

Walking Audit Key Findings

- Overall, the downtown area is very safe and walkable, but crossing out of downtown (Weaver Lake Rd on the North, Hemlock/Zachary on the east and Elm Creek Blvd on the south and west) is quite a bit more difficult. The crossing signals allow enough time for normal speed walkers, but anyone who walks at a slow pace would trouble at many of the intersections. I know that these are all county roads which you have little control over.
- The crosswalk signal at Zachary and 82nd Ave does not work. (#6)
- At the corner of Hemlock and Main St right turners often do not fully stop and cars in all lanes tend to block the crosswalk. (#9)
- The crossing of Elm Creek Blvd at Grove Dr on the north side does not have crosswalk painting. This is a relatively high foot and bike traffic area. (#13)
- At the corner of Arbor Lakes Pkwy and Lakeview Drive there is a crosswalk but no signage to make drivers aware. It was noted that not all drivers slowed down for pedestrians at this corner. (#17)
- At the corner of Lakeview Drive and Kirkwood and Lakeview Drive and Central Park Way there are crosswalks but no signage to make drivers aware. (#19)
- The potential for speeding along Jonquil Lane just northeast of Central Park was noted. There are stop lights or signs in this stretch with one crosswalk. (#21)
- Flashing lights at the crosswalk on Main Street at Town Green would improve safety (#23)
- There is no sidewalk on Maple Knoll Way east of Elm Creek Blvd. It might be justified due to the large number of people living in Mallard Ridge apartments. (#24)
- Only two out of 8 walk buttons at Elm Creek Blvd and Maple Knoll Way had audible beeps. (#24)
- A significant amount of water accumulated on the sidewalk in front of Wendy's making the sidewalk impassable without going well onto the grass. Rainfall of ¼" had ended 24 hours earlier. (#25)
- The sidewalk on Main St in front of City Hall has numerous large cracks. (#26)
- The traffic is heavy if trying to cross Bass Lake Road to get into Fish Lake Park. A stop light or flashing crosswalk there would help immensely with crossing and slowing traffic down. You can walk down Bass Lake Road farther and go under the street but many people cross right by the entrance to the Park.
- At numerous intersections it was noted that drivers do not stop behind the crosswalks.
- Numerous corners do not have raised bumps at pedestrian intersection.
- Numerous sidewalks were noted as having large cracks or potholes.