## **Navigating Your Neighborhood**

## **Evaluate your current location**

Determine whether where you live is impacting your ability to travel and/or use public transportation. Favorable locations include those with the following characteristics:

- Located three or fewer blocks from the nearest transit stop
- Have a secondary transit stop within five blocks (an alternate route will give you more options for places you can travel)
- Sidewalks are level and properly maintained
- Intersections have traffic lights or streets are lightly travelled with crosswalks
- In neighborhoods where you are comfortable walking alone
- Near or within walking distance of your employment
- Within four safe blocks of a grocery store, pharmacy, and other places you visit often
- Residents pick up after their dogs
- Travel time to reach common destinations is not greater than three times the amount of time it would take you to drive

## Keep safety in mind!

If you are comfortable walking in your neighborhood, make sure you know the route well and follow important safety tips:

- Wear brightly colored clothing at night
- Use sidewalks when possible
- Be aware of traffic or areas of potential danger
- Plan in advance for weather issues

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