

CITY OF MADISON PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Public Information Meeting
March 26, 2026

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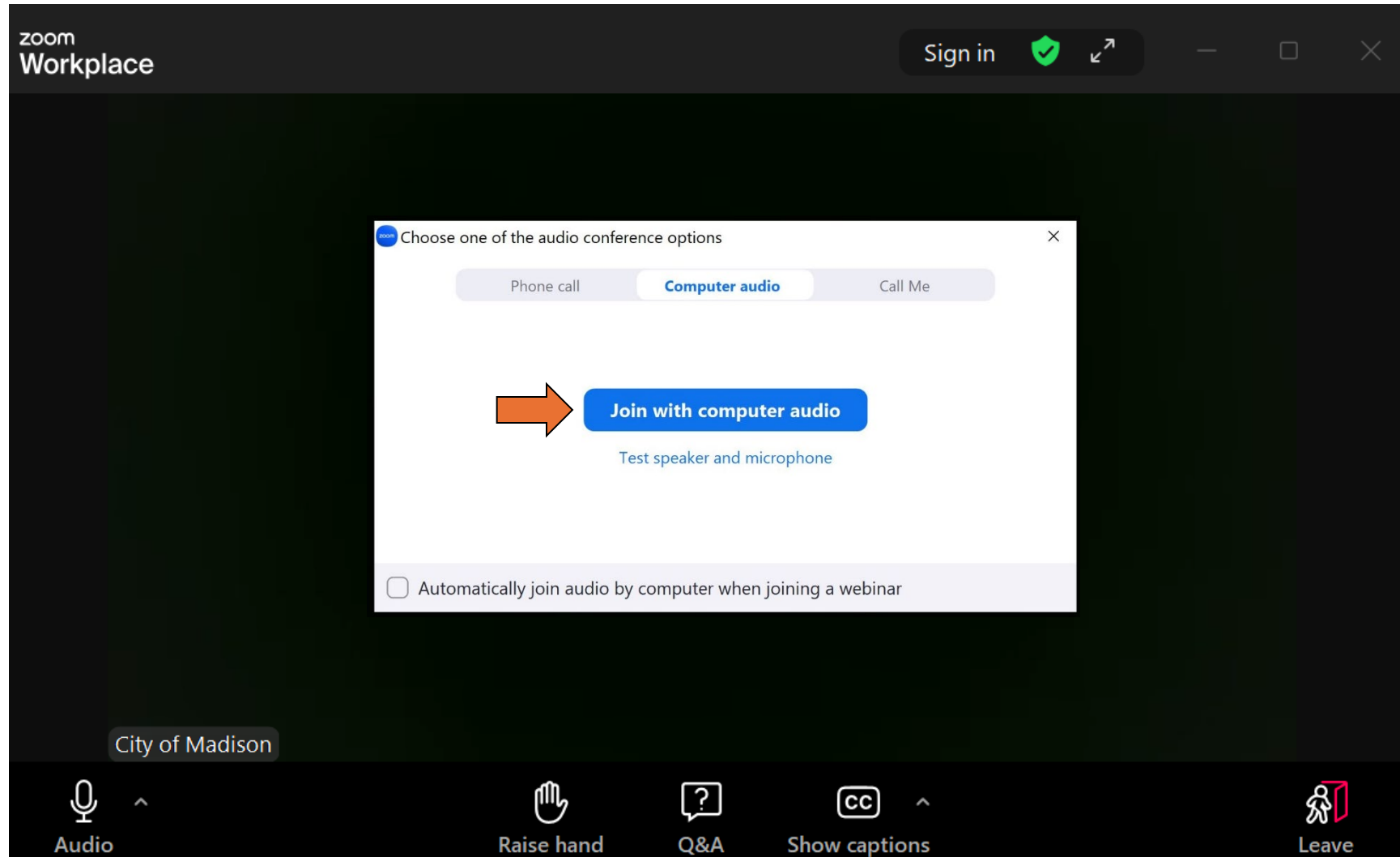
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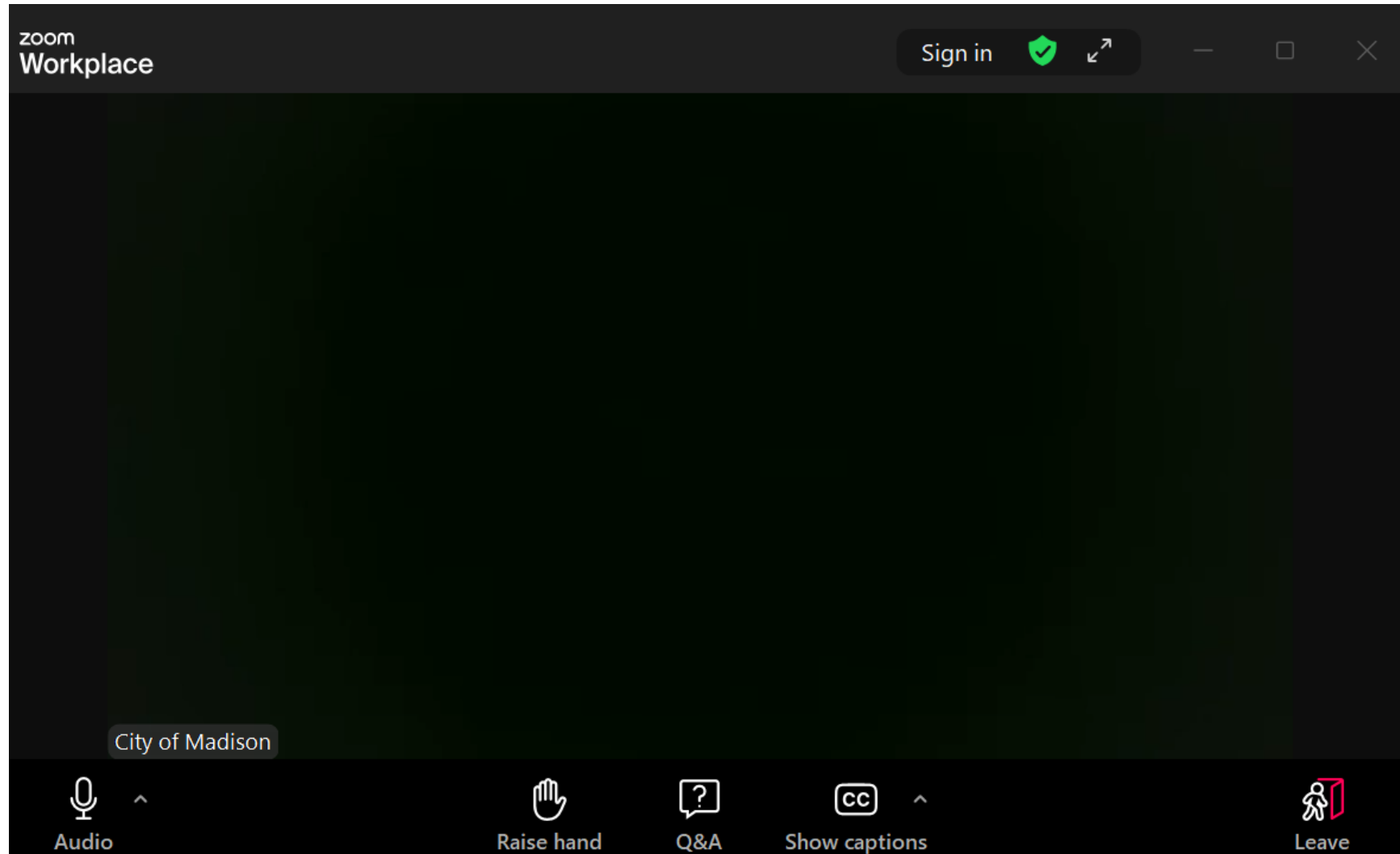
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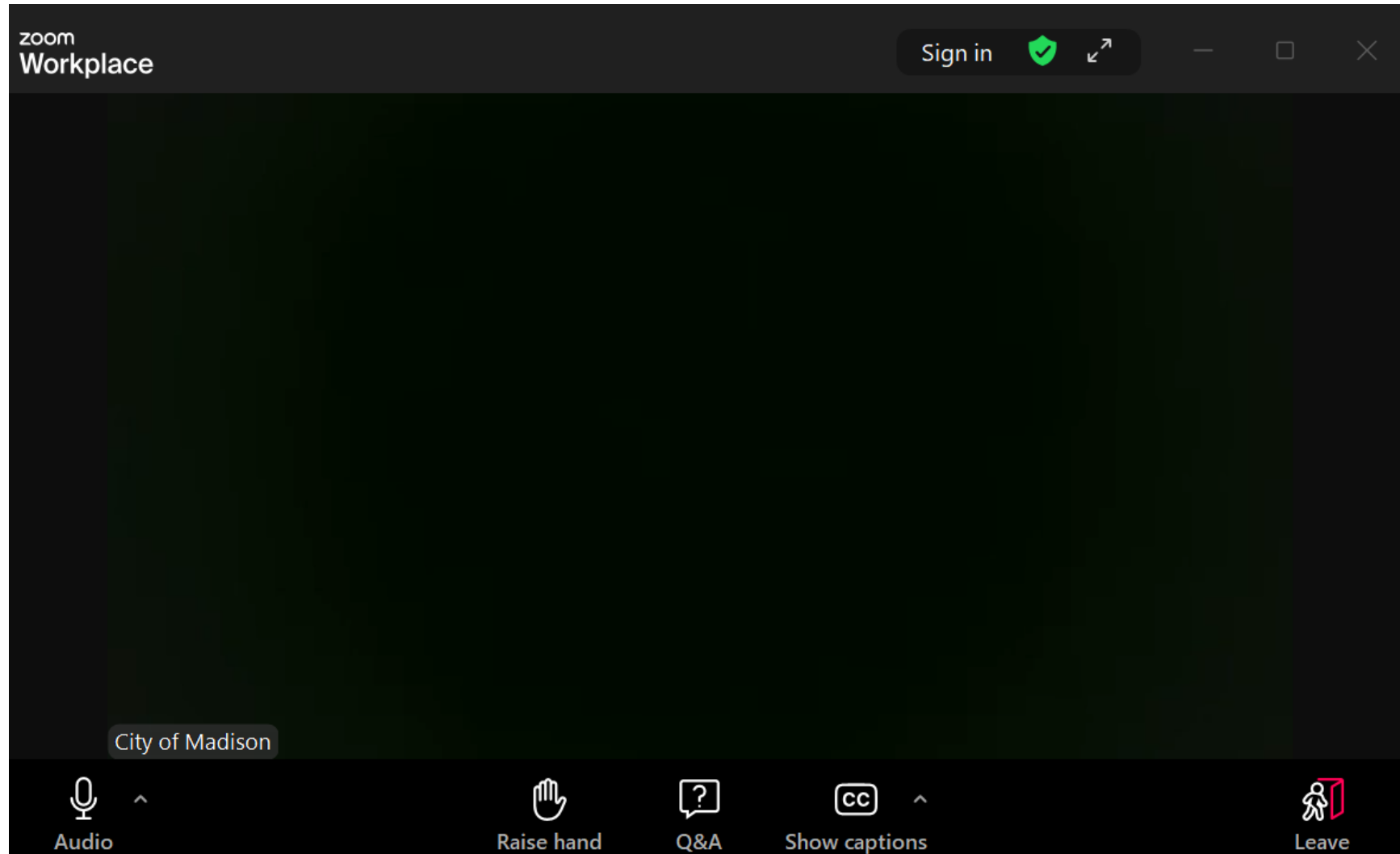
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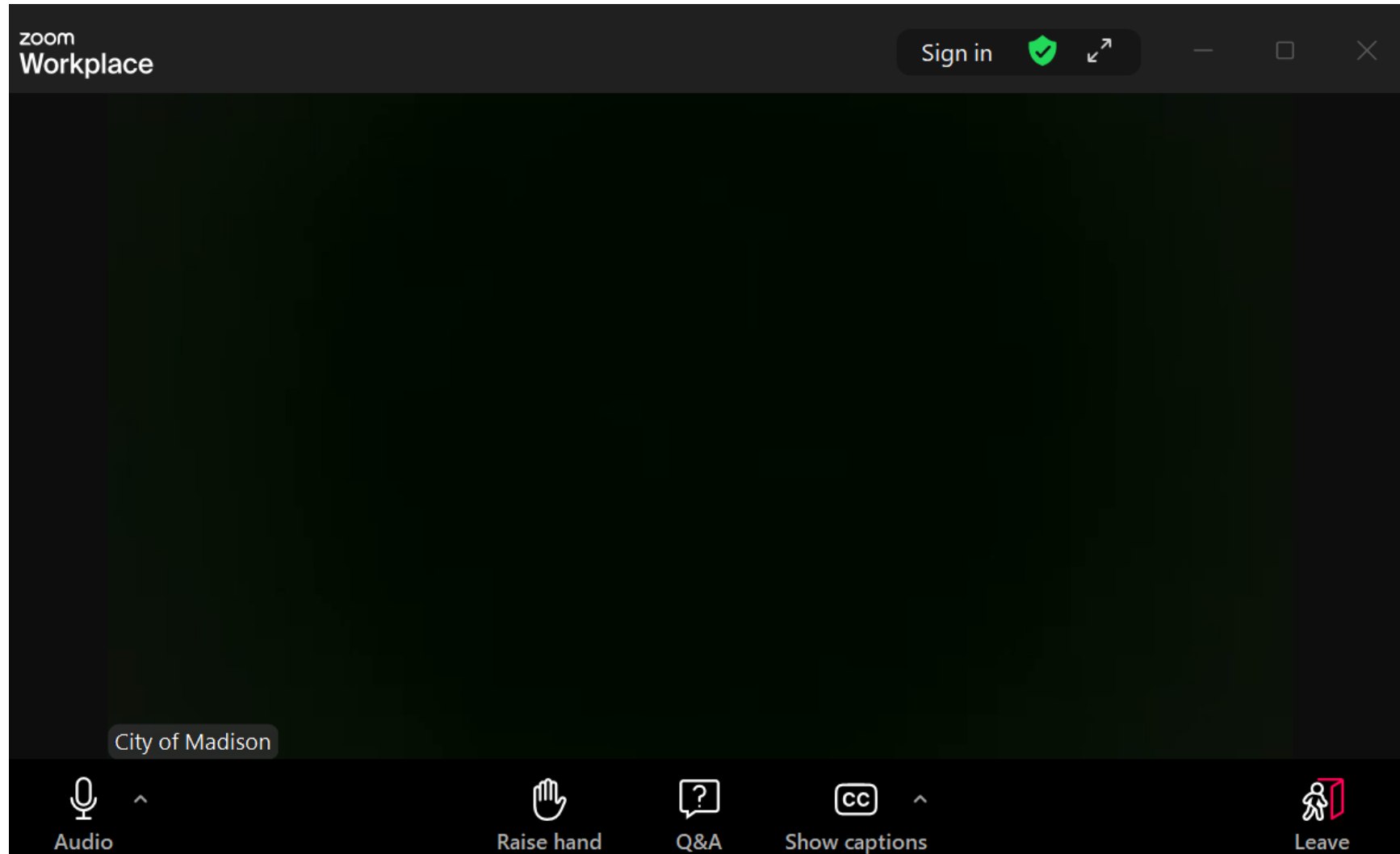
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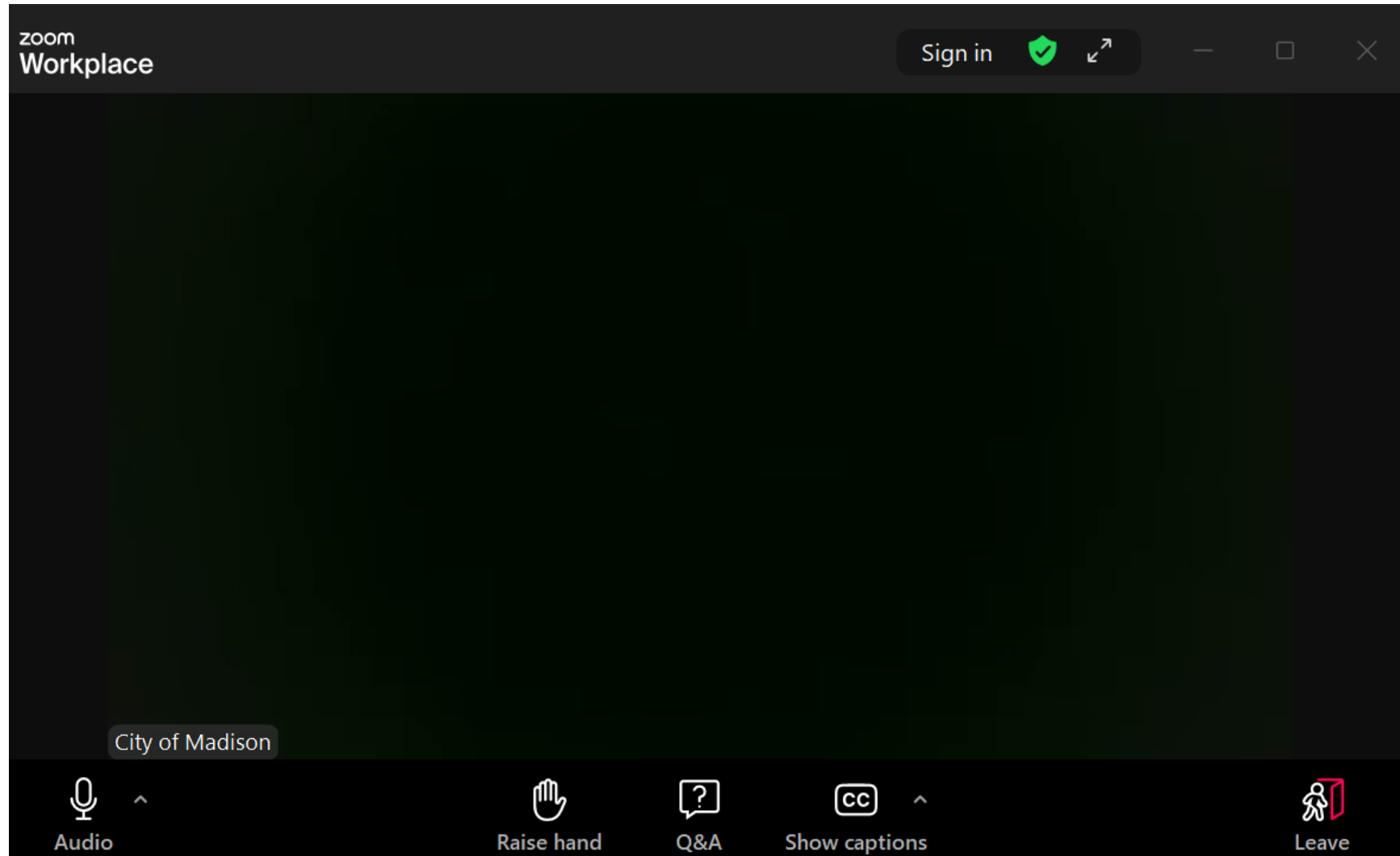
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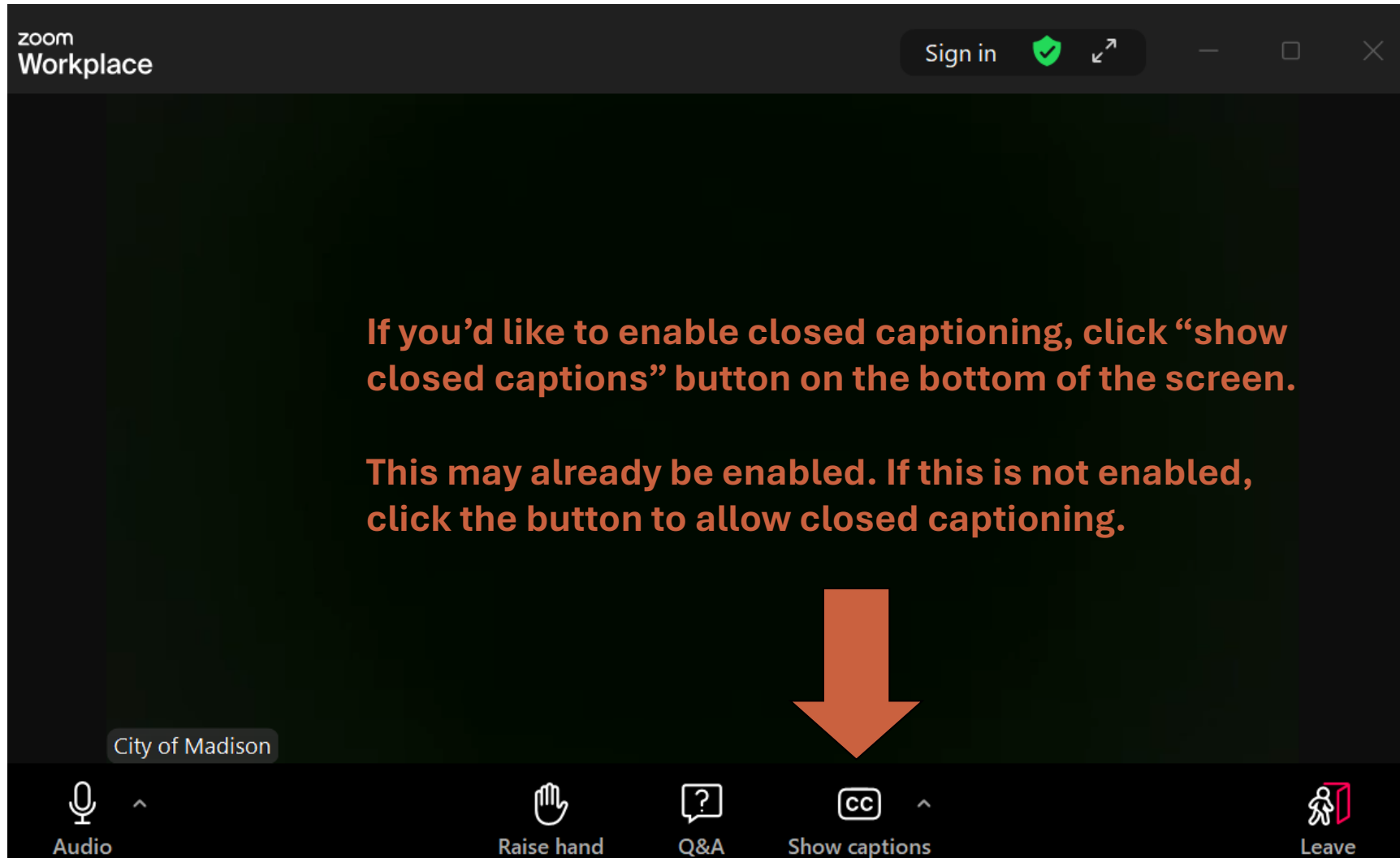
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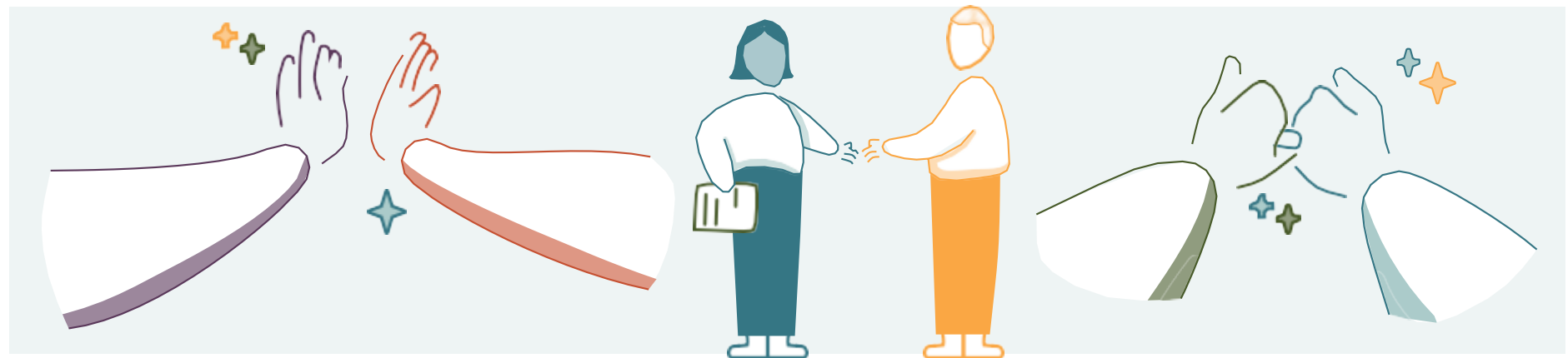
Tonight's Meeting Purpose

- Introduce the Draft Plan to the Public
- Provide high-level overview of the plan
- Detail how people can review and comment on the Draft Plan
- Respond to questions or comments that people have



Questions and Answers

- Q&A will occur following the presentation
- Questions can be typed into the Q&A box or you can raise your hand to be called on to ask a question verbally



What is the Pedestrian Plan?

- Update of the 1997 Pedestrian Plan
- Summary of existing conditions
- Vision, goals and objectives for improving walking and rolling in Madison
- Policy and program actions for City and partners
- Does not include specific infrastructure recommendations



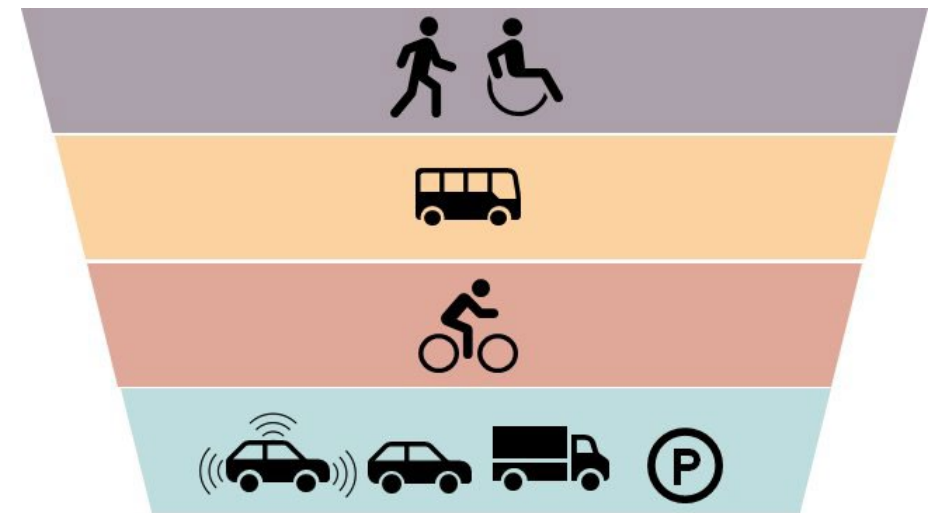
What are walking and rolling?

- Active transportation that generally occurs at walking speeds
 - Walking/jogging
 - Wheelchair and assistive mobility device users
 - Non-electric skateboards, skates, unicycles, and scooters used on sidewalks, usually by children
- Does not include
 - Bicycles (regular and e-bikes)
 - Electric skateboards and scooters
 - Devices operating at speeds similar to bicycles



How was the Plan developed?

- Review of relevant City plans, policies, and practices
- Talking to residents about their experiences and needs
- Data analysis of existing conditions
 - Summary available on the Pedestrian Plan webpage
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/traffic-engineering/biking-walking/get-walking/pedestrian-plan>



Complete Green Streets

Modal Hierarchy

Plan highlights what we do well...

Sidewalks are built by default with street projects

The majority of Safe Streets Madison projects focus on pedestrian safety

98%

of Madison residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park

65%

of streets in Madison have sidewalks on both sides

Sidewalks are regularly inspected for accessibility and replaced as needed



...and where we need work

12%

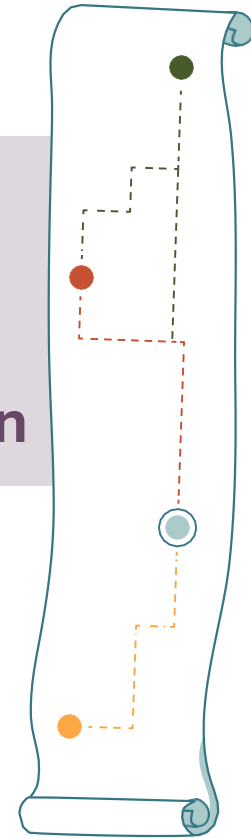
of pedestrian crossings in Madison are high stress

88 MILES

of arterial and collector streets lack sidewalks

High stress crossings and lack of sidewalks limit pedestrian access in many parts of Madison

Pedestrians are involved in **2%** of traffic crashes, but make up **22%** of fatalities and serious injuries



Key Takeaways

- There is **significant potential**—and likely unmet demand—for walking in areas that have not historically been considered hot spots for active transportation.
- Madison has **sidewalks on most streets**. Exceptions include some post-1940s neighborhoods and areas recently annexed.
- Although only about 12% of crossings in Madison are high stress, lengthy **gaps between comfortable pedestrian crossings** reduce walkability to key destinations.



What we are planning

Draft plan overview

Pedestrian Plan Vision Statement

Madison will be a city where walking and rolling are easy, safe, and inviting for everyone—no matter their age, ability, identity, or neighborhood. Walking will be a common and valued way to get around, supported by well-connected walkways, safe crossings, and vibrant public spaces. Sidewalks and paths will link homes, schools, parks, and jobs, helping all communities thrive and stay connected.

Plan Goals

Four goals guide the Draft Pedestrian Plan:

- **Safe:** Ensure that walking and rolling are safe for all users.
- **Comfortable:** Provide places to walk and roll that are comfortable, low-stress, and accessible.
- **Convenient:** Build continuous, interconnected pedestrian networks that easily get people to daily destinations.
- **Enjoyable:** Create places to walk and roll that are welcoming and interesting, ensuring that everyone feels that they belong and are legitimate users of the transportation system.

Measures and Targets

- The plan includes a number of measures and targets to track progress

Measures	Target	Baseline (2026)
Serious and fatal pedestrian crashes	Zero by 2035	20 per year ²
Pedestrian Crashes in Neighborhood Priority Areas (which contain or border 20% of streets in Madison)	<30% of serious/fatal crashes by 2030	39% of serious/fatal crashes ³
Mileage of gaps between low-stress crossings	75 by 2035	150 miles
Percentage of reported sidewalk and crossing maintenance issues resolved each year (snow/ice and vegetation-related)	TBD	TBD
Walkability to schools, grocery stores, and transit stops ⁴ (citywide and in Neighborhood Priority Areas)	85% by 2035 (all categories)	Schools: 63% (52% in NPA) Transit: 61% (58% in NPA) Grocery: 55% (47% in NPA)
Mileage of missing sidewalks on collector and arterial streets (not including sidewalks to be built with new development)	50 by 2035	88 miles
Walking trips to work	Increasing	7.6% (2024) ⁵

Safety

- Chapter focused on improving pedestrian safety
 - Reduce pedestrian crashes and crash severity
 - Prioritize traffic safety for all modes, but particularly vulnerable users, in the design of streets
 - Reduce and eliminate safety disparities
 - Strengthen the local culture of safety
- Existing conditions and analysis:
 - Pedestrian crashes
 - High Injury Network



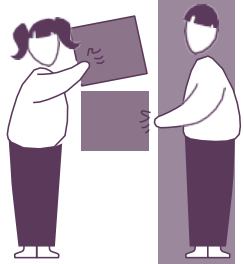
Comfort

- Chapter focused on improving pedestrian comfort
 - Provide sidewalks and paths that have adequate space for all users
 - Develop criteria and processes to implement comfortable street crossings
 - Increase accessibility and ease of use of sidewalks, paths, and crossings
 - Continue to make sidewalks and crossings easily used year-round
- Existing conditions and analysis:
 - Sidewalk and path locations
 - High stress crossing locations



Convenience

- Chapter focused on making walking and rolling more convenient
 - Identify and address gaps in the pedestrian network
 - Provide access to destinations for all individuals
 - Leverage other projects to expand the pedestrian network
 - Prioritize projects that connect underserved parts of the city
- Existing conditions and analysis:
 - Walking trip potential
 - Pedestrian access
 - Crossing gaps
 - Sidewalk gaps



Enjoyment

- Chapter focused on making walking and rolling more enjoyable
 - Encourage people to walk more often by increasing access
 - Enhance the look and feel of streets and paths
 - Make places to walk visually attractive and reflective of community preferences
- Existing conditions and analysis:
 - Current walking levels



Moving Forward

- Chapter focused on implementing the plan
 - Build on the good work already happening across Madison
 - Further institutionalize pedestrian planning and consideration
 - Coordinate across City departments and with outside partners
 - Align investments with available funding

Plan Review & Comments

Tell us what you think

Review the Plan Online

- **Visit** the [Pedestrian Plan website](https://www.cityofmadison.com/traffic-engineering/biking-walking/get-walking/pedestrian-plan)
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/traffic-engineering/biking-walking/get-walking/pedestrian-plan>
- **Click the link** to Explore the Plan

Pedestrian Plan

The City of Madison is developing an update to its 1997 Pedestrian Plan. The plan will provide direction for policy, programs and safety improvements that will increase safety, accessibility and walking connections throughout the City. Funding for this project is through the US DOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program.

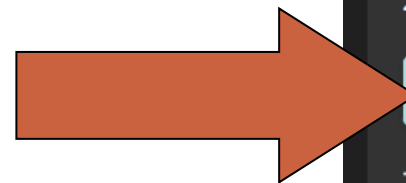
Explore & Comment on the Draft Pedestrian Plan

The Draft Pedestrian Plan is a policy plan that creates a vision for walking in Madison. It provides objectives and actions to guide decision making for issues that impact the safety, comfort, and accessibility of people walking in the City.

Follow the link below to review and provide comments on the Draft Pedestrian Plan. Comments will be accepted until **noon** on Monday, **April 27**.


[Explore the Draft Pedestrian Plan](#)

The Draft Pedestrian Plan contains a number of maps. High resolution





DRAFT Pedestrian Plan

Thank you for viewing the Draft City of Madison Pedestrian Plan.

- Click anywhere in the document below to add a comment.
- You do not need to register for an account or provide an email address, but registering will allow you to track your own comments.
- Comments submitted by noon on April 27 will be compiled and reviewed as the Final DRAFT Plan is completed and for Board, Committee, and Commission (BCC) review.
- When viewing on a computer, click the "Full Screen" button  to open a larger window for viewing.

Visit the [project webpage](#) for more information about the Pedestrian Plan, including background materials and select high resolution maps.

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Introduction

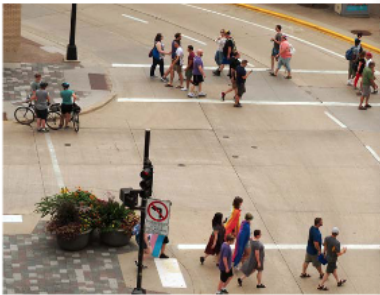
Why Walk?

Walking and rolling—whether on foot, in a wheelchair, or using another mobility device—is the most essential form of transportation. For millennia, walking has been central to human movement, shaping how our species has thrived, connected, and explored the world. Today, it remains the simplest, most affordable, and most universal way to get from place to place. Most of us walk or roll every day—sometimes just a few steps to our car, and sometimes the entire way to a bus stop, school, workplace, or favorite café. People walk for many reasons:

- Transportation**
Traveling to work, school, and errands
- Health**
Getting exercise and supporting physical and mental well-being
- Connection**
Meeting friends, engaging with neighbors, and participating in community life
- Enjoyment**
Experiencing Madison up close and accessing lakes, parks, and nature

Walking in Madison

Madison is already a great place to walk. Sidewalks and a robust network of paths spans the city, and our neighborhood mix of destinations against a beautiful backdrop of lakes and prairies. This combination of urban accessibility and natural beauty makes walking here both practical and inspiring. Through our Complete Green Streets Guide, Madison policy commitment: people walking and rolling come first. We prioritize safe, comfortable spaces to walk along and when tradeoffs arise between driving and walking, people walking and rolling take precedence.



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Pedestrian Plan Timeline

- **Monday, April 27:** Public comment period closes
- **May-June:** Plan revisions
- **Summer:** Plan adoption

Future Public Comment Opportunities (dates TBD)

- Transportation Commission
- Common Council

Stay up to date at the [Pedestrian Plan website](#)



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Questions

- Type your question in the Q&A box
OR
- Raise your virtual hand to be called on
- Please limit your comments to 3 minutes to allow time for others



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