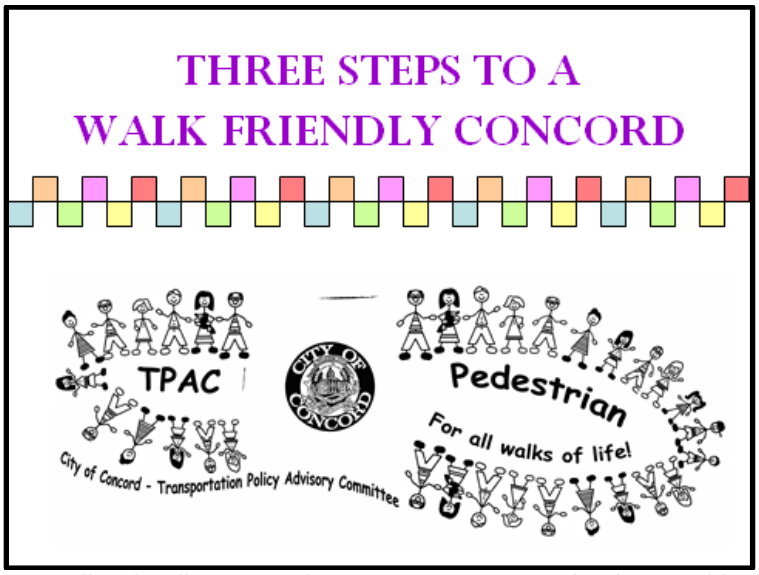
PEDESTRIAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

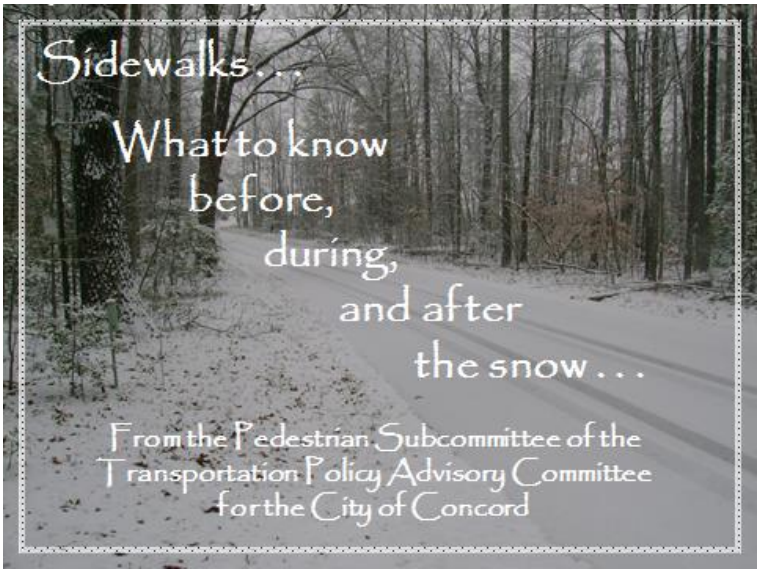
TPAC-Ped developed video and PowerPoint presentations for broadcast on Concord Cable TV, titled: "Walk Concord," "Three Steps to a Walk Friendly Concord" and "Know Snow."

TPAC-Ped created a video titled Walk Concord that promotes walking as a healthy and fun activity for the whole family. The video suggests a wide variety of local walking environments in Concord and has been broadcast on Concord Cable TV.

TPAC-Ped created PowerPoint presentations for screening on Concord Cable TV to promote public awareness of ways to maintain sidewalks that are clean, obstacle-free and useable in all weather conditions. These measures also assist General Services with maintenance.



Three Steps to a Walk Friendly Concord promotes ways to maintain user-friendly sidewalks.



Sidewalks – What to Know Before, During and After the Snow promotes winter sidewalk maintenance.

TPAC-Ped developed a program, titled "Snow Angel", to encourage residents to adopt sidewalks for winter maintenance.

Working with Concord 20/20, TPAC-Ped developed and promoted a 'snow angel' program to encourage residents to "adopt" the sidewalks in front of their homes or others. Participants received incentives for signing up and updates through Facebook. The program was promoted in part through a 'Letter to the Editor' in the November 17, 2009 edition of the Concord Monitor.

TPAC-Ped developed a courtesy card to encourage residents to appropriately manage winter snow maintenance in the vicinity of public sidewalks.

The courtesy card illustrated below was developed by TPAC-Ped in coordination with General Services.

COURTESY CARD

Dear Concord Resident:

This Courtesy Card is to advise you that shoveling or plowing snow from a driveway into city streets is not only illegal, but can also cause serious traffic and pedestrian hazards. The ordinance governing snow obstructions also includes a provision regarding snow removal that obstructs sidewalks and fire hydrants, which reduces pedestrian safety and adequate access for emergency personnel. Please remove snow from your driveway in a manner that is compliant with the law and respectful of your fellow residents.

We hope this information is helpful and will assist in making the season a safe and enjoyable one for all of us. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact the City of Concord, General Services Department by phone at 228-2737, or by email to generalservices@onconcord.com.

Sincerely,

Highway Division, City of Concord

General Services routinely distributes this card to residents where inappropriate winter maintenance appears to be affecting sidewalk access.

TPAC-Ped applied for national designation of Concord as a "Walk Friendly Community" and received an Honorable Mention in 2011.

In 2011, Walk Friendly Communities designated Concord as a Walk Friendly Community and received an Honorable Mention. In its 'report card', Concord was noted for:

- "Policies supporting sidewalk construction on both sides of arterial and collector streets as well as with new development and a retrofit policy to fill gaps and provide new sidewalks as needed constitute the bones of an excellent sidewalk system."
- "The Safe Routes to School program in Concord is exceptional in terms of participation rates as well as in the number of events that schools are a part of in the city. By supporting a robust Safe Routes to School program, a culture of walking can be fostered with younger generations."

TPAC-Ped reviewed and provided comments on major development plans that could have impacts on pedestrians.

TPAC-Ped has provided an outside perspective on the designs of public street improvements as well as private development projects for staff to consider when reviewing project design. TPAC-Ped considers the need for sidewalk, connectivity, circulation, and amenities.

TPAC-Ped, through TPAC, provided feedback to Council on pedestrian referrals.

TPAC-Ped has provided guidance to TPAC on various referrals including: the use of brick as a sidewalk material, pedestrian access during construction, and pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of the high school.

TPAC-Ped partnered with TPAC-Bike on the feasibility study for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail.

Using a Federal grant obtained through Concord 2020, TPAC-Ped collaborated with TPAC-Bike and an engineering design consultant to study the feasibility of developing a multi-use path along the Merrimack River from the Pembroke town line to the Boscawen town line. The Feasibility Study: Merrimack River Greenway Path – Concord, NH (2010) was presented to the Concord City Council and the Planning Board together with the Bicycle Master Plan discussed above. The result is the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (MRGT), which has been endorsed by Council and included in the City's Capital Improvement Program. A nonprofit group called Friends of the MRGT has been established and work is underway to fund, design and build the project.

TPAC-Ped and TPAC-Bike cooperated with outside organizations in developing and conducting a city-wide pedestrian and bicyclist count program.

In May 2013, TPAC-Bike and TPAC-Ped planned and conducted the first round of a regularly updated city-wide bicycle and pedestrian count program. Sixteen locations were counted by volunteers and staff. Counts were performed in accordance with the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project (NBPDP). The goal of the program is to count cyclists and pedestrians twice a year, in May and September on the dates specified by the NBPDP, and to create a database from which trends in bicycle and pedestrian use can be determined.

TPAC-Ped reviewed sidewalk lighting intensities along Main Street.

In advance of the design of Downtown Complete Street project (CIP 460-Main Street), TPAC-Ped reviewed the existing light levels along Main Street to document which areas were adequately lit. Light levels were recorded and documented for discussion.

TPAC-Ped, with the assistance staff and UNH, developed and implemented a sidewalk audit program in the downtown area.

TPAC-Ped collaborated with staff and the University of New Hampshire to develop a Pedestrian Facilities Self Evaluation, a frame work for an accessibility transition plan for sidewalks and curb ramps. The evaluation ranks each curb ramp and section of sidewalk based on an impedance score (physical barrier) and an activity score (location relative to population and need). The findings and recommendations of this study support the timing and programming of needed sidewalk enhancements in the downtown core.

TPAC-Ped began a program to identify and prioritize missing sidewalk connections and gaps.

With the 2030 Master Plan as the foundation, TPAC-Ped initiated discussion on how to prioritize missing sidewalk connections and gaps. Ranking categories included length, cost, location, estimated usage and right-of-way needs.