

WALKABILITY AUDIT

Walkability measures how friendly an area is to all walkers, including seniors, schoolchildren, wheelchairs, and strollers.

Location: block _____
(Example: 100 East Douglas, south side)

Date & Time _____

WHAT ARE NEARBY DESTINATIONS? (WITHIN 3 BLOCKS)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> On a city bus route | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping center or businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public buildings (gov't/police) | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical clinic/Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Other destinations _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Church | |

CONDITION OF THE SIDEWALK?

- 0 None
- 1 Sections of pavement are missing
- 2 Many broken or uneven sections
- 3 Slightly broken or a few uneven sections
- 4 Smooth sidewalk

HOW WIDE IS THE SIDEWALK?

- 1 Wide enough for one person only
- 2 Wide enough for two people side by side
- 3 Wide enough for three or more people

IS THE SIDEWALK CLEAR?

- 1 Several poles, signs, or branches block sidewalk
- 2 One obstruction
- 3 No obstructions

IS THE SIDEWALK CLOSE TO THE STREET?

- 1 Sidewalk is right next to street (touching curb)
- 2 Sidewalk is slightly separate from street (1 ft or less)
- 3 Sidewalk is more than 3 feet away from traffic

IS THE SIDEWALK SAFE FOR WHEELS?

(strollers, wheelchairs, skateboards, etc)

- 1 No curb ramps to the street
- 2 Curb ramp at one end of block
- 3 Curb ramps at both ends of the block

CROSSWALK FEATURES?

- 0 No crosswalks
- 1 Crosswalk at one end of block, but faded paint
- 2 Painted crosswalk at one end of block
- 3 Painted crosswalks at both ends of the block

INTERSECTION SAFETY FEATURES (circle all that apply)

- 2 Stop sign(s)
- 3 Curb area extends into street so cars can be seen
- 3 Crossing light(s)
- 3 Crosswalk paint is bright and clearly visible

NEGATIVE SURROUNDINGS:

- Fast traffic
- Many cars
- Street lights are missing or broken
- 1+ person(s) who make me feel uncomfortable
- Dog(s) running loose
- Litter
- Multiple parking lot driveways
- Neglected buildings or empty lots
- Other unappealing features _____

____ Total of negatives (SUBTRACT 1 point for each)

TOTAL SCORE FOR SAFETY AND ACCESS _____

Please see instructions on backside.

AUDIT INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for taking your time to help collect information that will be used to improve walkability and other issues that prevent people from easily moving around our city and enjoying our outdoor spaces. Here are a few tips:

1. Invite a partner or friend to go along.
2. Print this form or complete the survey on your mobile phone: BikeWalkWichita.org/walkability
3. If completing a paper audit, circle or mark the appropriate conditions. If interested, add up the final walkability score (not including the Nearby Destinations section).
4. To submit paper audits, take a picture of both sides or scan this document & email it to: info@bikewalkwichita.org. You can also mail audits to: Bike Walk Wichita, 131 S. Laura Street, Wichita, KS 67211
5. Photos: If you snap a few photos along the walk, please email them to: photos@bikewalkwichita.org
6. If you are interested in advocating for improvements, please contact us info@bikewalkwichita.org or join us for a meeting. There are many ways to address needs and improvements.

DEFINITIONS:

Obstruction: any pole, bush, tree, sign, trash bin, or object that blocks the sidewalk.

Parking Lot Driveway: an entrance into a parking lot that crosses through the sidewalk; can be public or privately owned.

NOTES/COMMENTS:

WALKABILITY SCORES:

24 - 30	Celebrate! Residents of all ages and abilities are able to move easily.
17 - 23	Celebrate a little. The area is pretty good.
10 - 16	Okay, but there are barriers making it harder for people to get around.
1 - 9	There are major barriers for residents that need to be addressed. Be careful and take action!
0 or Below	The area is unsafe for pedestrians! Be careful and take action!

Your input will be combined with other audits and used to help make Wichita a safer and more people-friendly city.
THANK YOU!

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