## 03. Network Needs <br> Analysis

## Process for identifying / prioritizing pedestrian needs



## Identifying Network Needs

The purpose of the Network Needs Analysis is to understand where there are gaps and deficiencies across and along the Pedestrian Priority Network, and the extent of those gaps and deficiencies. These locations will be prioritized in a future phase.

## Pedestrian Network Needs

## Crossing the Roadway

- Gaps
- Deficiencies

Along the Roadway

- Gaps
- Deficiencies


## Analysis Overview

- Crossing gaps and deficiencies are identified for all City Walkways and Major City Walkways
- Gaps along the roadway are identified for all Pedestrian Priority Network streets identified as Arterials or Collectors in the TSP, and will eventually be identified for all Pedestrian Priority Network streets
- Deficiencies along the roadway are identified for all PPN streets with Pedestrian Districts and all Major City Walkways citywide


## Crossing the Roadway: Gaps

- Inside Pedestrian Districts: maximum spacing of 530 feet between marked crossings (about two blocks)
- Outside of Pedestrian Districts: maximum spacing of 800 feet between marked crossings (about three blocks)


## Key Findings

- Approximately 3,520 new marked crossings needed
- 79\% of the total miles of City Walkways/Major City Walkways have a gap
- Average gap length is roughly $1 / 3$ mile


## NW Skyline Boulevard, 9.28 mile gap



## CROSSING GAPS

On Major City Walkways and City Walkways


## PedPDX Implications

- Gaps are less prevalent in pedestrian districts than on streets outside of districts
- There are many marked crossings needed to meet the standard!


## Crossing the Roadway: Deficiencies

Crosswalk design guidelines based on the roadway:

- Speed limit
- Number of lanes
- Average daily traffic (ADT)
- Presence of raised median


## Crossing the Roadway: Deficiencies



City engineers will ultimately assess the appropriate design for each location

## Crossing Design



## Key Findings

- 5\% of existing marked crossing are potentially deficient
- 2/3 of existing marked crossings are at a signalized intersection



## Key Findings

- $94 \%$ of deficient crossings are on a road that would need an RRFB to be considered sufficient

| Existing | Desired Crossing Design for Roadway |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crossing <br> Design | Blue: <br> pedestrian <br> refuge or curb <br> extension | Orange: RRFB | Red: hybrid or <br> full signal |
| Blue: <br> pedestrian <br> refuge island <br> or curb | NA | 87 |  |
| extension |  |  | 1 |
| Grey: marked <br> crosswalk | 3 | 105 | 9 |

## CROSSING DEFICIENCIES




## PedPDX Implications

- Deficient marked crossings are not as common as crossing gaps
- Most deficient crossings could be made sufficient with the addition of a signal, or by lowering the speed or traffic volume of the street


NE MLK and Jessup

## Along the Roadway: Gaps

Pedestrian walkway guidelines:

- Sidewalk on both sides
- OR, meeting Alternative Pedestrian Walkway Guidelines for:
- Walkway on one side
- Shared local street


## Key Findings




## PedPDX Implications

- Most streets with gaps in the sidewalk have them on both sides of the streets


SE Powell near $104^{\text {th }}$ Street

## PedPDX Implications

- ~45\% of the streets with gaps on only one side meet Alternative Design Criteria


SW Terwilliger Boulevard

## Along the Roadway: Deficiencies

- For the purposes of this analysis, a minimum 6-foot sidewalk width was used as the standard
- Ultimately, a wider sidewalk clear zone will be required for many streets
- The analysis included all Major City Walkways and all streets in Pedestrian Districts


## Key Findings

## $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ of streets with existing sidewalks have a

 deficient clear zone width on one or both sides of the street

N Concord Ave between Ainsworth and Rosa Parks (neighborhood walkway in a pedestrian district)

## Key Findings

## 12\% <br> Deficient on <br> both sides



## SIDEWALK DEFICIENCIES

On Major City Walkways and In Pedestrian Districts

| Sufficient | Deficient Width <br> on One Side |
| :--- | :--- |
| Deficient Width <br> on Both Sides |  |

## PedPDX Implications

- City Walkways and Major City Walkways within pedestrian districts have the lowest rate of sidewalk deficiency, however that is based on a 6 ' width
- Neighborhood walkways are more likely than City Walkways to have a sidewalk that is too narrow


## Thank you

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