

Measuring Walking

*Towards internationally standardised monitoring methods of walking and public space**

Pre-conference workshop WALK21 Toronto, Monday, 1st October 2007, 9 am - 5 pm

Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Room 303

Programme

9:00 Start of the pre-conference workshop

Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome and introduction of participants: background, interests, expectations
- Presentation of objectives and background by Daniel Sauter (workshop chair/facilitator) (e.g. re the state of work within the European 'Pedestrian Quality Needs' project)

Strategic level: Dimensions and indicators ('what to measure')

- Input presentations (10-15 min. each) by the following speakers:
 - Rodney Tolley, Director WALK21, Honorary Research Fellow, Staffordshire University, U.K.
 - Todd Alexander Litman, Executive Director, Victoria Transport Policy Institute, Victoria, BC, Canada
 - Lauren Marchetti, Director, National Center for Safe Routes to School, Chapel Hill, NC, U.S.A. and Craig Raborn, Program Manager, Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, Chapel Hill, U.S.A.
 - Joanne Kervin and Jennifer Hyland, Transportation Planning, City of Toronto, Canada
 - Jim Walker, Chairman WALK21, and Anne Glover, both The Access Company, London, U.K.
- Discussion about feasibility of standardisation and harmonization and information exchange on existing efforts, experiences and expectations: all participants
- Identifying relevant dimensions / indicators for "measuring walking"

Specific level: Methodologies and instruments ('how to measure')

- Discussion of methodologies and instruments in each dimension: exchange of state-of-the-art, requirements, problems etc. (Paper by Paul Cullen, U.K.; input from all participants)
- Agree on a grid to systematically collect information
- How to continue the work until the next WALK21 conference (discussion forum on website)

17:00 End of pre-conference workshop ⇒ Coffee breaks and lunch in between

Format of the session

The workshop will allow a lot of free time for discussions. Participants are invited to contribute their experiences, voice their needs and talk about the problems they encounter when measuring walking.

The workshop is open to everyone interested – researchers, data users, persons responsible for measuring walking in cities or municipalities, promoters of walking, providers of technical equipment etc.

Chair and facilitator

The workshop is chaired and facilitated by Daniel Sauter, Urban Mobility Research, Zurich, Switzerland.

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Zurich, 20 September 2007, Daniel Sauter

