

Walk Audit

October 1, 2015

Overall - 32 Participants

Anecdotal Comments...

Route 1: Roger Williams University to State St. via Hope St./Ferry Rd.

Segment A:

- Lack of sidewalks (limited)
- Lack of crossing signals/crosswalks (existing signal didn't allow enough time to cross safely)
- Lack of signage/lighting
- Lack of signage for drivers
- A lot of speeding
- Lack of buffer between pedestrians and traffic
- Safe crosswalk to RIPTA stop
- Referenced by students as the 'triangle of death'
- Very narrow shoulder

Segment B:

- Evidence of goat path (roots, erosion and uneven), no sidewalks
- Minimal signage directing pedestrians
- Sidewalk present at Lobster Pot, not accessible for ADA
- No buffer between pedestrians and vehicles
- Sidewalk condition/presence significantly improves at Constitution

Segment C:

- Sidewalks in good shape, can fit 3 across
- Limited benches
- Good lighting
- Much safer experience here

Route 2: State St. to Bristol County Medical Center via Hope St.

Segment A:

- Sidewalk and crosswalk is needed at Guiterras School, side of Washington/Hope
- Need a network to get to the Bike Path
- Washington/Hope/Thames very dangerous intersection
- Vehicles pull up into crosswalks in order to see traffic/around corners

Segment B:

- Chestnut/Hope...cars pull up into crosswalk to see around corners, pressure signal for cars to trip light is in the crosswalk

- intersection conflict with turning vehicles pedestrian signal
- Adelaide St. (and others) approach to crosswalk is steep and in poor condition
- Several locations where pedestrians have to duck under branches
- Crosswalk at Sip n' Dip is difficult and dangerous
- No direct access to East Bay Bike Path (have to traverse parking lot/grass strip)
- Flag system for crossing works

Segment C:

- Gooding/Hope intersection conflict with turning vehicles pedestrian signal
- Bristol Medical Center...crosswalk but no signal
- Runners tend to run in the street, due to sidewalk conditions
- No sidewalk into Colt State Park

Route 3: Hope St. to Mt. Hope Farm via State St./Metacom Ave.

Segment A:

- Crosswalk needed at State/Hope

Segment B:

- Intermittent sidewalk, had to cross street to stay on it (no sidewalk from Metacom to Pond)

Segment C:

- No sidewalks or speed limit signs, forced to walk on grass edge along road

Route 4: Hope St. to Metacom Ave. via Tupelo St.

Segment A:

- No sidewalks
- Speeding cars (above 25 mph)
- Narrow street
- No lighting

Segment B:

- Speeding cars, unsafe environment
- Had to walk single-file
- Crosswalk not signalized
- Limited lighting
- Limited sidewalk

Segment C:

- Lots of litter
- Shoulder is uneven and unsafe
- Limited crosswalks

Route 5: Metacom Ave. - North (Jameson Drive to Chestnut St.)

Segment A:

- No sidewalks, awful walking experience!
- Forced to walk alongside road with fast-moving traffic
- At approach to Tupelo St. forced to walk through weeds along inside of telephone pole to avoid walking through a large puddle, or in the road. At the intersection itself, had no choice but to walk in the road with traffic

Segment B:

- No sidewalks, awful walking experience!
- At approach to Stop n' Shop, had no choice but to walk single file inside the guardrail, with limited space for one. At intersection itself, there was nowhere to stand but in the road while waiting to cross the entrance road to Stop n' Shop.
- Sidewalk 'appears' in front of 1776 Liquors, and then again in front of Walgreens
- Crossing signal works, but only in one direction...while crossing at signal, pedestrian forced to 'watch for' vehicles turning

Segment C:

- Sidewalks present, but no curb and condition is bad/in disrepair
- Crossing on south side of Gooding St. handicapped ramp is not wide enough for a wheelchair.
- No sidewalks on east side of Metacom Ave.
- Construction obstacles obstruct crosswalk approaching Chestnut St.
- Near Chestnut St., we had to yield to a bicyclist or risk getting run over
- At Chestnut St, fire hydrant and overgrown weeds block sidewalk access
- Crossing signal works, but only in one direction...while crossing at signal, pedestrian forced to 'watch for' vehicles turning

Route 6: Metacom Ave. South (Bayview Avenue to Mt. Hope Farm)

Segment A:

- No sidewalks on one side, not wide enough where present
- Dangerous walking through Cumberland Farms parking lot
- Streets and sidewalks under construction, multiple hazards/obstacles, impassable by wheelchair/stroller
- Crossing signal works (at intersection near Cumberland Farms), but only in one direction...while crossing at signal, pedestrian forced to 'watch for' vehicles turning
- Intersection of Metacom/Roosevelt/Highview no crosswalks or signals
- Sidewalk from Highview to Carr disappeared (ends at Police Station)

Segment B:

- No curbing, so if car is waiting to turn, vehicles pass on right mounting the curb
- Speeding vehicles!
- No sidewalks

Route 7: Fales Rd. to Jessica Drive via Gooding Avenue

Segment A:

- Not enough time to safely cross intersection at Hope/Gooding
- ADA ramps present but in poor condition
- Low trees blockage passage

Segment B:

- No crosswalks toward approach to Broadcommon Rd.
- Metal mailboxes were obstacles along the road

Segment C:

- A lot of litter
- Not enough time to safely cross intersection at Metacom/Gooding
- Sidewalk only on one side of street and ends abruptly towards residential area
- Hydrants/utility poles are obstacles

Route 8: Hope St. to Metacom Ave. via Bayview Ave.

Segment A:

- No crosswalk from Hope onto Washington
- Barely room for two people to pass along Hope
- No ADA access to cross to High St.
- No stop sign at Monroe

Segment B:

- No sidewalk/crosswalk on Monroe Ave.
- Limited lighting along Bayview
- No crosswalk at Manchester St. or Alma
- Shrubbery an obstacle along sidewalk
- Stopline at Bayview Ave. too close to intersection
- Bayview/Sherry lost sidewalk, no crosswalk
- RWU shuttle route

Segment C:

- No sidewalk, looks like one may be going in soon
- Speeding cars
- Unsafe environment
- Limited lighting
- Litter present
- RWU apts./grads....poor walkability