



To: Robert Benner, Smart Growth America
From: Meredith Klekotka, Principal Planner-Transportation Integration for the City of Indianapolis-Marion County
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Re: City of Indianapolis One Year Progress Report

Smart Growth America and Health by Design hosted a workshop to facilitate the implementation of the City's Complete Streets Ordinance (2012) on June 11, 2015. This workshop provided technical assistance to the many moving pieces active within the implementation process while also serving as an opportunity for partners and stakeholders to analyze and apply nation-wide, Complete Streets best practices.

Implementation Plan

An implementation plan was crafted with the goals of the Complete Streets Advisory Group (CSAG) and informed by City of Indianapolis - Marion County policy, and was approved by the Advisory Group in November 2015. This Work Plan, or Implementation plan, serves as the living document informing the execution of the City's complete streets policy for the next three to five years. In developing the work plan, the need for a comprehensive, modally integrated transportation plan was identified. Adopted as a priority of the Plan2020 process, the City is committed to developing a transportation integration plan that will tackle many tasks from the work plan including data collection, project prioritization, and benchmarking.

Project Identification and Implementation

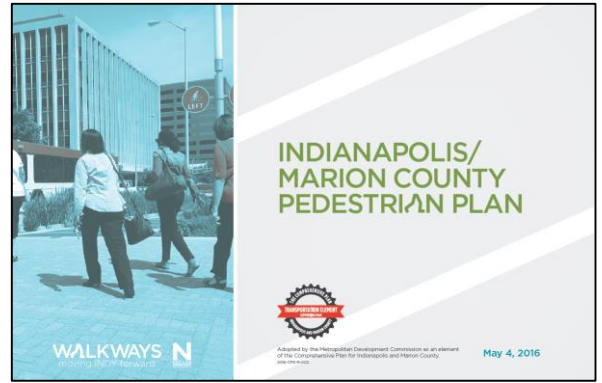
Health by Design has recently completed a pedestrian crash analysis with Section 402 Highway Safety funding from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The project identified high-crash zones within the city, noting the specific corridors and intersections that need improvements in the three worst areas. The City and Health by Design have identified top intersections for improvement in designated pedestrian safety zones. Countermeasures that can be implemented using existing resources are already underway. Intersections requiring costlier changes will be prioritized in the next work program. The full report is available by request (info@healthbydesignonline.org).



Inclusive Planning Process

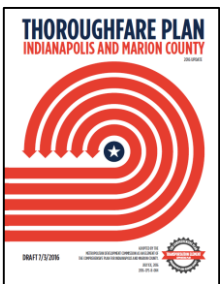
Marion County Pedestrian Plan

Over the past eight months, steering committee members and public input from a major outreach campaign crafted the Indianapolis/Marion County Pedestrian Plan that provides guidance for city departments and implementing partners on how to prioritize the money we spend on walking infrastructure. Led by non-profit advocacy organization Health By Design in partnership with the City of Indianapolis (DMD and DPW) and the Marion County



Health Department, this Pedestrian Plan is intended to maximize the impact of our limited resources by focusing investments to areas with the highest need. It provides a road map for the policies and programs that create a friendly walking environment for all residents of Marion County. This Plan is especially critical considering FHWA recently designated Indianapolis a Focus City for high rates of bicycle and pedestrian crashes. This Plan is an important step in improving the engineering, design, and location of pedestrian investments in our communities. Our vision is that Indianapolis will be a great place to walk, leading to a community that is healthier, safer, more resilient and economically vibrant. The plan was funded by a grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control via the American Planning Association.

Marion County Thoroughfare Plan



Indianapolis' policy defines 'Complete Streets' as roadways that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transportation users of all ages and abilities. Adopted in 2015 by the Metropolitan Development Commission, the Marion County Thoroughfare Plan incorporated a Complete Streets approach in how public and private entities plan for all transportation modes when developing a new land. This July, a plan update was adopted that set minimum right of way requirements to ensure space for pedestrian infrastructure in the future.