

**Actions on Walkability
December 1997 – March 2017**

12/97	Comprehensive plan adopted, which includes suggested comprehensive sidewalk plan.
11/7/01	Citizens Capital Planning Committee had consensus to support construction of sidewalks throughout the community, with an initial focus on sidewalks that would lead to Colby Park.
1/01 – 1/02	Identified as a key issue to have an excellent sidewalk system during Council strategic planning session.
1/10/02	Citizens Capital Planning Committee discusses the concept of beginning a sidewalk construction program and allotting money on an annual basis for sidewalk construction.
8/5/02	Public Hearing set for sidewalks construction.
1/9/03	Citizens Capital Planning discussed the outcome of the FY '03 sidewalk construction program and discusses recommendation for the '04 program.
2/18/03	Council directs staff and Citizen Capital Planning Committee to establish a long-term sidewalk plan.
6/21/03	Sidewalk construction program discussed and considered as option for expenditure reduction during state budget cuts.
7/7/03	Citizen asks Council to connect sidewalks on Luin Lane.
8/4/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinman updates other Council members on 2003 sidewalk construction project and indicates he would like more comprehensive approach. • Luin Lane and Washington are the sidewalks constructed.
8/18/03	Sidewalk construction contract approved.
11/13/03	Citizen Capital Planning Committee discusses criteria for evaluating sidewalk linkages to recommend for Comprehensive Sidewalk Plan.
12/1/04	Citizens Capital Planning Committee discusses comprehensive sidewalk plan.
6/6/04	Council priority list includes studying sidewalk report.
8/4/05	Citizens Capital Planning Committee recommends the Council bond for the sidewalk plan.
2/6/06	Discussion regarding the comprehensive sidewalk plan.

3/27/06	Improving amount and connectivity of sidewalks identified as a priority during the Council's strategic planning session.
6/5/06	Council discussed recommendation from Public Works Committee to eliminate 64 th Street and add 68 th Street. Extensive discussion about sidewalk plan.
6/19/06	Additional discussion regarding Council committee recommendation to construct primary/essential safety sidewalks.
7/17/06	Discussion regarding the sidewalk plan during public comments.
9/2/08	Council approved contract to construct sidewalks on 65 th Street.
8/1/11	Council approved trail replacement near B-Bops on 73 rd Street.
8/5/11	Council approved an amendment to the Code Chapter 60 to amend the bicycle regulations.
8/5/13	Council approved Amendment to Comprehensive Plan.
1/6/14	Council authorized staff to apply for the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities and to partner with the Watershed Coalition and Cowles Montessori School.
3/3/14	Council approved the Tomorrow Plan, which includes Nodes and Corridors that are walkable and vibrant mix-uses and promoted through the Comprehensive Plan and Furthering the Health and Well-being of all residents to include walking, biking and using public transportation.
7/21/14	Council authorized staff to apply for a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant to enhance Colby Park with a Trail Hub. Council also approved the bids and specifications for Bike Trail Improvements.
7/6/15	Council adopted a Complete Streets Policy, including the goal focused on providing safe biking and walking transportation alternatives. The Policy includes implementation; whereas staff and committees provide formal recommendations to the City Council for consideration. Windsor Heights became the fourth metro area city committing to designing streets for all users. A unanimous vote assured that children, elderly, disabled, public transit users and those who commute by foot or bike are able to safely move along and cross streets.
9/21/15	Council approved Pros Consulting to do a feasibility study for a Bike Hub. Council also approved RDG to amend the Comprehensive Plan. A steering committee was formed and began meeting, including staff and the MPO.

11/12/15	Council approved Alta Planning & Design for University Avenue Protected Bike Lane.
11/16/15	Council authorizes staff to apply for State Transportation and Planning (STP) funds for University Avenue Improvements.
2/8/16	Council hosts Alta Planning and Design to release University Avenue Concept.
2/10/16	Council hosts public forum for RDG to update the Comprehensive Plan.
3/21/16	Council approved a Strategic Plan, including Developing plans for strengthening biking and walking in the city including safety improvements (Bike Hub Feasibility, Update Comprehensive Plan to focus on Walkability, Expand Trail Improvements, and CIP to include Complete Streets)
4/4/16	Council held a public work session continuing the sidewalk discussion and considering putting together a plan and options regarding sidewalks.
4/15/16	The Council provided an update that the May 9, 2016 City News Hour would focus on sidewalks.
5/9/16	Mayor and the Council hosted a public forum on sidewalks. City Council received a petition to put sidewalks on 64th Street and a petition from residents of 64th Street opposing sidewalks being installed in front of their homes. Council discussed the petitions and other strategic locations throughout the city that currently lack sidewalks. Council considered options to enhance the mobility and walkability of its citizens and visitors.
5/16/16	Mayor appointed a committee of three residents, two council members, director of public works and an independent facilitator to meet in order to make a recommendation to the Council for a comprehensive walkability master plan, including prioritizing streets based on need, how the plan will be funded and the projected time frame for implementation.
6/20/16	Council set a public hearing for July 5 on the City's sidewalk ordinance Chapter 136. The Planning and Zoning Commission made unanimous recommendations on financing and construction related to the ordinance. The Walkability Policy Committee developed a Master Plan, timeline for implementation, proposal for financing and update of the sidewalk policy.
7/5/16	The City Council held a public hearing for the proposed ordinance amendment for Chapter 136.
7/11/16	The Mayor hosted a City News Hour where Zach Young, Senior Planner from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) presented the recommended ordinance changes from the Walkability Committee followed by a question and answer session.
7/18/16	Council held a public work session to discuss walkability and that the infrastructure of streets that should be considered in the walkability

	ordinance.
8/15/16	Zach Young, Senior Planner from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) presented the updated changes to Chapter 136 and the committee addressed the issues listed in comments. Council held a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Code Chapter 136. Council accepted the first reading of the ordinance.
8/29/16	Council hosted a public work session considering the upcoming work on Capital Improvement Planning; considering the Walkability Committee's recommended Master Plan; exploring street and infrastructure conditions, design alternatives to sidewalks, financing and other issues and priorities related to walkability.
9/6/16	City Council accepted the second reading of the amended sidewalk ordinance Chapter 136.
9/19/16	City Council accepted the third and final reading of the amended sidewalk ordinance Chapter 136.
10/14/16	Council Budget Committee met to begin Capital Improvement Planning, which included reviewing the Strategic Goals and Initiatives previously approved by Council. Staff collects data from Public Works, City Engineer, Des Moines Water Works, MidAmerican Energy, etc. The data is rated; which provides objective information that is fact-based, measurable and observable. The City Engineer provided probable costs for top priority projects. Staff meets with the City's Financial Advisor to review the debt service levy and short and long-term financial position of the City.
11/21/16	Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Comprehensive plan at a regular City Council meeting.
11/30/16	Planning and Zoning set the public hearing for 12/21/16 on the Comprehensive Plan.
12/12/16	Staff presents a draft CIP to the Council Budget Committee for review and feedback.
12/19/16	City Council to set the public hearing for 1/16/17 on the Comprehensive Plan.
12/21/16	Planning and Zoning held the public hearing and provided a recommendation to the City Council on the Comprehensive Plan. City Council to set the public hearing for 1/16/17 on the Capital Improvement Plan.
1/16/17	Council holds the public hearing and approves the Comprehensive Plan.

	Council also holds the public hearing and approves the Capital Improvement Plan.
3/6/17	The City Council approves the Budget, which includes the Capital Improvement Plan.

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