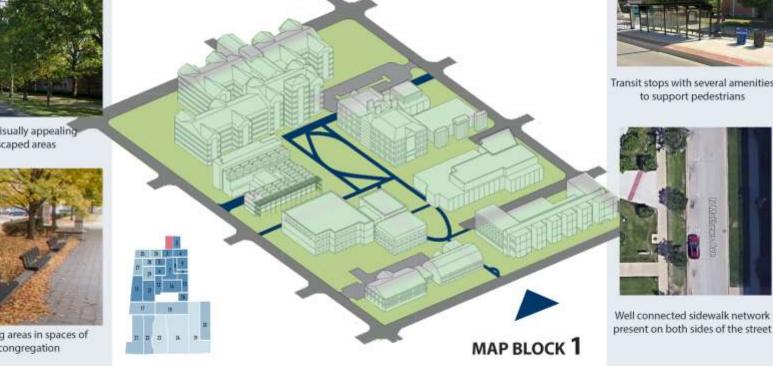
Map block includes North Quad, Beckman Institute



Shaded, visually appealing landscaped areas



Seating areas in spaces of congregation



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HIGHEST SCORING MAP BLOCKS: MAP BLOCK 7



The sidewalk network in the main quad is a design feature and also increases accessibility



Multiple transit stops with amenities that cater to pedestrians



Universally accessible building entrances

Although the campus was found to be moderately walkable, the scores varied greatly amongst map blocks. The average weighted score of map block 7 scored 84/100 and had one of the best walking conditions. Map block 7 scored high in Sidewalk Presence (5/5), Pedestrian Visibility along crosswalks (5/5), Sidewalk Connectivity (5/5), and scores above 4.0/5 in almost all the parameters of assessment.

This map block represents the core of the campus with green open spaces for congregation at its center and has great accessibility of the sidewalk network. Since this area represents the face of the campus, it is maintained regularly. This area also witnesses peak pedestrian traffic between class changes and major events open to the all the university students.



Well maintained, wide sidewalk network in the Main Quad.



Multiple bike stands along major high traffic buildings



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MAP BLOCK 7

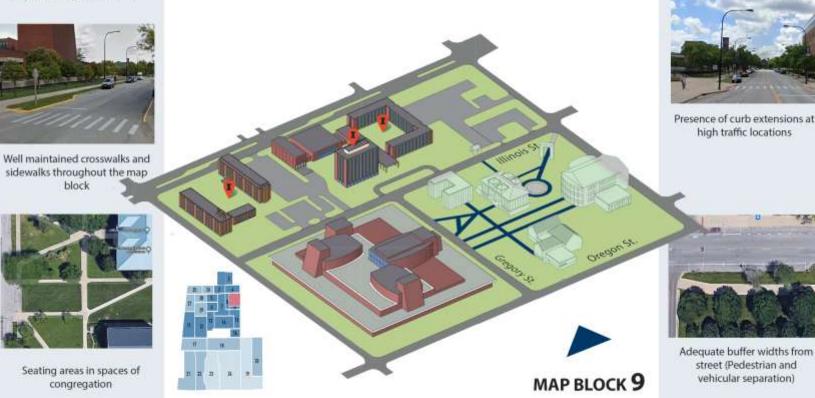
мар вlock score 7 84/100

- Priority: High
- Map block includes Illini Union, Main Quadrangle, Foellinger Auditorium, Undergraduate library etc.

HIGHEST SCORING MAP-BLOCKS- MAP BLOCK 9



Presence of enclosed transit stop shelters and amenities



Map block 9 had one of the best walking conditions with a score of 83.7/100. Map block 9 scored high Sidewalk Presence (5/5), Building entrances (4.89/5), Parking connectivity to walkways

Map block 9 houses the Krannert center and has well maintained sidewalks with shaded seating

spaces, ADA ramps and curb extensions to ensure smooth transition for pedestrians. i

(5/5), Transit stop distance (5/5), Pedestrian Visibility along sidewalks (5/5).



Presence of ADA ramps for wheelchair access



• Priority: High

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Map block includes Krannert center, Spurlock museum and Goodwin Green apartments

HIGHEST SCORING MAP-BLOCKS- MAP BLOCK 12



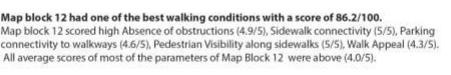
Wide sidewalks to accomodate peak pedestrian traffic during games or concerts



Adequate buffers and bike lanes



Bicycle stands



Map block 12 houses the Ikenberry commons residence halls and the Memorial Stadium and Campus Recreation center.



Well maintained walkways in the North Quad along with landscaping elements



Well shaded sidewalks

Well connected sidewalk network that increases accessibility

MAP BLOCK 12

МАР BLOCK SCORE 12 86.2/100

- Priority: Medium
- Map block includes Ikenberry Commons Residence Halls, Memorial Stadium, Campus Recreation center etc.

HIGHEST SCORING MAP BLOCKS: MAP BLOCK 13



Crosswalks with detectable warning details (Eq. truncated domes) and textural differences



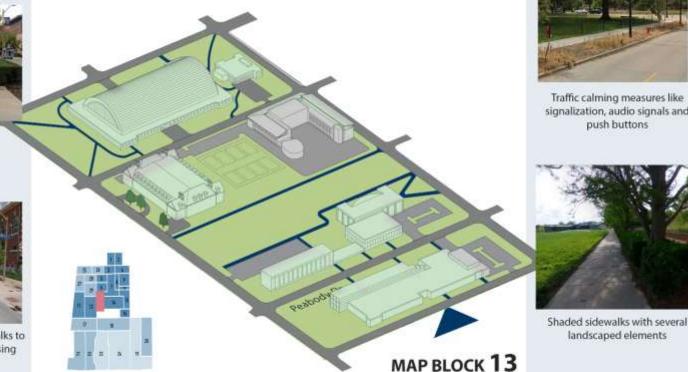
Parking connectivity to sidewalks



Curb extensions along sidewalks to enable safe pedestrian crossing

Although the campus was found to be moderately walkable, the scores varied greatly amongst map blocks. This score found that map block 13 had the best walking conditions. Map block 13 scored high in Pedestrian facilities and design(5/5), crosswalks (4/5), transit areas(5/5), universal accessibility (4.7/5), safety (4.5/5) and walk appeal(4.3/5).

The University spent a great deal of time redeveloping multiple walking areas throughout the high priority map blocks between the years 2005 and 2010. This redevelopment could be directly related to the high scores found in map blocks 13, 1, 3, 7, 15. The City of Champaign and Urbana also executed considerable redevelopment projects to make the area more visually appealing and more walkable for pedestrians. Landscaping was improved, paths were widened, sidewalks are now in great condition, and the overall visual appeal of the area is very inviting. The redevelopment by the City of Champaign in high priority map blocks created an optimal environment to walk in. Areas near green street were the most well scoring map blocks.





Traffic calming measures like signalization, audio signals and push buttons



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- **Priority: Medium**
- Map block includes University of Illinois Armory, George Huff Hall, Gies College of Business, Univ of Illinois College of Law, Siebel Center for Design

HIGHEST SCORING MAP-BLOCKS- MAP BLOCK 15



Higher frequency of transit stops



and crossing

Map block 15 had one of the best walking conditions with a score of 86.8/100. Map block 15 scored high on Sidewalk Presence (5/5), Curb cut alignment (5/5)Sidewalk connectivity (5/5), Parking connectivity to walkways (5/5), Pedestrian Visibility along sidewalks (5/5), Walk Appeal (4.7/5). All average scores of the parameters of Map Block 1 were above (4.0/5).

Map block 15 houses several key elements of the campus. It has a small water dentention pond which acts as a natural congregation space, has several tennis courts and major campus buildings.



Presence of Traffic calming measures like Stop signs. Availability of Emergency phone booths



MAP **SCORE BLOCK** 86.8/100 15

- Priority: High
- Map block includes Allen Hall university housing, Campus recreation center east, Tennis courts, Mc Kinley Healthcare center, Freer Hall

LOWEST SCORING MAP BLOCKS: 19, 23 & 24







Lack of sidewalks and crosswalks



Scattered and undefined landscape



MAP
BLOCKSCORE1933.3/1002353.3/1002444.6/100

- Priority: Low
- Map blocks include
 Arboretum, Pollinatarium,
 Dairy cattle Research
 Institute, Vacant lands,
 agricultural crops,
 Horticulture laboratory,
 President's house

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY SCORES- GRAPH

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INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY SCORES

High (Above 3.8/5)

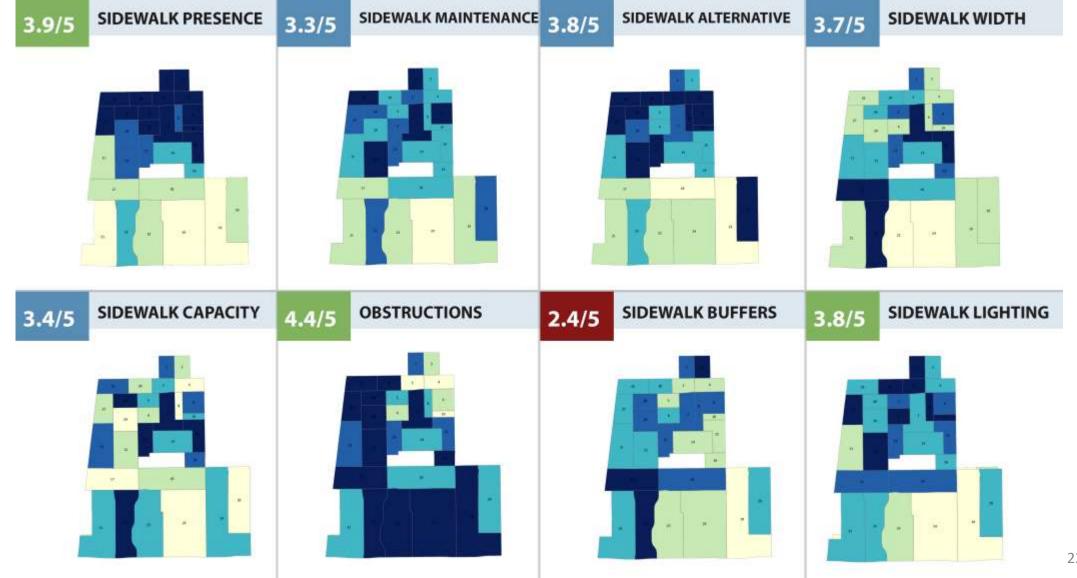
Sidewalk Presence, Temporary and Permanent obstructions, Sidewalk Lighting, Curb Cut Presence, Curb Cut alignment, Building entrances, Sidewalk Connectivity, Transit stop distance, Parking connectivity, Perceived Safety, Pedestrian Visibility along sidewalks and crosswalks, Landscaping, Walk Appeal

Medium

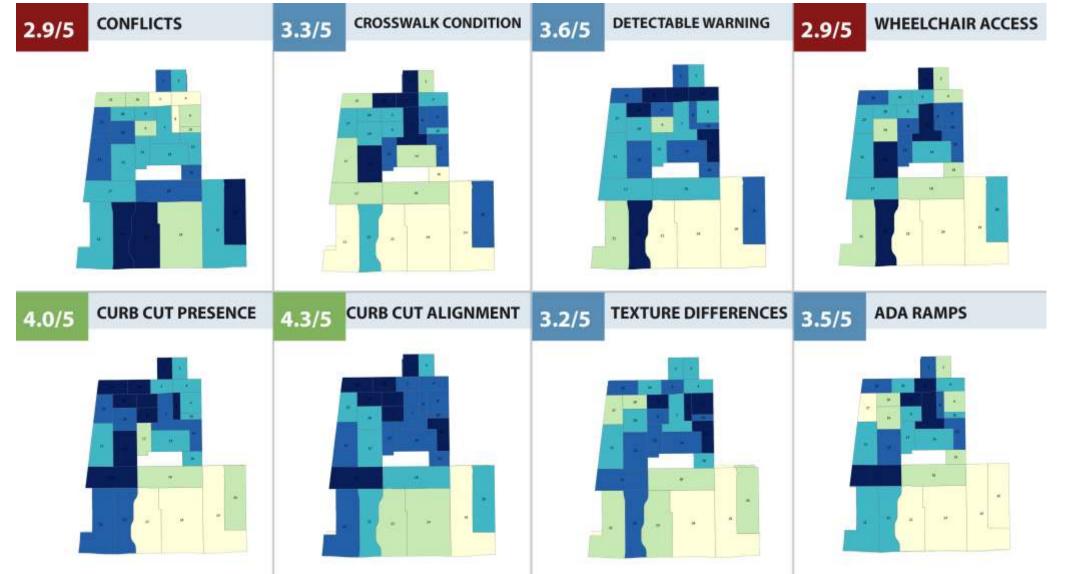
Sidewalk Maintenance, Sidewalk Alternate, Sidewalk Width, Sidewalk Capacity, Crosswalk condition, Detectable warning details, Texture differences, ADA ramps, Bike Infrastructure, Shade, Aesthetics

Low (Below 3)

Sidewalk buffers, Wheelchair Access, Pedestrian and Vehicular Conflicts

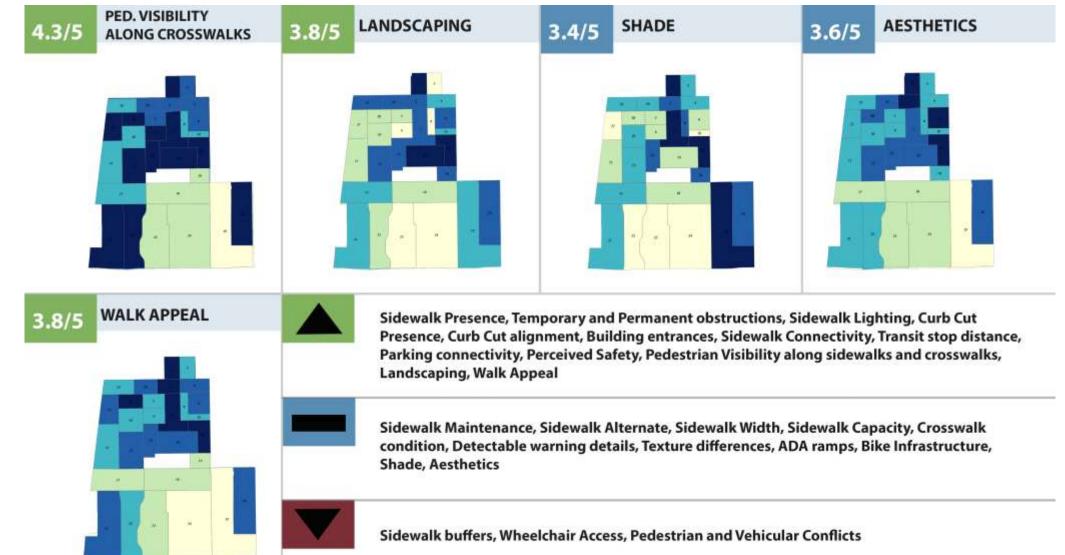


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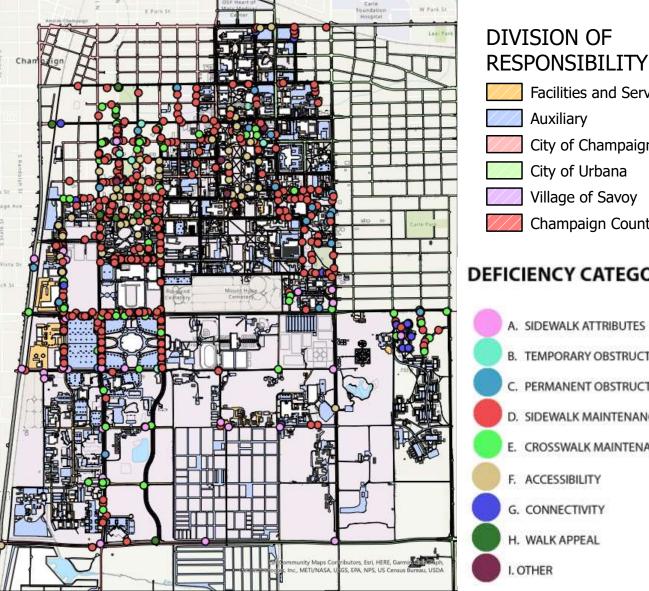


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DEFICIENCY REPORTING SURVEY RESULTS





C. PERMANENT OBSTRUCTIONS

D. SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

E. CROSSWALK MAINTENANCE

F. ACCESSIBILITY

G. CONNECTIVITY

H. WALK APPEAL

. OTHER

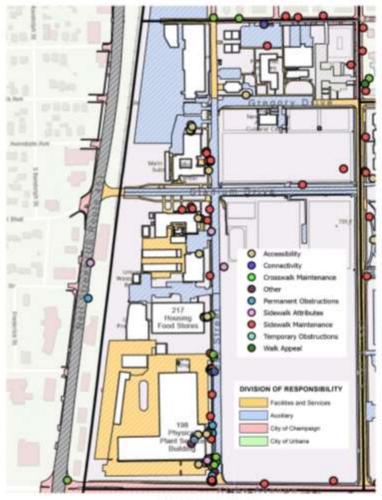
Deficiency points superimposed over Division of Responsibility map

Highest Deficiency categories:

- 1. Sidewalk Maintenance
- Crosswalk Maintenance 2.
- 3. Accessibility Issues

DEFICIENCY REPORTING SURVEY - SAMPLE

DEFICIENCY REPORTING SAMPLE



MAP BLOCK 11



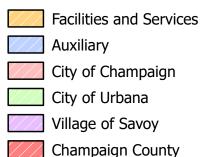








DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY



DEFICIENCY CATEGORIES

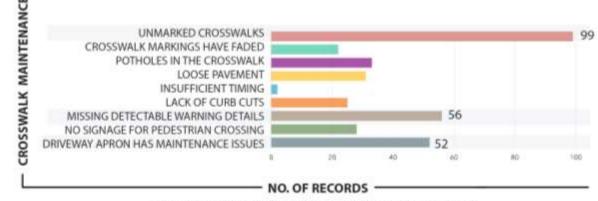


The most dominant form of deficiency identified fell under **'Sidewalk Maintenance'** with over 1330/2000 points recorded. **'Crosswalk Maintenance'** stands second with over 330 data points followed by **'Accessibility issues'** with 118 points recorded.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

CROSSWALK CONDITION

Crosswalk maintenance was the 2nd highest Deficiency category identified. Within the category, the highest reported issues were: Unmarked crosswalks, Lack of Detectable warning details and Maintenance issues in the Driveway apron.



Bar graph showing Crosswalk maintenance Deficiency category count



Faded crosswalk markings

Unmarked crosswalks

Driveway apron has maintenance issues

RECOMMENDATIONS



PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AND DESIGN

- Ensure sidewalk presence on both sides of the street
- Conduct periodical maintenance of sidewalk surfaces
- Provide amenities along sidewalks at regular intervals to support pedestrian walking trips
- Determine sidewalk widths proportionate to peak hour traffic
- Remove temporary and permanent obstructions



PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR CONFLICTS

- Introduce traffic calming measures in high conflict zones
- Separate pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic by assigning paths for each



CROSSWALKS

- Paint unmarked crosswalks
- Repaint faded crosswalk markings
- Start maintenance measures to tackle top-layer deterioration of crosswalks

RECOMMENDATIONS



UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

- Design each section of the sidewalk network (paths, building entrances, transit stops, parking etc.) to facilitate wheelchair access.
- Install curb-cuts with detectable warning details (truncated domes) at every crossing
- Make sure curb-cuts align and allow a smooth transition from the sidewalk to the crosswalk
- Ensure presence of texture differences along sidewalks that abut streets
- Ensure clear width of new ADA ramps to be 3 feet (36")
- Install handrails along ADA ramps
- Design building entrances to handle peak pedestrian traffic

TRANSIT STOPS

- Increase frequency of transit stops in low scoring map blocks
- Increase the number of DRES transit stops across the campus
- Improve transit stop amenities
- Complete the bicycle network across the campus

SAFETY

- Improve street vibrancy and liveliness by introducing multiplicity of spaces and mixed uses
- Introduce Traffic calming measures in High conflict zones identified by the audit
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NEXT STEPS

- Share the results with collaborating units and entities
- Publish the Walkability Audit results
- Share and vet the results for Deficiency Reporting with the collaborating departments responsible for the upkeep of the sidewalk network
- Use the results to create a Campus Walking Master Plan to preserve, maintain, and improve the walkway network on-campus



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