



Walkability

Roadshow

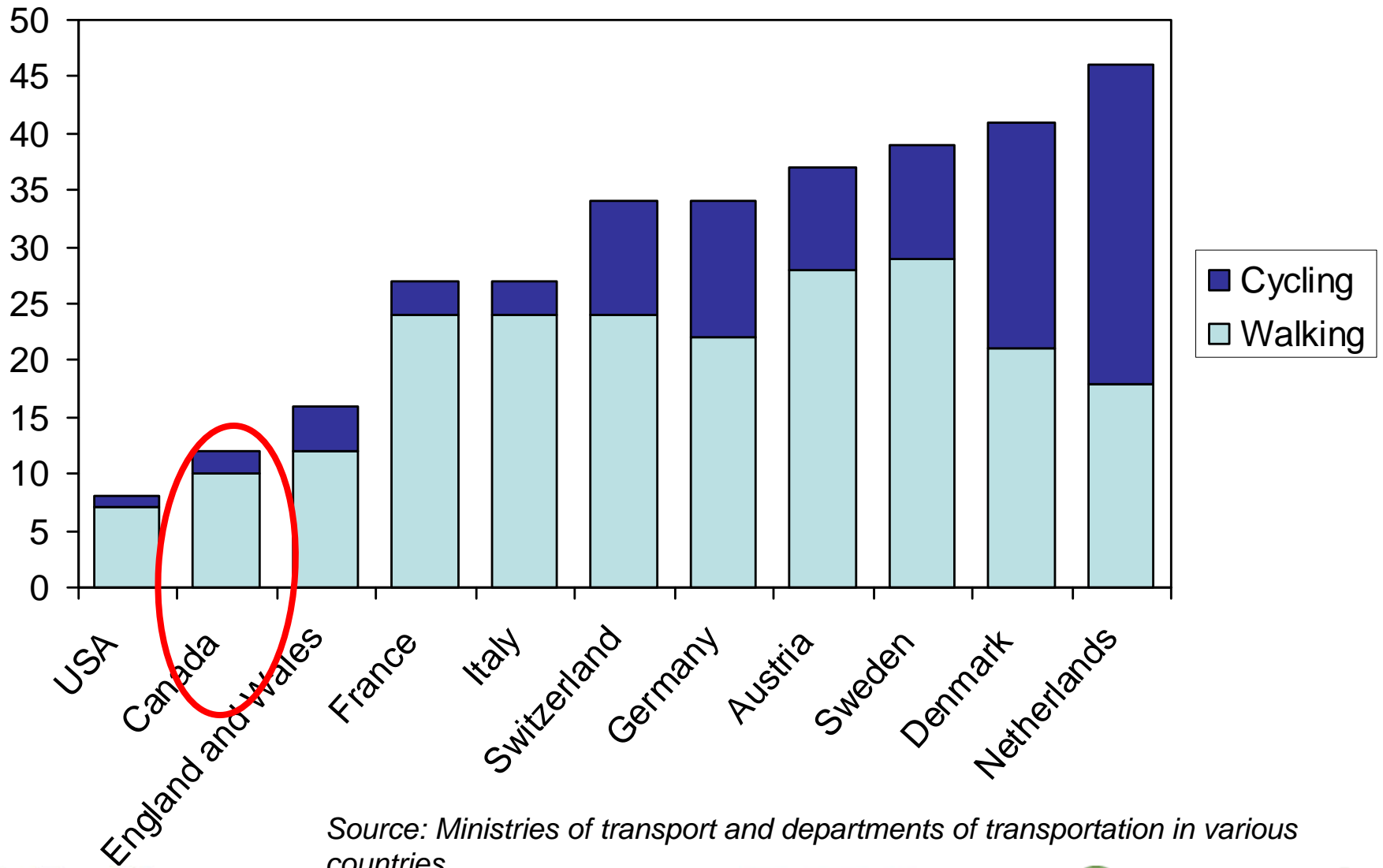
16 April - 4 May 2007

WINTER WALKABILITY

**Presentation to Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Sustainable Communities Conference
February 15, 2008**



Modal Shares of Walking and Cycling in North America and Europe, 1995



Source: Ministries of transport and departments of transportation in various countries

Thanks to Living Streets, U.K.

Roadshow Communities

- Brantford and Brant County
- Collingwood
- Haliburton-Minden
- Halifax Regional Municipality
 - Town of Minto
 - Peterborough
 - City of Greater Sudbury
 - City of Toronto
 - Region of Waterloo



Roadshow Objectives

- Benchmark communities against principles of International Charter for Walking (www.walk21.com)
- Provide professional training
- Inspire decision-makers to support walking
- Hold public forums with 'expert team'
- Set ground work to create communities where people choose to walk

Roadshow Expert Team

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- Rodney Tolley, Honorary Research Fellow, Staffordshire University; Consultant environmental traffic management and walking and bicycle use in integrated travel plans
- Tom Franklin, Living Streets, UK
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- Gil Penalosa, Walk & Bike for Life
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International Charter's Principles

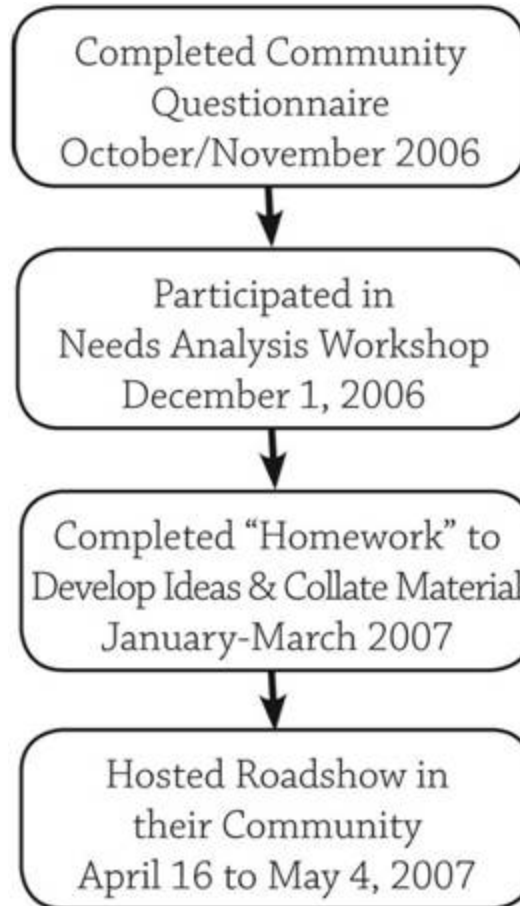
1. *Increased inclusive mobility*
2. *Well designed and managed spaces and places for people*
3. *Improved integration of networks*
4. *Supportive land-use and spatial planning*
5. *Reduced road danger*
6. *Less crime and fear of crime*
7. *More supportive authorities*
8. *A culture of walking*

International Charter for Walking

8. *A culture of walking*

- Is there an understanding of the benefits of walking?
- Are Canadians encouraged to walk for short journeys?
- Do Canadians understand how easy walking can be?

Roadshow Process



- Completed by all 12 communities
- All communities minus HRM and Sudbury
- Completed by all 10 communities
- All communities attended Walk21 and presented

Common Themes

- Revitalising the downtown and/or giving walking a place in it
- Linking recreational walking trails into everyday walking destinations
- Shifting perceptions about walking from a leisure activity to active transportation
- Needing to address current pedestrian hotspots
- Collaborating with a diverse range of stakeholders
- Tackling big box and sprawling suburban development
- Addressing road safety and public health concerns
- ***‘what to do about the snow?’***

Winter Walkability Workshop

An opportunity to:

- Present Roadshow experience
- Position International Charter as benchmark tool
- Assist Canadian communities to integrate walkability into sustainability plans: health, economy, environment, traffic, crime, access



City of Greater Sudbury



Roadshow Experience



Green Communities Canada:

- www.greencommunitiescanada.org
- www.saferoutestoschool.ca
- www.worldrecordwalk.ca
- www.toronto.ca/walk21
- www.walk21.com

