

Information Item

Date: January 12, 2021

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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Subject:
Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Department of Transportation staff will present an update on the effort to create a new Pedestrian Master Plan, titled *Walkable Winston-Salem*. The plan focuses on recommendations for sidewalks, crosswalks, greenway trails, and similar features and the purpose is to improve the safety, accessibility, and comfort of walking routes throughout the City for everyday trips and recreational trips.

DOT staff has been working with consultants and a steering committee, which includes dozens of local organizations since January 2020 to identify goals and needs and establish criteria by which all pedestrian infrastructure needs will be evaluated. The process has included three steering committee meetings and two rounds of public input meetings, along with an interactive web-based map, which has generated hundreds of comments from throughout the community. Staff intend to provide an update on progress to date and share information about the new process and criteria being proposed to guide the evaluation of pedestrian infrastructure needs throughout the city.