

Welcome!

Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway



Community Workshop
March 16, 2013
Virginia Avenue Park

Today's Workshop

What is a
Greenway?

Greenway
Ideas

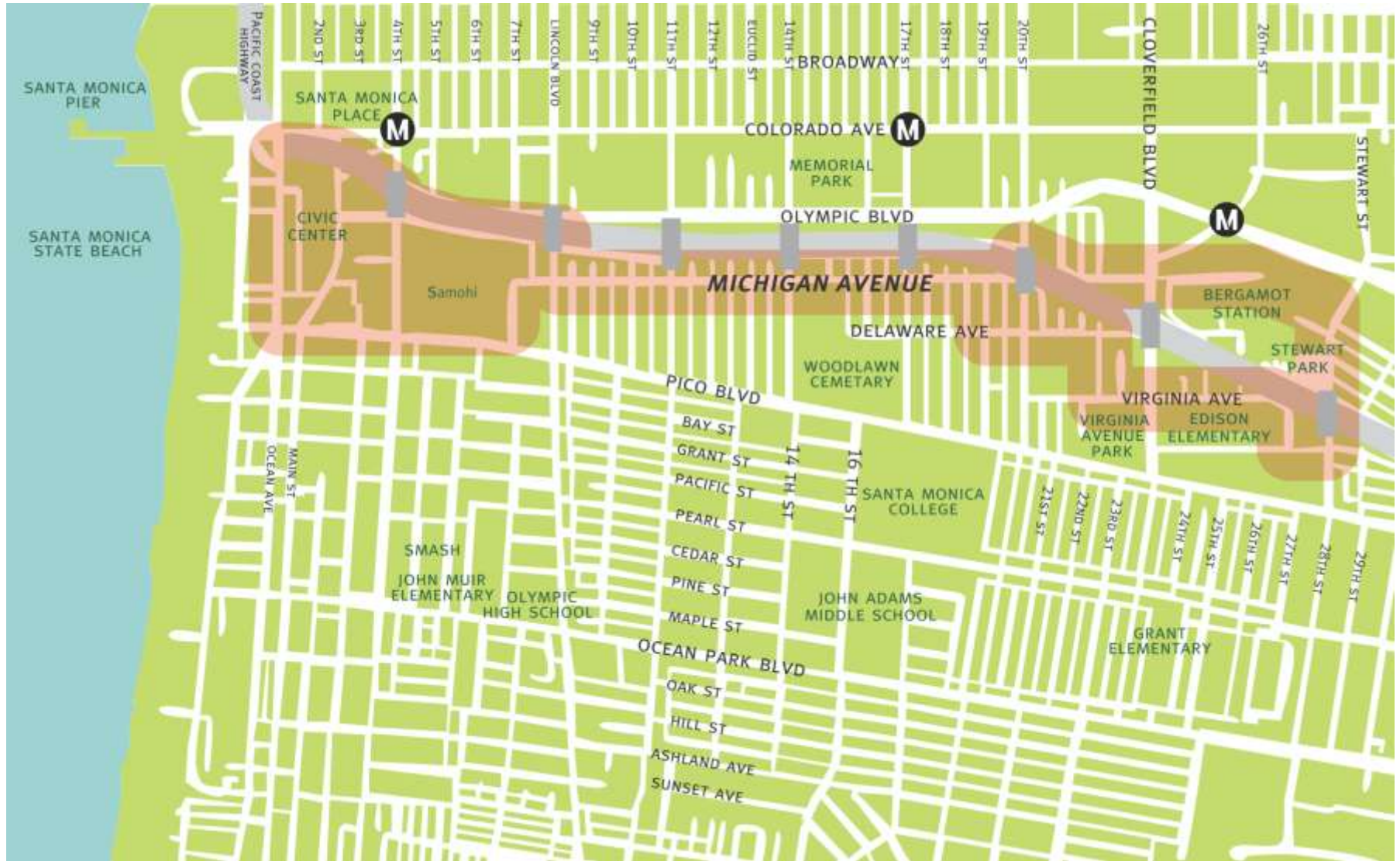
Walk and
Bike Audit



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Where is the Study Area?



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What is a Neighborhood Greenway?

“A comfortable, safe, and inviting street for people to be, whether they may be walking, riding a bike, chatting with neighbors, or playing with friends.”



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What is a Neighborhood Greenway?

“Greenways are typically enhanced through elements like: additional landscaping and trees, signage, lighting, safety improvements, street crossing enhancements, and bike amenities.”



*Seattle, Washington
Neighborhood Greenway*

What is a Neighborhood Greenway?

“A place where bike riders of all ages and abilities can travel safely and comfortably.”



*Portland, Oregon
Neighborhood Greenway*

Why a Greenway here?

- High traffic volumes and speeding
- Collisions at major street crossings
- Geography – minimal north/south crossings
- Demographics – children, older adults, and people who commute by walking, biking and transit
- Opportunity to improve air quality
- Need to improve physical health



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Typical Issues that Neighborhoods Face



Lighting on Street but
not Sidewalks



Unmarked Crossings



Lack of Amenities

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Unsafe Walking Conditions



Obstacles in Sidewalk

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Missing Trees / Lack of Shade



School Drop-Off Issues



Cut-Through Traffic



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Possible Neighborhood Greenway Improvements



Better, Safer Crossings

*Intersection at Dorchester & Delaware
Santa Monica, CA*



New Sidewalks, Lighting, and Planting

*Longfellow Street
Santa Monica, CA*



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Possible Neighborhood Greenway Improvements



Sustainable Features



Decorative Paving



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Identity Signage



Community Art

Possible Neighborhood Greenway Improvements



Enhancing Underutilized Space



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Pedestrian Refuge



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Traffic Calming and Enhancements for Bikes



Intersection treatments

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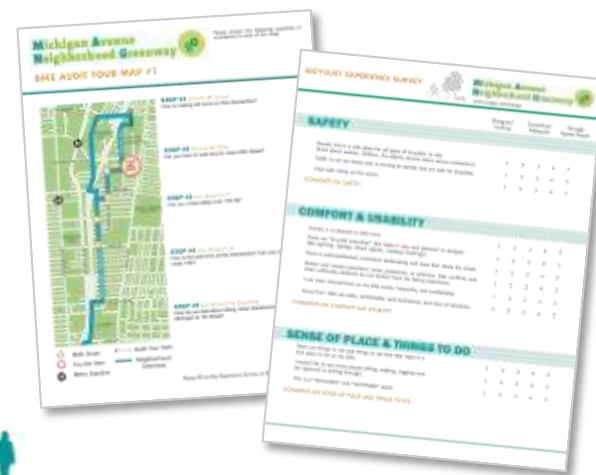


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The Walk and Bike Audit

- Help us assess the walking and biking environment
- Put yourself in other people's shoes:
 - (Age, gender, abilities, mode of travel)
- Tell us what works and what doesn't...
- Choose from 2 Types of Audits : Walking & Biking
 - 2 Walking Routes
 - 2 Biking Routes



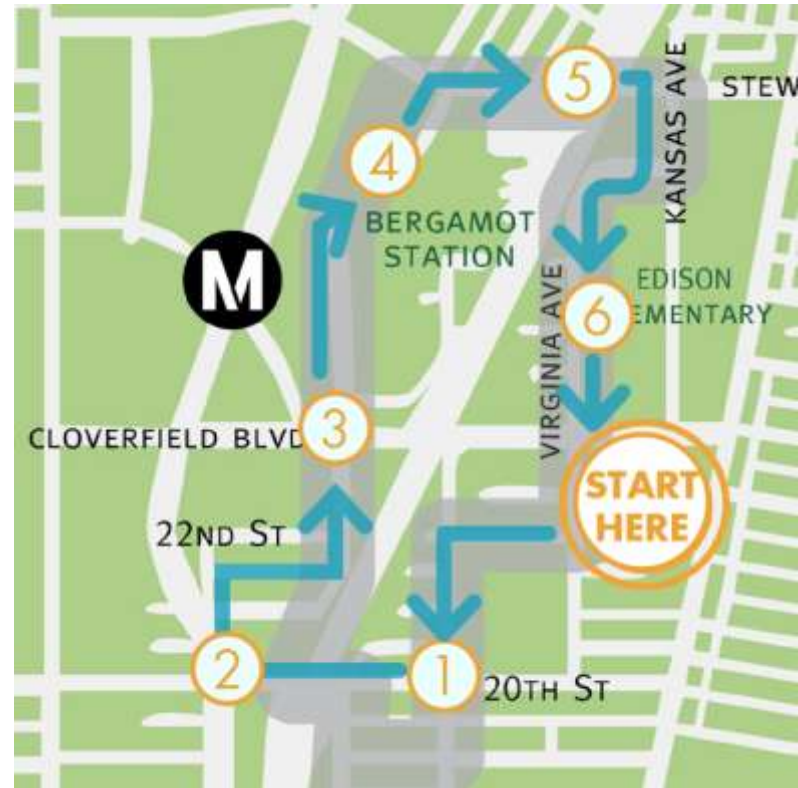
Walk Audit Routes



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Bike Audit Routes

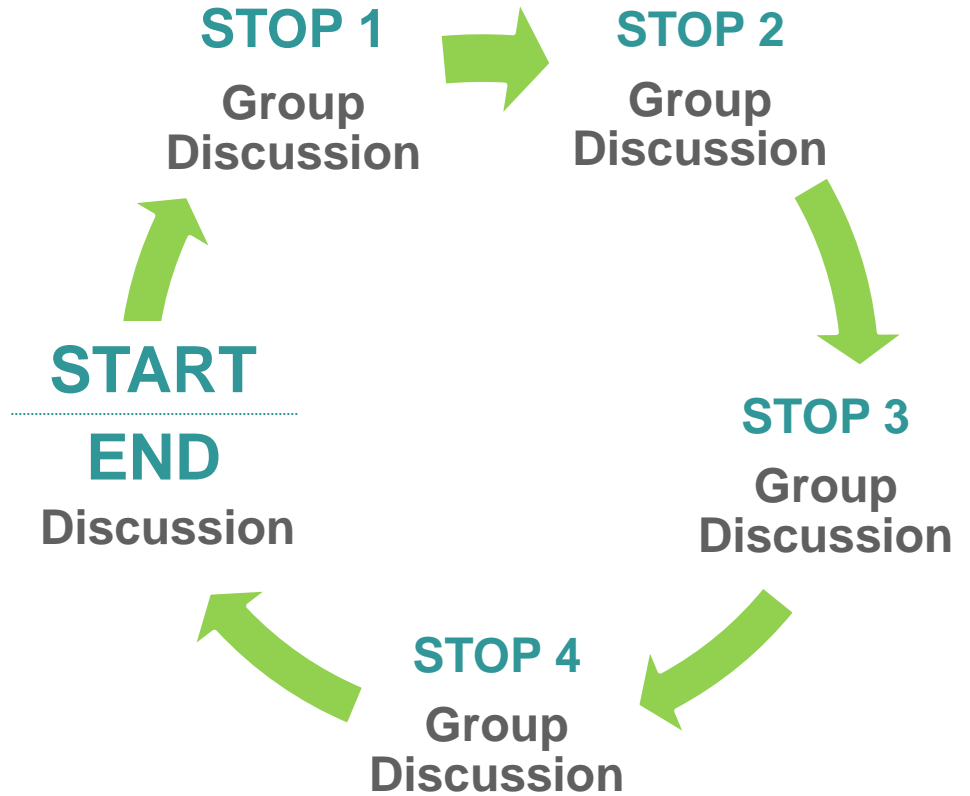


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The Walk and Bike Audit

What's the Process?



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Questions?



Next Steps...

- 1) Choose your audit route
- 2) Find your group
- 3) Get a Clipboard/Audit Form
- 4) Off You Go!

Don't forget to return your form and stick around for a raffle when you come back!



Keep in touch!

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