I can't thank you enough for the support that helped make 2014 a banner year for pedestrians. The City of Atlanta stepped up to the plate on sidewalk funding and policy changes. Nothing is final, but momentum is strong: Meanwhile, our call for Safe Routes to Transit has become mainstream.

Check out our 2014 Annual Impact Report to learn how you helped promote pedestrian-friendly streets.

Make sidewalk repairs a reality!
The City of Atlanta’s $250 million infrastructure bond referendum is just a month away. But nothing is final -- and competition for funding is fierce.

Your voice makes a difference. Please encourage city officials to invest more in sidewalk repairs. And let them know which sidewalks deserve top priority.

Three good ways to help out:
1. Speak up at one of the remaining Town Hall meetings. All meetings are from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Location details are available online.
   Feb 17: Piedmont Hospital / Shepherd Center Callaway Auditorium
   Feb 19: Drew Charter School
   Feb 24: John C. Binder Recreation Center
   Feb 26: Atlanta City Hall

2. Attend the March 5 Renew Atlanta Bond Referendum panel discussion
   Thursday, March 5, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
   Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
   235 Andrew Young International Boulevard, NW / Atlanta
   short walk from the Phillips Arena MARTA station

3. Let the city council member for your district know which sidewalks you want fixed. The draft project list includes what government officials refer to as “citywide projects.” An additional $5 million will be allocated to each of the 12 council districts. If you know of bad sidewalks in your area that are not on the citywide project list, please ask your council member to make them a funding priority.
   If approved — with a fair share allocated to curb ramps and sidewalks, the bonds will enable the City to make our sidewalks safe and accessible to all users.
   Oh, one more thing. Happy Valentine’s Day! You can show your love for Atlanta by sharing our video Valentine :) View on our Facebook page here, or watch on vimeo.

A PEDS’ Valentine
With your help, we can make this happen. Your voice matters. Please speak up.

Walk a mile in my shoes
PEDS President Sally Focks recently walked from the Lindbergh MARTA station to the Tara Theater on Choisarsh Bridge. An eye-opening -- and frightening experience.

If you've ever walked on Lindbergh Drive, you know it's a challenge. Along most of it, sidewalks exist on just one side of the street. Despite that, safe crossings are nearly a mile apart. Between those is a badly located crosswalk where pedestrians can't see what's coming.

Even worse, the intersection with highway on and off ramps is designed as though pedestrians don’t exist.

During a recent site visit with Sally, Georgia Department of Transportation engineer Brad Humphrey braved traffic to experience it himself. Brad agreed: conditions are unacceptable. He also committed to create safer crossings. Next step: finding money to implement them.

See something. Say something. And schedule a site visit.