

## APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INPUT

### A.1 Overview

Public input was gathered by different methods throughout the planning process. Public workshops, public comment forms, and steering committee meetings formed the core of the public input strategy. Two public workshops were held, with the first held in October 2005 and the second in April 2006. The initial public workshop informed the public about the pedestrian planning process and was held to gather initial input and recommendations. The second public workshop presented the preliminary pedestrian network to the public in order to receive feedback. Public input was taken in the form of map markups, written comments, and discussion between citizens, City of Graham staff, and Greenways, Incorporated consultants.



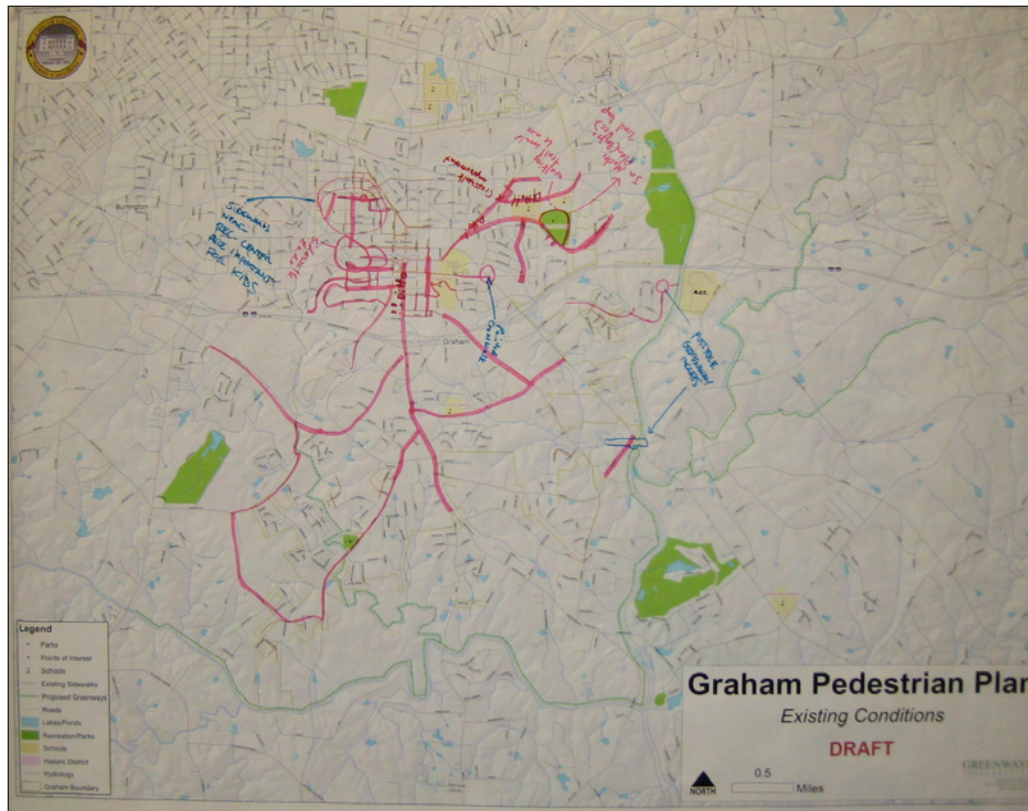
Citizens markup maps with City staff during the October 2005 public workshop.

### A.2 Map Markup Summary

Citizens drew their recommendations on provided maps for sidewalk improvements, new sidewalk and greenways, and improved intersections. Recommendations heard regularly included providing sidewalks around schools and Downtown, and improving crosswalks around schools and the Downtown area where heavy traffic can be found in Graham. Specific sidewalk recommendations also included improvements along Main St., Elm St.,



Town Branch Rd., Ivey Rd., and Rogers Rd. Improvements to existing sidewalk were recommended along N. Main St. and Maple St. Intersection/crosswalk improvements were recommended along every major corner around the City square. These comments and all other suggestions were taken into account when developing the comprehensive recommended pedestrian network.



Marked-up map from October 2005 public workshop.

### A.3 Public Comment Form Summary

Two types of public comment forms were distributed throughout the planning process. One comment form asked specific questions about walking frequency, factors determining the decision to walk, ranking of important pedestrian issues, and funding options. This was available at the public workshops. The other was a walkability checklist which asked participants to describe specific conditions along a walking route of choice. The walkability checklist was available to public workshop participants and was also sent to citizens of Graham in their water bill/newsletter mailing. A total of 40 comment forms were filled out and provided both general and specific recommendations for the City of Graham.

Generally, citizens who filled out comment forms recommended sidewalks in various locations along with crossing improvements. The most common concern was a lack of a connected sidewalk network. Other comments included a need for more sidewalks

around schools, improved crosswalks (especially along Main St.), reduced speed limits for automobile traffic, and made notice of heavy automobile traffic and narrow sidewalks. Walkability checklists commonly showed that persons walking their normal routes had some positive and negative feelings about their overall walking experience. A connected network, without gaps and with safer crossings, would make their entire walk more safe and comfortable.

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### Neighborhood Walkability Checklist

Take this checklist on a typical walk and note things that might discourage people from walking regularly along that route. Score each question with a score from 1 (low) to 6 (high), then submit the form to the address on the back so your responses can be included in the planning for Graham's pedestrian facilities.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ROUTE YOU WALKED, LIST STARTING POINT, ENDING POINT, AND THE ROADS OR TRAILS YOU FOLLOWED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ROUTE, PLEASE DO SO ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET.

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What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people were in your group? \_\_\_\_\_ Any children? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you walk this route? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the purpose of this walk? (commute, exercise, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Question 1: Is there enough room to walk? SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas? \_\_\_\_\_

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A score of 6 indicates room for 2-3 people. A score of one would indicate that there is hardly room for 1 person.

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Question 2: Was it easy to cross streets? SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas? \_\_\_\_\_

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A score of 6 indicates there was no problem. A score of one would indicate that it took a very long time to cross and it seemed very dangerous.

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Question 3: Was traffic a problem? SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas? \_\_\_\_\_

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A score of 6 indicates that you barely even noticed the presence of cars. A score of one would indicate that cars were far too many cars, travelling too close and too fast.

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Please answer the questions on both sides of the page.

Front page of the Walkability Checklist.





Question 4: Did you feel safe?

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas?

A score of 6 indicates that you would walk here alone at any time. A score of one would indicate that this route is scary, even with other people in daylight.

Question 5: Was it a pleasant place to walk?

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Comments? Location of good or bad areas?

A score of 6 indicates that it was great and you'd be like to go back again. A score of one would indicate that there really is no reason to be here.

Please return this survey to: Michael Leinwand, City of Graham, Planning Department, P.O. Drawer 357, 201 South Main Street, Graham, NC 27253  
If you have questions, please call Michael at: (336)570-6705

If you would like to be contacted about future Graham Pedestrian Plan events, please provide your contact information below. Thanks!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



If you'd like to sketch your route, please do so in the box provided here.

This survey sheet was designed specifically for Graham but is based on Mark Tanton's adaptation of the checklist for a walkable america, which is available at [www.walkinginfo.org](http://www.walkinginfo.org)

Back page of the Walkability Checklist.



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### Participant Survey for the October 17, 2005 Public Workshop

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**1) What is your age?**

☐ <18   
 ☐ 18-35   
 ☐ 36-55   
 ☐ >65  
☐ 10-25   
 ☐ 36-45   
 ☐ 56-65

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**2) What is your sex?**

☐ Male  
☐ Female

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**3) How many times per month (on average) do you walk for the following purposes?**

\_\_\_\_\_ To go to work  
 \_\_\_\_\_ To go to school  
 \_\_\_\_\_ For general recreation/exercise  
 \_\_\_\_\_ To attend social activities/events  
 \_\_\_\_\_ To shop or run errands  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Nature study/appreciation  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Are there places you would like to be able to walk that you cannot at this time?**

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FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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**5) Please order this list according to the importance you place on each item.**

Rank the options by order of (highest to lowest) importance

\_\_\_\_\_ A) Maximizing safety for pedestrians across the entire community  
 \_\_\_\_\_ B) Perfecting a few major travel corridors for pedestrians  
 \_\_\_\_\_ C) Maximizing pedestrian opportunities in certain hubs or nodes around the community  
 \_\_\_\_\_ D) Improving aesthetic quality of existing pedestrian facilities

Please complete both sides of this form

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<p><b>7) Which of the following factors play a role in whether or not you walk to a destination?</b></p> <p><small>(Check all that apply)</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Availability of a safe route</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Availability of an aesthetically pleasing route</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Costs of other travel modes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Availability of other travel options</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Need for exercise</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Weather</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Travel time/length of trip</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <hr/> <p><b>8) Should public funds be used to improve pedestrian options and facilities?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <hr/> <p><b>9) If yes, what types of funds should be used? (select one or multiple)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Existing local taxes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New local taxes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State and federal grants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	<p><b>10) Do you have suggestions about specific programming or pedestrian related policies that you would like to see enacted?</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <hr/> <p><b>11) Please provide your address below so we can better understand who was represented at tonight's meeting.</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Thanks for your input!</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <small>Please complete both sides of this form</small> </div>
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