



Street Audit

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Identify places where pedestrians are able to safely walk and where improvements can be made. Evaluators are encouraged to pay special attention to wheelchair access, exercise spaces, and safe bike/pedestrian transportation.

What to Look For:

Sidewalks and bike lanes:

- Is a sidewalk present? Is it wide enough?
- Is the sidewalk cracked, broken, or incomplete?
- Are there trip hazards or accessibility issues?
- Are there bike lanes?
- Would children feel safe biking?
- Is it easy and safe to cross the street?

Safety

- Does walking feel safe from cars?
- Does it feel safe from crime and violence?
- Is traffic too fast?
- Is it well lit?

School Zone

- Are students walking or biking separated from car/bus drop offs?
- Are there safe street/driveway crossings when approaching the school entrance?
- Are there continuous sidewalks / bike paths near school entrances?

Neighborhood

- Are buildings well maintained?
- If you're unsure, do they appear to be vacant?
- Are other people out and about?
- Are there playgrounds or parks?
- Do parks seem unsafe or not well maintained?

Notes:

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Directions: Please fill out the following checklist to note problems in the walking environment. You may use the checklist either for each block you walk, or for your entire route.

First Name and Last Name: _____

Organization, Group, Neighborhood Assoc., Entity, Business Name: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

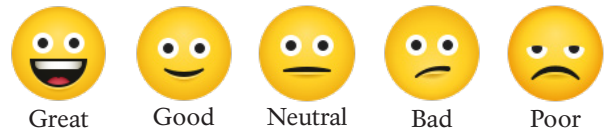
Starting Address: _____

Ending Address: _____

1. Sidewalks:

- No sidewalks or paths
- Sidewalks are broken, cracked, or have trip hazards
- Sidewalks are blocked by overgrown landscaping, poles, signs, plants, vehicles, etc.
- Sidewalk is not continuous
- Sidewalk is not wide enough (two people cannot easily walk together side by side)
- Sidewalk has nothing separating it from the street (grass, trees, parked cars)
- Trash cans available along sidewalk
- Sidewalk is inaccessible due to construction
- Sidewalk or the majority of the sidewalk is in good condition
- Other problems: _____

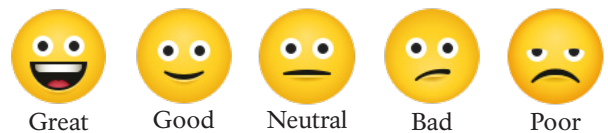
Overall, the quality and safety of sidewalks is:



2. Street Crossings and Intersections:

- The road is too wide to cross easily
- Traffic signals do not give enough time to cross the street
- The crossing does not have a pedestrian-activated button
- There is no crosswalk or it is poorly marked
- I have to walk too far to find a safe, marked crosswalk
- Intersection does not have a curb ramp for carts, wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, etc.
- Curb ramps are inaccessible due to weeds, trash, sediment, etc.
- Crosswalks were safe to cross and clearly marked
- Other problems: _____

Overall, the quality and safety of street crossings and intersections is:





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3. Bicycle Facilities:

- The streets has shared lane markings or sharrows
- The street has striped bike lane or buffered bike lane
- The bike lane has high-visibility green paint
- The bike lane has a physical buffer between vehicle traffic (bollards, planters, curb)
- There is a shared use path separated from the street
- The street has bike racks for secure bike parking
- The bike lane is blocked (vehicles, trash cans, debris, etc.)
- No bicycle facilities were present
- Other problems: _____

Overall, the quality and safety of the bike facilities is:



4. Driver Behavior:

- Drivers do not stop at stop signs or stop behind the crosswalk
- Drivers appear to be speeding
- Drivers do not yield to people walking
- Drivers are distracted (on the phone, texting, paying attention to passengers rather than road)
- Drivers aren't looking out for people walking, make unexpected turns, or seem hostile
- Vehicles are driving/parking in the bike lane
- Drivers respect pedestrians and other road users
- Other problems: _____

Overall, the quality and safety of driver behavior is:



5. Safety:

- Car speeds are too fast
- There's too much traffic
- There are signs to alert drivers of pedestrians and bike riders
- There are streetlights
- Objects or obstacles block pedestrian view
- There are vacant lots or rundown buildings
- There are people on the street who seem threatening
- There are abandoned or unkempt lots and/or structures
- Unleashed dogs or other intimidating animals are present
- Other problems: _____

Overall, the feeling of safety in this area is:





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6. Comfort and Appeal

There is not enough shade from canopies, awnings, or trees

There are not enough street trees or other landscaping

The street needs benches and places to rest

The street needs public art and amenities to become more inviting

Other problems: _____

Overall, the comfort and appeal in this area is:



Great



Good



Neutral



Bad



Poor

Additional Comments:

Image/Video Upload:

Please send any pictures or videos showing opportunities to improve safety, comfort, or accessibility along your Street Audit route to miguel@qeceng.com

Please send any pictured or videos highlighting positive design aspects along your Street Audit route to miguel@qeceng.com

6. Which of the following traffic calming elements would improve safety along your Street Audit route?

Intersection bulbouts: Reduce crossing distances for pedestrians and encourage slower vehicle speeds

Splitter island: Provides pedestrian rest area when crossing multiple lanes and encourages slower vehicle speeds

Roundabout: Reduces vehicle speeds and improves pedestrian visibility; often includes public art and landscaping

Textured/colored crosswalks: Improve crosswalk visibility and alerts drivers of increased pedestrian activity

Chicanes: Promotes reduced vehicle speeds away from intersections

Other: _____

Please send your form to the following address:

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