

WALKABLE COMMUNITY PLANS

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PURPOSE

Great neighborhoods are often prized for their walkability, their balanced mixture of housing, shops, and services, and civic amenities. Walkable neighborhoods improve the quality of life for residents by providing convenience and access. The development of walkable neighborhoods assists in implementing the City's sustainability measures.

GOALS

- o Provide the needs of daily life within the proximity of residents: City residents should have convenient access to schools, stores, and civic amenities.
- o Reduce vehicle miles traveled: Being able to walk to schools, stores, and services reduces pollution and congestion on our roadways.
- o Increase alternative transportation options: Improve pedestrian facilities and bike lanes within existing neighborhoods to reduce the dependence on the automobile and promote mobility for youth and seniors.
- o Increase health and social interaction: Walking promotes greater health, and leads to more face-to-face interaction with other residents.

SCOPE

Identify existing neighborhoods where several key services are clustered within a 1/2 mile (10-minute walk) of residences. Within the identified 1/2 mile radius, enhance pedestrian and bike facilities, improve or establish park facilities, and pursue essential retail shops and services for the neighborhood.



PROMOTING WALKING BY RETROFITTING EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS

SIDEWALKS – *establish a defined pedestrian network of equitable access.*



VS



SHADE TREES – *provide much needed relief from the hot desert climate.*



VS



BIKE LANES – *provide safety for the cyclist as well as the pedestrian*



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ADDING PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES THAT SUPPORT A WALKABLE NETWORK OF USES

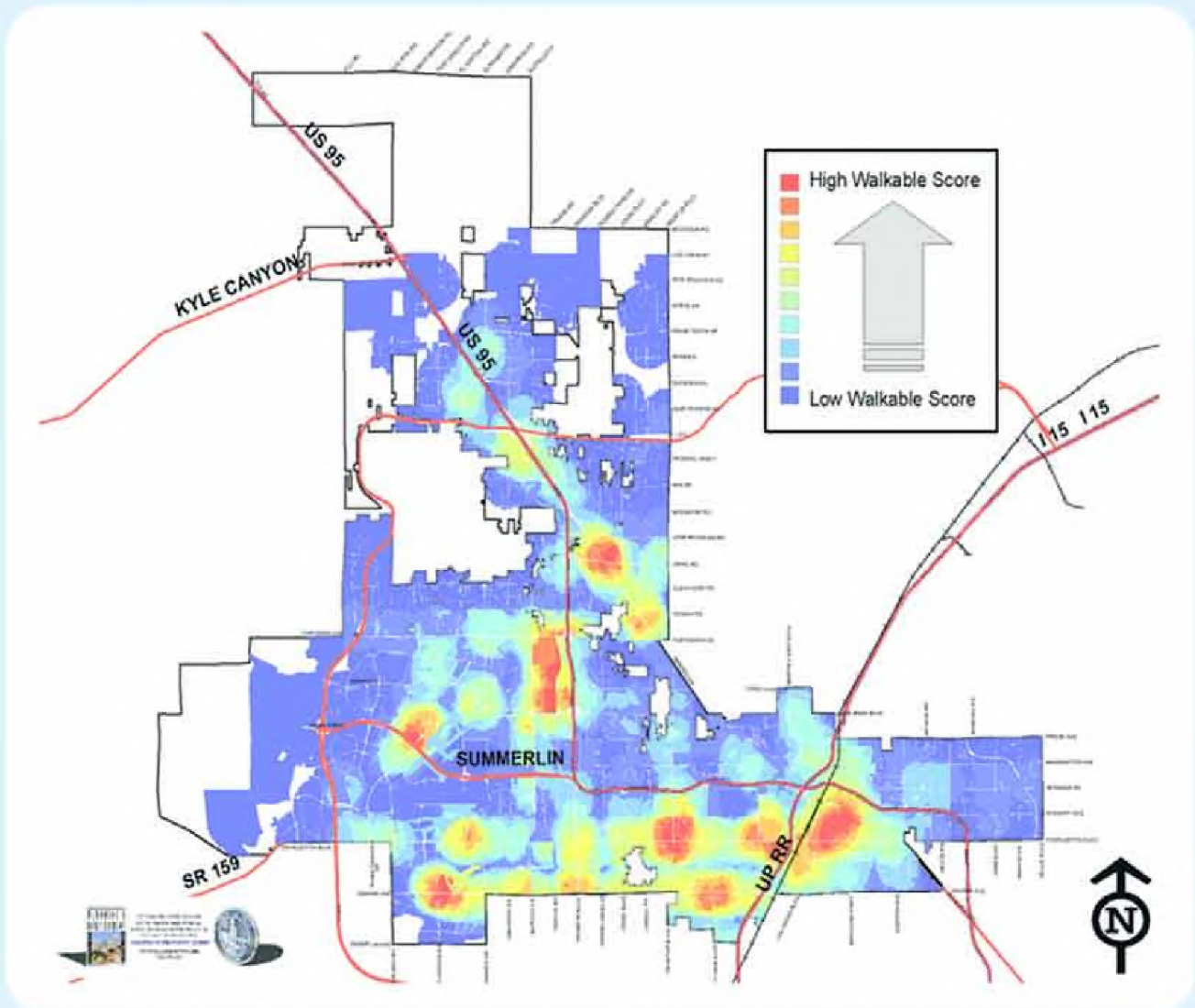
At the heart of a walkable community is a collection of diverse uses within convenient walking distance of residences. These uses typically include grocery stores, parks, churches, schools, and other essential uses based on the character of the community. An abundance of these uses allow for more social interaction and help establish an identity as a walkable community.



The goal is to make improvements that provide residents an easy walk between community resources on a daily basis. These improvements divert an over-reliance on automotive-based travel by providing other modes of transportation such as walking, bicycling and mass transit that are more convenient and sustainable than driving.

PRIORITIZING OUR WALKABLE COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS

The City of Las Vegas Department of Planning and Development recently completed a study to identify areas with the greatest potential for becoming self-sustaining walkable communities. Areas in red indicate existing residential communities with strong pedestrian connectivity to commercial services.



Pursuant to the recommendations expressed in The Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan, the City is reviewing opportunities to provide improvements that encourage human-scaled environments and walkability. Future plan areas seek to expand the overall walkability of Las Vegas by tying into the communities with high-performing pedestrian networks.

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