

Figure A: Northside Pedestrian Mobility Plan



Northside Mobility Improvements

1. Walkways (immediate priority)

- 1.1 From Craig Street to Baldwin Park at west end of Craig Street
- 1.2 From Church Street to Trinity Court at north end of Church Street
- 1.3 From Cotton Street to Caldwell Street at north end of Cotton Street
- 1.4 From Caldwell Street to Northside Buildings Parking Lot at Chapel Hill Housing Offices
- 1.5 From McDade Street to N. Columbia Street at east end of McDade Street
- 1.6 From Mitchell Lane to Craig Street at west side of mid-block between Caldwell Street and Roberson Street

2. Sidewalk Improvements

- 2.1 West side of Mitchell Lane (first priority) from Lindsay Street to Caldwell Street
- 2.2 South side of Gomains Avenue (first priority) from Craig Street to Bynum Street
- 2.3 South side of McMasters Street (first priority) from west end to Church Street
- 2.4 South side of Caldwell Street (first priority) from Church Street to N. Columbia Street
- 2.5 South side of Craig Street (first priority) from Gomains Avenue to Bynum Street
- 2.6 East side of Sykes Street (first priority) from Gomains Avenue to Whitaker Street
- 2.7 East side of Church Street (second priority) from McMasters Street to Rosemary Street

3. Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming (immediate priority)

- 3.1 Mitchell Lane at Roberson Street (stop signs, crosswalks, and speed tables)
- 3.2 Roberson Street (stop signs, crosswalks, and speed tables)
- 3.3 Mitchell Lane at Lindsay Street (stop signs, crosswalks, and speed tables)
- 3.4 Caldwell Street and Gomains Avenue (crosswalks and speed tables)
- 3.5 Caldwell Street and Tanyard Branch Greenway Trail (crosswalk and speed table)
- 3.6 Church Street (crosswalks, speed tables, and bicycle lane)
- 3.7 Rosemary Street (crosswalks)
- 3.8 Sykes Street and Nunn Street (stop signs)

I. Walkway Improvements

Within Northside neighborhood there are many opportunities for formalizing the informal pedestrian paths that currently exist within the neighborhood and that connect to the surrounding areas. Enhancing and formalizing the pedestrian path system will increase mobility and access within the neighborhood and to the surrounding communities by making pedestrian connections through existing right-of-ways and Town owned property.

The purpose of formalizing the pedestrian paths is to encourage people to walk by providing more direct paths of travel and connecting people to walking routes to work, school, school bus stops, and existing transit stops. Additionally, some of the existing informal paths cut across private property, have the danger of becoming slippery when it rains, and can be unsafe at night. Formalizing these paths would result in more orderly pedestrian travel by providing designated walkways, away from the existing street network, and would provide alternatives to pedestrians crossing private property, and at other unsafe locations.

Formalizing the pedestrian paths would entail the installation of a concrete or asphalt walkway along with steps and handrails where necessary and lighting where appropriate.

Northside's street network is unconnected with other neighborhoods to the north and has very limited access to neighborhoods to the west and east. Pedestrians have carved paths where access is lacking, creating an improvised pedestrian route. Where combined vehicle and pedestrian access may not be possible, pedestrian walkway connections are an acceptable alternative to increasing pedestrian mobility.

Three east/west and four north/south corridors can be broadly delineated through the neighborhood. These corridors show the general paths that pedestrian might use when traveling through the neighborhood. These corridors can be seen in figure B. Sidewalks and informal pedestrian paths make up these corridors and the location of these features within the neighborhood can be seen in figure C. The location of the existing right-of-ways, public property, and the proposed path locations can be seen in figure D.

Table 1.1: Walkway Improvement Summary

Walkway	Location	Distance
Walkway 1.1	From Craig Street to Baldwin Park at west end of Craig Street	200 feet
Walkway 1.2	From Church Street to Trinity Court at north end of Church Street	240 feet
Walkway 1.3	From Cotton Street to Caldwell Street at north end of Cotton Street	80 feet
Walkway 1.4	From Caldwell Street to Northside Buildings Parking Lot at Chapel Hill Housing Offices	30 feet
Walkway 1.5	From McDade Street to N. Columbia Street at east end of McDade Street	700 feet
Walkway 1.6	From Mitchell Lane to Craig Street at west side of mid-block between Caldwell Street and Roberson Street	220 feet

Figure B: Informal Neighborhood Pedestrian Corridors



Figure C: Existing Pedestrian Paths and Sidewalks

