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# SIDEWALK SUMMIT

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Dear Friend,

We have exciting news! To further our work as chair and vice chair of the City of Houston’s Transportation, Technology, and Infrastructure Committee, we will be hosting a Houston Sidewalk Summit this September 2021. The Sidewalk Summit will encompass a week of events to help amplify the role of the pedestrian and assert that safe and well-maintained sidewalks are a critical component of Houston’s transportation network.

To be held at Emancipation Park Community Center, the goal of this event is to bring stakeholders and community leaders together for a candid discussion of current sidewalk regulations, municipal policies, and critical investments being made in Houston, as well as to discuss new ideas for addressing the city’s sidewalk challenges and improving the overall pedestrian experience. City of Houston departments and local partner organizations will highlight the important role that sidewalks play in improving walkability. Panelists and subject groups being invited to present include:

- COH Public Works
- COH Planning and Development
- COH Parks and Recreation Department
- COH Mayor’s Office of Complete Communities
- COH Mayor’s Office of People with Disabilities
- COH Mayor’s Office of Resilience
- Greater Houston Coalition for Complete Streets
- Houston-Galveston Area Council
- AARP
- Kinder Institute
- LINK Houston
- METRO
- Smart Growth America
- Urban Design/Planning Professionals

The event will focus on addressing these questions:

- Why should sidewalks be considered important and critical transportation infrastructure?
- How do sidewalks move Houstonians across town and why does the city care?
- What is the city’s current approach and level of investment?
- How do existing programs work? Or don’t?
- Who pays for what? What are the rules governing sidewalk characteristics?
- How are these rules changing?
- How do other cities invest in sidewalk infrastructure?
- What’s the status of a pedestrian plan?
- How does the city prioritize sidewalk investment?
- What is the difference between sidewalks on major thoroughfares versus residential?
- How do Houston’s trees and climate affect sidewalks?

SAVE THE DATE!

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