

# PEDESTRIAN ROUTES

The recommended Pedestrian System Framework routes are shown in Figure 5 in this document as well as in the master plans, and are identified in the legend as “major sidewalks and trails”. These are the high priority routes. The gaps analysis identifies those parts which are missing. Gaps are defined as the lack of paved sidewalks on either side of a roadway, or a missing segment in a planned trail. (A comparable gaps analysis for the bikeway system framework appears in the appendices of the master plans.)

The map (Figure 6) identifies where actual gaps exist. However, it does not reflect places where improvements are needed to existing trails and sidewalks. Table 1 however, does provide the details of the field work. While the primary objective was to identify gaps, additional notes were made at the same time to record sidewalk conditions. These included an estimate of the general sidewalk width and condition, identification of landscape panels at the curb to separate pedestrians from vehicles, and notation of the posted travel speed. The last two characteristics affect the impact of moving traffic on pedestrian safety and comfort. This analysis reflects conditions in the summer of 2000.

The Approved and Adopted East Silver Spring and Takoma Park Master Plans describe the Pedestrian System Framework and recommend the creation and implementation of detailed neighborhood plans showing major pedestrian routes. Drafts of such plans are shown in Figures 7 through 10 with the intention that further work will involve close coordination with the neighborhoods themselves.