

PEDESTRIAN REVIEW

The purpose of a pedestrian review is to assess the quality of the walking environment in a chosen study area. Facilities, safety, security, aesthetics, pleasure, motorist behavior, and access to transit all contribute to making an area safer and more comfortable for pedestrians (refer to the Specific Design Guidelines in this document).

Getting Started

- Select a study area or site for evaluation.

Make a rough map of the study area. Maps are accessible through a variety of internet sites such as mapquest.com or multimap.com. Show destinations (like shopping centers, stores, schools, parks, libraries or other places that attract people) on the map.

- Select a time, date and starting location for the review. End the review at the same location.
- Provide a copy of this checklist and the map to everyone participating in the review.

Conducting the Review

- Ask everyone to examine the checklist and the map to become familiar with the area to be reviewed.
- As each person walks, encourage the use of boxes on the review form as potential situations and issues are encountered. Encourage participants to write notes on the review forms and indicate items that are successful as well as areas that need improvement.
- Note locations of specific concerns or successful items on the map.
- Bring a camera. Take pictures of key areas or items that need to be remembered.
- At the conclusion of the audit, discuss the audits and findings. Take notes at the discussion and collect the completed forms from participants.
- Formalize the findings into a report.

PEDESTRIAN REVIEW CHECKLIST

	RATING 1-5 where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree	COMMENTS
Is There a Place to Walk?		
Sidewalks are provided.		
Sidewalks are continuous.		
Sidewalks are clear.		
Sidewalks are in good repair.		
Is it Possible to Cross the Street Safely?		
Crosswalks provided where needed.		
Pedestrian signals are on traffic light poles.		
Mid-block crossings are provided where needed.		
Timing of the traffic lights are adequate to allow people to cross comfortably.		
The intersection width is such that it is comfortable to cross.		
Universal Access - Are the Needs of all Pedestrians Accommodated?		
Curb cuts/ramps are available.		
Ramps lead into crosswalks and not into traffic lanes.		
The width of the sidewalk is adequate for two people to walk abreast.		
The condition of the sidewalk is adequate.		
The boundary of the sidewalk is discernible to pedestrians with low vision.		
Crossing signal actuators are working and accessible.		

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There is enough time to cross the street.		
Is it Pleasant and Convenient to Walk?		
There is enough shade.		
Vegetation provides a shady and comfortable environment.		
The route is free of litter, trash, and debris.		
The route is well lit.		
There is not too much traffic.		
The traffic is not too fast.		
The traffic is not too close to the walkway.		
There is pedestrian access to key destinations.		
The walkways directly access building entrances.		
Do Drivers Behave Well?		
Drivers yield to pedestrians.		
Drivers do not block the crosswalk when they are turning.		
Drivers do not back up without looking.		
Drivers do not block the sidewalk when they are pulling out of parking areas onto the street.		
Is Transit Access Convenient?		
The transit stop is served by a sidewalk.		
The transit stop is close to the main destination.		

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There is a transit shelter.		
It is easy to get to the transit stop.		
The transit stop has seating.		
The transit stop feels safe.		
It's easy to transfer from this transit stop.		
The park and ride feels safe.		
Are There Amenities for Pedestrians?		
There are places to sit along the way.		
Drinking fountains are provided.		
There are trash receptacles.		
There are signs that clearly mark the route.		
There are nearby restrooms.		
Route information is posted.		
There is night lighting.		