

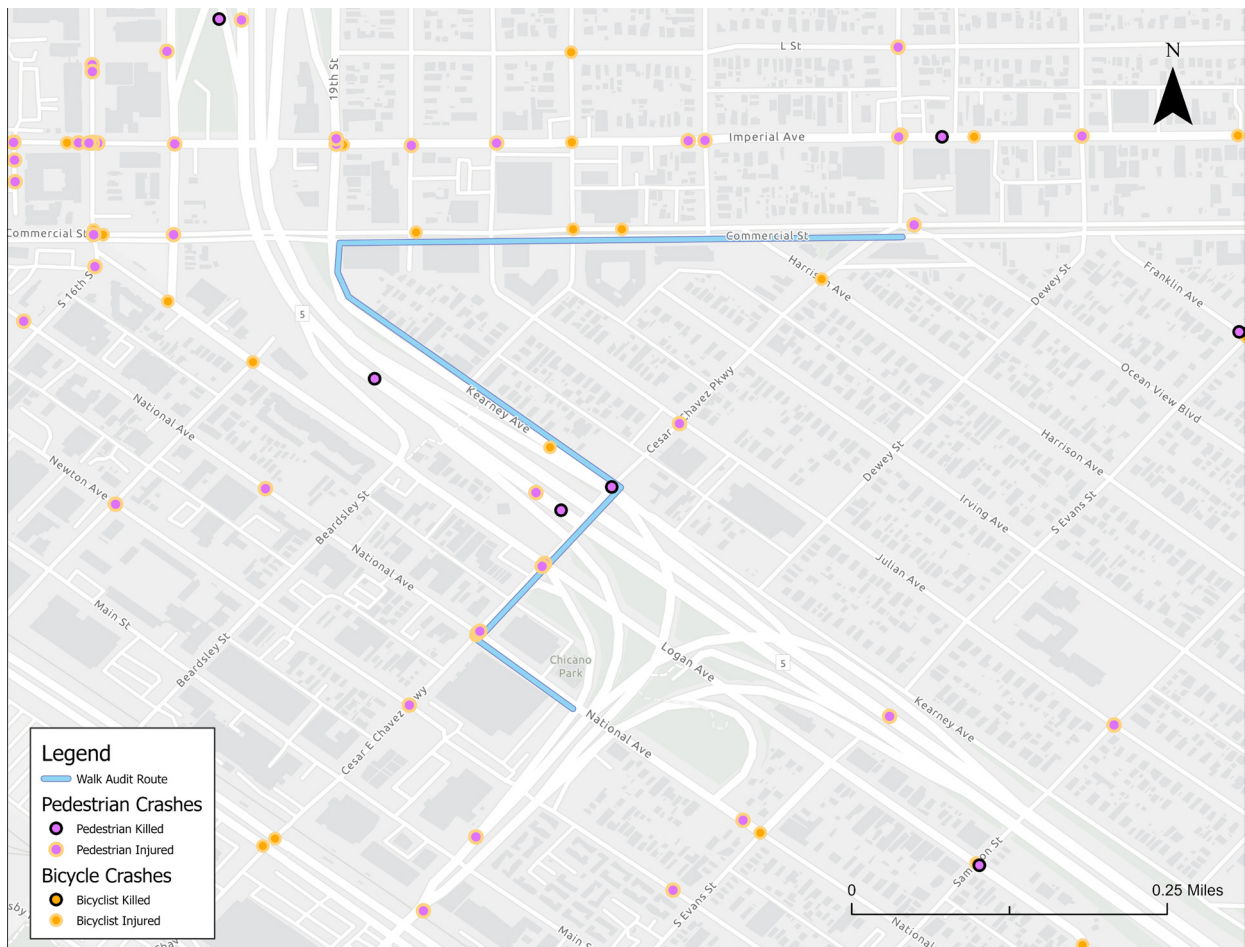
# Walking Field Trip #1: San Diego Housing Federation

Address: 25th St / Commercial Station, San Diego, CA 92113

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The purpose of the walking field trip was to identify safety concerns, gaps and deficiencies in the pedestrian network. This walk was coordinated with the San Diego Housing Federation as they were hosting their annual Housing Conference in the City of San Diego. Participants provided input on issues that make it unsafe or uncomfortable for them to walk along the route. The walking field trip was attended by Circulate San Diego and San Diego Housing Federation staff, and various invitees from the Housing Conference.

The walking route was situated on two high-injury corridors: Commercial Street and Cesar Chavez Parkway. Between 2017-2022, there were 6 pedestrian fatalities, 61 pedestrian injuries, and 36 bicycle injuries within a quarter mile of the walking route (see Figure 1).



**FIGURE 1. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FATALITIES AND INJURIES PROXIMATE TO THE SAN DIEGO HOUSING FEDERATION WALKING FIELD TRIP (2017-2022)**

### Stops



25th/Commercial St Station



Maac Project



Chicano Park



Estrella Del Mercado  
Apartments

### Walking Route



Walking Route

### Observations



Crossing Time Too Short



No Crosswalk



Shade Trees and Wide  
Sidewalks



Observed Speeding



Missing Sidewalk



Faded Crosswalk Markings



FIGURE 2. HOUSING FEDERATION WALKING FIELD TRIP RESULTS



FIGURE 3: MISSING CROSSWALK IN THE INTERSECTION OF COMMERCIAL STREET AND HARRISON AVENUE



FIGURE 4: PARTICIPANTS TAKING A LOOK AT THE MAAC PROJECT LOCATED ON COMMERCIAL STREET

The walking field trip took place along Commercial Street, Kearney Avenue, Cesar Chavez Parkway, and National Avenue (see Figure 2). Participants noted issues such as missing crosswalks, portions of missing sidewalk, observations of speeding along Commercial Street, and faded crosswalk markings (see Figure 3). Sidewalks, with the exception of a portion on Commercial Street between Harrison Avenue and 21st Street, were noted to be narrow. That portion of Commercial Street sidewalk was wide, equipped with shade trees, and equipped with pedestrian-scale lighting which lead to a pleasant walking experience. The large group of participants had to travel in a narrow line throughout the duration of the walk (see Figure 4). Behavioral hazards, such as speeding drivers, drivers failing to come to a complete stop at stop signs, and drivers stopping in the middle of crosswalks rather than at the stop sign were observed. Pedestrian connections to the trolley stop and housing projects were decent but there is much room for improvement.