

Information Item

Date: June 13, 2023

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

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Fansler, Director of Transportation

Subject:
Information - AARP Walking Audits in the East Ward

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

Strategic Objective: N/A

Strategic Plan Action Item: N/A

Key Work Item: N/A



Council Member Scippio has requested staff assistance in conducting walking audits within the Reynoldstown and Slater Park neighborhoods. AARP (American Association for Retired Persons) offers a toolkit that communities can utilize in evaluating the walkability of neighborhoods. The toolkit would allow volunteers from within the respective neighborhoods to provide a block-by-block audit of issues that contribute to the walkability of the area. The end product would be a report for each neighborhood that lists deficiencies that need to be addressed in order to improve walkability.

Council Member Scippio has targeted the month of October for the two proposed walking audits. The amount of DOT staff time needed would likely only be 2-3 hours per neighborhood. Staff will be able to utilize the reports to address maintenance-related items that warrant repair. Any items that surpass typical maintenance responsibilities will be subject to policies set forth in the Capital Projects resolution adopted by City Council on March 20, 2023.