



20x20 Vision for walking in 2040 from Kristi Daniel - Transcript

My name is Kristie Daniel and I am the Director of the Liveable Cities Program for an NGO, called the Healthbridge Foundation of Canada. I am calling in today from Ottawa, Canada - it is the capital, and it is where our headquarters is. What am I currently working on that revolves around walking? Well pretty much, a good portion of our work is related to walking in several different ways, so one we actively work on streets, making sure that streets are safe, comfortable, convenient for pedestrians. But we also work a lot on destinations. So making sure that the destinations that people want to go to are actually located within their neighbourhood. And so if you think about the pandemic there were many things where people realised they needed to be able to stay close to home. So you wanted to be able to stay close to home and when you're shopping for food so we have been working on creating local public markets that are located within neighbourhoods in some not in one central started part of the city but in actual neighbourhood themselves. We've also been working on making sure that open public spaces, such as parks, playgrounds and plazas, that those are located within neighbourhoods and that's really important in the pandemic and so what we been working on, as many cities have, is actually closing streets to cars and opening them to pedestrians, and opening them to people.

Kristie's Vision of the world of walking in 2040!

In terms of what my vision for walking in 2040 years is, I would say that it is that everyone lives in a community where they can easily walk to their day-to-day activities and that they can do so comfortably and then they can do so safely. That we have zero deaths related to traffic collisions with cars hitting pedestrians and that destinations are close to everyone so that you can shop for food, you can go to school, you can go to work, you can go to, to a park and you can do all of that within walking. So that's my vision, thank you.