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Although there's a lot of good ideas in this document, without mention of mass transit it is an incomplete plan. This was brought up at a public meeting several months ago and it's disappointing to see that those audience comments were not heard. In fact, the response from the presenter gave me the impression that they had never even considered buses, much less how they relate to walking. The importance of mass transit to walking viability makes it difficult to see how this planning document could be merely tweaked without a major overhaul. My research of grocery stores and bus systems suggests that people are willing to walk maybe three blocks, with mass transit being necessary for longer trips. The resolution has as a priority "Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation by shifting trips to walking and biking" but to replace a car trip with a walking trip requires mass transit. Walking and the bus system have to be considered and planned for together. Unfortunately, for this reason, I don't see how this document makes any sense and I urge that it not be adopted as-is.

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