Welcome!

Neighborhood Advocacy for Pedestrian Realm Improvements in the Central Corridor

District Councils Collaborative of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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Purpose of Today

1. Overview of CURA and CBR
2. Summary of 2011 DCC Research Project
3. Implementation and meaning of the research
4. Discussion & Feedback
What is CURA?

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Faculty, staff & students from all campuses, colleges, centers and departments

State & Local Governments, Neighborhoods, Nonprofits

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How Does CURA Do This?

• 50-60 Community-Based student research projects per year
• 4 to 6 Faculty research projects
• 75 different departments, 14 colleges within U of M
• 75 GIS projects
• Organizer trainings for 80 community staff and volunteers/year and 35 organizing technical assistance projects.
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% LRT Riders Walking to Stations

2020 Forecast, Transportation Impact Analysis – August 2003
Research Summary

• The District Councils Collaborative

• Need:
  – Transit equity
  – Identify gaps in pedestrian planning

• Method:
  – 41 plans analyzed
  – Three general criteria: Depth of Planning, Safety, Livability
Results

• Planning Gaps in Frogtown, Summit-U, Hamline Midway
• Lack of detail on locations of crime and safety concerns
• Basis for prioritizing advocacy efforts
Early Data from 8 Station Areas
Physical Environment

0 = Never • 5 = Always

Eastern University
Western University
Combined
Physical Environment Comparison

- Continuous sidewalks?
- Sidewalks well-maintained?
- Sidewalks wide enough?
- Enough Shade trees?
- Enough Benches?
- Appropriate ramps?
- Was it clean?
- Convenient ped overpass?

Dale - 2.57  Lexington - 3.50  Raymond - 3.10
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- Sidewalks well maintained?
- Sidewalks wide enough?
- Enough shade trees?
- Enough benches?
- Appropriate access ramps?
- Was it clean?
- Good location for ped bridge?

Dale Area
Lexington Area
Raymond Area

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Thank You

For more information and to take the online survey, go to:
http://dcc-stpaul-mpls.org/special-projects/walk

For a copy of the research report, go to:
http://www.cura.umn.edu/publications/catalog/npcr-1330

Questions?

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