



**INFOSHEET:**  
**How to Lead  
 a Community Walkabout**

WALKABOUTS ARE A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY. IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO LEARN FIRST-HAND ABOUT THE TRAVEL ISSUES BEING FACED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

There are facilitated walks for community stakeholders that include the following potential goals:

- Learning**  
 A walkabout allows individuals to experience and assess the walking experience of a neighborhood or the entire community.
- Inspiration**  
 By participating in a walk, community members can explore first-hand what might be possible.
- Practical Planning**  
 A community walkabout gets everyone actively involved in project or policy conversations, and potential action.

**IT IS EASY TO LEAD A WALKABOUT:**

- Invite anyone who can influence or is affected by the built environment: planners, public works, engineers, public health, school officials, elected officials, city/town council, parents, children, older adults, and youth.
- Determine a route – it should include a mix of supportive and challenging settings for active travel and include safe places for group to stop and talk.