

Walkable Community Transportation Policies & Tools

Overview

We have compiled a collection of resources for partners who are interested in learning more about transportation policies and tools to organize for change in their communities. These resources were provided through the Walking College, a 6-month, virtual fellowship program for walkable community advocates from around the US.

Policy Resources

[Podcast on Jaywalking](#) - This podcast discusses the criminalization of jaywalking in Black and Brown communities.

[Vox](#) - The forgotten history of how automakers invented the crime of “jaywalking”

[Segregated by a Design \(17min\)](#) - ‘Segregated By Design’ examines the forgotten history of how our federal, state and local governments unconstitutionally segregated every major metropolitan area in America through law and policy.

[Walking While Black - ProPublica](#) - An article on the disproportionate amount of walking infractions issued to African Americans in Jacksonville, Florida.

[NPR Article on Racial Covenants](#) - An introduction to the racial covenant system, which shaped zoning laws and transportation.

[ShapeAARP Livability Index](#)- A tool to examine a community’s livability based on housing affordability, access to transportation, healthcare access, environmental pollution, and other factors.

[Steps to Create a Safe Routes to School Program](#) - An introduction to organizing safe walking and biking routes for students

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[Planetizen: Walkability Scores Don't Tell the Whole Story](#)- An examination of factors that are left out in walkability scores, such as environmental pollution and policing

[AARP's Walk Audit Toolkit](#)- A guide for auditing your community's walkability.

[What is Vision Zero?](#)- An introduction to the concept of Vision Zero

[How zoning keeps the number of low-emission neighborhoods artificially low](#)- "In many cities and towns, building walkable neighborhoods is illegal, putting a premium on the few dense communities that exist."

Advocacy Resources

[What is a Public Narrative?](#)- An introduction to a useful tool for building grassroots power through storytelling.

[Video on the Public Narrative](#)

[What is organizing?](#)- An introduction to organizing for social movements and change.

[Resources for Conducting a Direct Action Campaign](#)- Includes resources on organizing public demonstrations, petitions, writing letters, digital advocacy, and so much more.

[Five Tips for Leading Campaigns for Change](#)

[Gentrification and Neighborhood Change Toolkit](#)- A toolkit to address gentrification in all its stages. This toolkit focuses on the Chicago area, but it can still be a valuable resource.

[Funding Your Walking Related Infrastructure Project](#) - This video presents different avenues for funding walking infrastructure projects.

[Public Narrative Worksheet from the Kennedy School of Business](#)

[Telling Your Public Story](#)

