WalkBoston's Greatest Hits for Age-Friendly Walking

Practical steps municipalities can take to help older adults age in community

INFRASTRUCTURE



Make street crossings safer with longer WALK times, raised crossings, bump outs, signals, and many other options



Provide large type/well-lit street signs and wayfinding



Identify and mark publicly accessible toilets



Improve night lighting

Policies and Practices



Include seniors in municipal infrastructure planning



Establish age-friendly partnerships among municipal departments (e.g. library-council on aging; disabilities commission-public works)



Through zoning and planning, build senior-serving facilities (housing, senior centers, clinics) in the most walkable locations in town



Enact and enforce sidewalk snow shoveling



Make bus and transit stops fully accessible



Provide lots of benches



Plant lots of shade trees



Make sure that parks are agefriendly (e.g. benches, shade, smooth walking paths)



Provide an explicit budget for sidewalk installation and maintenance



Slow traffic (with traffic calming and reduced speed limits) and add "Senior Slow Zones" (like school zones)



Review municipal plans with an age-friendly lens



Lead age-friendly walk audits with seniors and municipal staff (from

transportation, public works, police, council on aging, elected officials)

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