



Ole Thorson

Ole Thorson is a former President of the International Federation of Pedestrians. Measuring pedestrian mobility and use of sidewalks and crossings, will become more prevalent in traffic management and infrastructure projects in cities in the future, according to Ole, who firmly believes that such data will provide the necessary evidence for improved mobility for pedestrians, and fairer share of highway space, not just in our cities but in rural areas too.

Notes from **Ole Thorson's 5 year walking forecast for Talking Walking**: Recorded over the telephone in August 2013 and published in January 2014 on <http://talkingwalking.net>

As the recording is less clear in places, we have provided a transcript as a pdf that can be downloaded from the Talking Walking website - find the podcast and transcript here: podcast available at <http://www.talkingwalking.net/5-year-walking-forecast/ole-thorson-walking-5-years-from-now/>

To mark the fifth anniversary of Talking Walking, we asked thought leaders to make their 5 year predictions about the state of walking in the fields in which they work and the places where they live. Respondents were asked to call a Skype number to leave their forecast, identifying who they were, what work they were doing that revolved around walking, and what their forecast was for walking in the next five years. We recorded these voice messages and reproduce them here: <http://www.talkingwalking.net/5-year-walking-forecast/>

Links to further information on topics mentioned:

International Federation of Pedestrians: <http://www.pedestrians-int.org/>

Safety audit of all pedestrian crossings in Barcelona: http://www.call.walk21munich.com/presentations/BS605_OleThorson.pdf