The First Walkability study was done a couple years back and given the city staff who use this as a guide to working on maintenance of our city streets and sidewalks. This presentation also includes the South Slope, for the first time as it was brought into the CBD and is seeing increases foot traffic.
Location: Aston between Coxe and Church looking west. Notes: Tight sidewalk between curb and wall - Unnavigable by wheel chair

Location: South Lexington near 51 Parking garage and Aloft Hotel looking north Notes: cables, gravel and trash blocking sidewalk
Location: South Lexington at Aston looking South
Notes: Sidewalk non existant and in need of replacement

Location: Church at David Gantt’s office
Notes: Very steep slope on sidewalk
Location: Hilliard at Church street
Notes: Sidewalk ends at parking lot. Also no pedestrian signals at Hilliard/Church intersection.

Location: Buxton and Collier looking west
Notes: No curb cuts at curb and no crosswalk to designate crossing
Location: Buxton near the “Prospect” looking west
Notes: Major curb blocking sidewalk - un navigatable by wheel chair

Location: Buxton – near Eno and Prospect
Notes: Out of grade steep slopes at driveway - out of compliance
Location: Eno – Across the street from Green Man entrance
Notes: Sidewalk repair needed to fill hole and bump

Location: Millard from Buxton
Notes: Over grown vegetation on sidewalk
Location: Buxton at Millard
Notes: No lip on curb nor crossing marks viable

Location: Buxton at Millard looking East
Notes: Sidewalk ends into abandon loading ramp and no sidewalk on the other side
**Location:** Lexington at Buxton
**Notes:** No curb cut, pole blocking sidewalk

**Location:** Southside Ave
**Notes:** Sidewalks broken and in need of repair. Metal plate over a section
Location: Coxe Avenue at Southside
Notes: No pedestrian markings at all. Some corners without ramps or detection for blind. Extremely wide intersection for crossing, possible location for a roundabout?

Location: Coxe Avenue
Notes: Sidewalk lights not functioning - safety.
**Location:** Coxe Ave. at Funkatorium
**Notes:** Needs curb on sidewalk

**Location:** Coxe and Hilliard looking East
**Notes:** Not enough space between light pole and building to maneuver. Heavy pedestrian area and needs crossing signals.
Location: Coxe and Aston
Notes: Sidewalk needs repair, block of concrete-trip hazard and intersection needs detectable warning for blind at crosswalk

Location: 39 College
Notes: Loose Brick is a stumbling issue here and all of Lexington- needs mortar
**Location:** Broadway at Tingle Alley facing south  
**Notes:** Uneven pavement all the way across alley up to Walnut - difficult for a wheelchair

**Location:** Alternative Clinic store  
**Notes:** No way for wheelchair to enter business – Note handicap door operator button
Location: Broadway by Finkelsteins  
Notes: Roots raising sidewalk – uneven pavement

Location: General issue- construction crews leaving obstructions in sidewalks.  
Notes:
Location: Broadway north of College
Notes: Sidewalk crumbling and very uneven with old meter pole jutting out

Location: Woodfin near Woodfin apt
Notes: Roots from tree raised sidewalk unevenness
**Location:** College St. by Van Winkle Parking Lot  
**Notes:** Tree roots lifting sidewalk

**Location:** College St. by K Lounge  
**Notes:** crumbling sidewalk
Location: Eagle St Sidewalk, North side
Notes: Cement lifting in several parts on ramp and no tree grate

Location: Eagle St Sidewalk, N. Side
Notes: A brick missing and old sign post jutting out in middle of brick
Location: Biltmore in front of Barley’s
Notes: Electrical cover lid is broken and a hazard to pedestrians.

Location: Biltmore at American Folk
Notes: Trash Cans and newspaper boxes too close to ramp- inhibits passage.
Location: Ramp at Biltmore & Sycamore
Notes: Missing bricks near manhole in center of ramp.

Location: Patton Avenue at Lexington
Notes: No curb cut at crosswalk and steep ramp to get to sidewalk
Location: Patton Avenue b/t Church and Lexington
Notes: Sidewalk is not level- trip hazard- note paint

Location: Haywood St
Notes: Need curb cut on sidewalk
Location: Lexington Avenue - all up and down
Notes: Loose bricks on sidewalk - need to be secured

Location: Church at Commerce looking west
Notes: Brick crosswalks are difficult to see and maneuver.
Location: Banks and Church
Notes: Sidewalk ends and there is no crosswalk and no striping.

Location: Transit Center- Cox and Asheland
Notes: 12% grade -- too steep, and crosswalk leads to curb bump.
Location: Commerce & Coxe
Notes: No marked crosswalk

Location: Temporary Crosswalk on Coxe
Notes: Leads to bump – needs on/off ramp for wheelchair access.
Location: Coxe & Patton
Notes: Vehicles moving right on to Coxe from Patton are not effectively yielding to pedestrians
Recommend additional signage

Location: College and Market Crosswalk
Notes: Crosswalk needs restriping and add curb cuts
Location: Market St. & Walnut
Notes: Bricks and asphalt are in disrepair - note the orange cone

Location: Biltmore at Sycamore
Notes: No curb cut at Crossing and no marked crossing at this intersection. Pedestrians dodging traffic
Location: Aston / Biltmore
Notes: Potholes and major cracks pavement at crosswalk

Location: Patton Avenue
Notes: Loading Zone blocks the crosswalk - relocate loading zone - extremely wide crosswalk
Location: Patton Avenue at Cox Avenue
Notes: Need curb cut on crosswalk

Location: Patton Avenue at Otis
Notes: Need curb cut on crosswalk
**Location:** Patton Avenue at French Broad  
**Notes:** Need curb cut on crosswalk, corner cut difficult to maneuver for wheelchair

**Location:** Haywood St and Montford  
**Notes:** Crosswalks are faded and need restriping
Location: Haywood St and O Henry
Notes: Crosswalks need curb cuts and restriping

Location: Lexington Avenue at College
Notes: Needs curb cut and restriping.
Walkability Study: Crosswalks

Crosswalks in the Central Business District are not painted in a consistent manner and that creates some confusion. Many of the crosswalks are in dire need of restriping. Many of them do not have any markings at all. There is a huge need for at least 2 crosswalks on Biltmore Ave where the foot traffic has increased a great deal headed to the South Slope. There are also several crosswalks where the crosswalk striping leads to a curb and no curb cut which makes it impossible for a wheelchair to pass. In busy intersections there needs to be some additional attention such as caution lights.

Sidewalks- Tree Grates
Tree Grates Verses “Flexipave”

Sidewalks

• Conclusions:
• Most sidewalks are decent shape
• Tree grates and power poles pose trip hazards and tree grates are over $1000 verses Flexipave at less than $400 and it is recycled tires.
• Curb cuts are increased trip hazards and make it impossible to maneuver with a wheel chair
Next Steps

City Staff will use this as a guide to prioritize the major issues. Staff is already aware of the needs to improve crosswalks. We need to work with the DOT to obtain crosswalks on Biltmore Ave. Budgets need to include those areas not under renovation and target dollars to achieve a truly walkable and wheelchair friendly city. We will check back in 6 months on the progress.