PROMOTING ACTIVE COMMUNITIES (PAC)

COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS AUDIT PRINT VERSION

This print version includes the questions for the Promoting Active Communities Commercial Districts Audit. This print version is similar but not identical to the online version. The print version is intended to provide a way to preview the questions to get a sense of the information needed to complete the audit. It cannot replace the online interactive application.

The paper/print version differs from the online version in the following ways:

- The online version automatically shows the questions you need to answer based on your previous answers. In this print version, instructions on which questions to answer and which to skip are shown in red font.
- The online version automatically calculates answers and point values based on information you type in. In this print version, the automatic calculations are noted in red font.
- In the online version, you can mouse over or hover over the words in blue font to get a definition or examples to provide more information and help you to answer the question.
- In the online version, links to helpful documents are clickable and appear in a different color. In this print version, the links are noted with an underline but are not clickable.
- The online version provides a Feedback Report based on your answers as soon as you submit your assessment. It automatically tabulates your scores and indicates which best practices you are currently achieving. The Feedback Report is available only with the online version.
- The formatting of some questions in the online version may look different from the print version. However, the questions and responses are the same as those included in this document.
Commercial Districts Audit

This audit is designed to assess how the built environment in a commercial district supports physical activity. This audit was designed using evidence-based best practices to help you identify ways that a commercial district can help your community residents and visitors be more physically active. Please be sure to audit the commercial district listed below at a time and under circumstances that are safe for you.

This online audit form should be completed in one session. You may wish to use the print version of this online audit form to record the information while you are visiting the commercial district and then come back to this online form to enter the information. Words/phrases in blue font indicate that you can see definitions/explanations by mousing over the word/phrase.

Please be sure to save your work periodically by clicking the Save button at the bottom of the page. When you have finished entering and saving all the information, please go to the Submit tab to officially submit the audit.

NOTE: If you are visiting the commercial district with another auditor, each auditor should complete a separate online audit form.

The commercial district you are auditing is:

Name:
Location:
Zip Code:

Which of the following best describes your role in your community? If more than one apply, select the role in which you spend the most time.

- Health Coalition Representative
- Community Member
- Economic Development/Business Community Representative
- Municipal Government Planning Department Representative
- Municipal Government Transportation Representative
- Neighborhood Representative
- Parks & Recreation Representative
- Public Health Representative
- Public Works Representative
- School/School District Representative
- Transit Agency or Transportation Representative
- Tribal Community Representative
- Other, Please describe ________________________
Enter the date and time of the audit and describe the weather conditions. If more than one response option applies for an item, select the response that represents the conditions for the majority of the time you spent completing the audit.

Date (MM/DD/YY): _____/_____/_______

Time of day:
- Morning (from sunrise to noon)
- Afternoon (from noon to 4 pm)
- Early evening (from 4 pm to sunset)
- Night (from sunset to sunrise)

Temperature:
- Below 32 degrees Fahrenheit
- 32 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit
- 51 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit
- 71 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit
- Above 90 degrees Fahrenheit

Weather:
- Clear
- Partly Cloudy/Cloudy
- Rain
- Snow

What is the walk score of the commercial district? You can visit https://www.walkscore.com/ to find the walk score.
- 0 to 24
- 25 to 49
- 50 to 69
- 70 to 89
- 90 to 100
- The commercial district does not have a walk score
WALKING AUDIT

Take a strolling walk in a part of the commercial district that is generally representative of the entire commercial district. Cover a distance of about 1/4 of a mile (or a road segment or block between two major intersections) that can be easily walked in about ten (10) minutes. Before you head out, review the questions below. As you assess the conditions of the walkability, pedestrian amenities, safety, and overall conditions on your walk, pay special attention to the items outlined below.

Non-Motorized Infrastructure (Sidewalks, Shared-Use Paths/Trails, On-Road Bike Lanes)

1. Did you see sidewalks and/or shared-use paths/trails on your walk?
   - Yes (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)

   If the answer to Question 1 is Yes, ask 1a (1a1 through 1a5)

   1a. What is the condition of the sidewalks/shared-use paths/trails present?

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<tr>
<th>1a1) The sidewalks/shared-use paths/trails are continuous</th>
<th>Yes (2 pts)</th>
<th>No (0 pts)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1a2) The sidewalk/shared-use path/trail is wide enough. A sidewalk is wide enough if it can accommodate groups of pedestrians and a shared-use path/trail is wide enough if it can accommodate two bicycles</td>
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<td>1a3) The sidewalk/shared-use path/trail is free of cracks or other obstacles</td>
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<td>1a4) Any street furnishings are on the edges of the sidewalk/shared-use path/trail</td>
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<td>1a5) There is a street buffer zone/planting strip</td>
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2. Did you see on-road bike lanes or wide paved shoulders on your walk?
   - Yes (2 pts)
   - No (0 pts)
If the answer to Question 2 is Yes, ask 2a (2a1) through 2a4).

2a. What is the condition of the on-road bike lanes and/or wide paved shoulders present?

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<th>Question</th>
<th>Yes (1 pt)</th>
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<td>2a1) The on-road bike lanes and/or wide paved shoulders are continuous</td>
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<td>2a2) There is a buffer between traffic and the on-road bike lanes</td>
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<td>Answer no if only wide paved shoulders present</td>
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<td>2a3) The on-road bike lanes and/or wide paved shoulders are free of</td>
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<td>cracks or other obstacles such as parked vehicles</td>
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<td>2a4) The on-road bike lanes are clearly designated by striping, signage,</td>
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<td>and pavement markings Answer no if only wide paved shoulders present</td>
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3. Please provide any other comments about the conditions of the sidewalks, on-road bike lanes, and/or wide paved shoulders.
Pedestrian Crossings and Street Safety

4. Are there pedestrian crossings present?
   ○ Yes (2 pts)
   ○ No (0 pts)

   If the answer to Question 4 is Yes, ask 4a (4a1) through 4a5), 4b (4b1) through 4b3), and 4c.

4a. Indicate the characteristics of the pedestrian crossings present.

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<td>4a1) No more than 300 feet between pedestrian crossings</td>
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<td>4a2) Crossings are well-marked</td>
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<td>4a3) Road is narrow enough to safely cross at the pedestrian crossing</td>
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<td>4a4) ADA compliant curb ramps with detectable warning strips, gentle slopes or no level change from sidewalk to street level, etc.</td>
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<td>4a5) People driving and people walking, biking, and rolling have unblocked views of each other at intersections and driveways.</td>
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4b. Indicate the characteristics of any pedestrian signals present. Answer None if no pedestrian signals present.

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<td>4b1) Working/operational pedestrian signals and/or Push-to-Walk signals present</td>
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<td>4b2) Pedestrian signal(s) give people walking at an average speed enough time to cross</td>
<td>○</td>
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<td>4b3) Push-to-Walk signals are accessible to individuals with disabilities Answer None if no Push to Walk signals</td>
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4c. Please provide any other comments about the pedestrian crossings.
5. Did you observe the following safe, clearly designated sidewalks or pathways for people to use, including some that are accessible to individuals with disabilities?
Accessible means surfaces are firm and stable, free of obstacles, and at least three feet wide.

5a. Safe, clearly designated sidewalks/pathways from outside of the commercial district to the store entrances, including accessibility for individuals with disabilities?
   ☐ Yes, including some accessible to individuals with disabilities (4 pts)
   ☐ Yes, but none accessible to individuals with disabilities (2 pts)
   ☐ No, none observed (0 pts)

5b. Safe, clearly designated sidewalks/pathways from parking areas to the store entrances, including accessibility for individuals with disabilities?
   ☐ Yes, including some accessible to individuals with disabilities (4 pts)
   ☐ Yes, but none accessible to individuals with disabilities (2 pts)
   ☐ No, none observed (0 pts)

5c. Safe, clearly designated sidewalks/pathways from store to store, including accessibility for individuals with disabilities?
   ☐ Yes, including some accessible to individuals with disabilities (4 pts)
   ☐ Yes, but none accessible to individuals with disabilities (2 pts)
   ☐ No, none observed (0 pts)

6. To what extent is lighting present from store to store, from stores to parking areas, etc.? If you are conducting the audit during daylight hours, answer based on the number and location of the lighting fixtures you see.
   ☐ Lighting that illuminates more than 75% of the areas (6 pts)
   ☐ Lighting that illuminates 25% - 75% of the areas (2 pts)
   ☐ Lighting that illuminates less than 25% of the areas (0 pts)
   ☐ No lighting (0 pts)
7. Indicate which of the following safety/perceived safety concerns are present. Check all that you observe.

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<th>Safety Concern</th>
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<th>No (2 pts)</th>
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<td>7a. Vehicles on the roadway appear to move faster than 25 miles per hour</td>
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<td>7b. Heavy traffic present</td>
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<td>7c. The signs or directions for drivers and pedestrians are unclear</td>
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<td>7d. Vacant lots are present</td>
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<td>7e. Abandoned buildings are present</td>
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<td>7f. Non-commissioned graffiti is present</td>
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<td>7g. Broken or boarded windows are present</td>
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<td>7h. Excessive litter or broken glass present</td>
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<td>7i. Poorly maintained features and/or properties present</td>
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<td>7j. Evidence of threatening behavior present</td>
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7.1 Please provide any other comments about street safety.
Outdoor Gathering Spaces and Activities

8. **In outdoor public gathering spaces** to what extent is lighting present? If you are conducting the audit during daylight hours, answer based on the number and location of the lighting fixtures you see:
   - Lighting that illuminates more than 75% of the areas (4 pts)
   - Lighting that illuminates 25% - 75% of the areas (2 pts)
   - Lighting that illuminates less than 25% of the areas (0 pts)
   - No lighting (0 pts)
   - Not applicable, no public gathering spaces (0 pts)

9. **Do the areas adjacent to store entrances have sidewalks over twelve feet wide?**
   - Yes (6 pts)
   - No (0 pts)

10. **Did you observe any activities or programs going on or any evidence that programs occur in your commercial district, such as flyers, posters, and schedules for upcoming activities and programs?**
    - Yes (3 pts)
    - No (0 pts)

Commercial District Amenities

11. Based on your observations, indicate which of the following amenities that encourage physical activity are present.

   11a. **Benches and/or other places to sit present**
       - Yes, including some accessible to individuals with disabilities (3 pts)
       - Yes, but none accessible to individuals with disabilities (1 pt)
       - No (0 pts)

   11b. **Garbage cans present**
       - Yes, including some accessible to individuals with disabilities (2 pts)
       - Yes, but none accessible to individuals with disabilities (1 pt)
       - No (0 pt)

   11c. **Drinking fountains present**
       - Yes, including some accessible to individuals with disabilities (2 pts)
       - Yes, but none accessible to individuals with disabilities (1 pt)
       - No (0 pt)

   11d. **Public art present**
       - Yes (1 pt)
       - No (0 pts)
11e. **Sidewalks or shared use paths/trails are shaded by trees, landscaping, or shade structures**
   - More than 75% of the areas are shaded (2 pts)
   - 25% - 75% of the areas are shaded (1 pt)
   - Less than 25% are shaded (0 pts)
   - None are shaded (0 pts)

11f. **Wayfinding signs present**
   - Yes (1 pt)
   - No (0 pts)

11g. **Bicycle route signs present**
   - Yes (1 pt)
   - No (0 pts)

11h. **Signs that display the minutes needed to walk to nearby destinations present**
   - Yes (1 pt)
   - No (0 pts)
Access and Connectivity

12. Indicate the kinds of active transportation options that serve or are supported by this commercial district.

12a. A public transit stop is located in or within sight of the commercial district
   - Yes (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)

12b. Bicycle parking is available in the commercial district
   - Yes (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)

12c. Sidewalks, trails and/or paths are connected to the commercial district
   - Yes (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)

12d. The commercial district is located on an on-road bike lane or bicycle route
   - Yes (4 pts)
   - No (0 pts)

13. How do you see most people coming and going from the commercial district?
   - Most come and go by bicycle, walking, and/or public transit (2 pts)
   - Most come and go by motor vehicle (0 pts)

14. How do you see most people moving within the commercial district?
   - Most move within the district by bicycle, walking, and/or public transit (2 pts)
   - Most move within the district by motor vehicle (0 pts)

15. Do the points of entry to the commercial district provide convenient access for residents and promote a feeling of safety?
   - Yes (3 pts)
   - No (0 pts)

Overall Impressions

17. Please use the space below to describe any features of this commercial district that might encourage or inhibit its use for physical activity.

18. What is one thing you would do to improve this commercial district?