

# Making your Community more walkable

		What you and your child can do IMMEDIATELY	What you and your community can do with more time
<b>1. Did you have room to walk safely?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidewalks broken/cracked</li> <li>• Sidewalks blocked</li> <li>• No sidewalks, paths or shoulder</li> <li>• Too much traffic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick another route for now</li> <li>• Tell local transportation engineers or public works department about specific problems, and provide a copy of checklist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak up at board/development meetings</li> <li>• Write or petition the city for walkways</li> <li>• Gather neighborhood signatures</li> <li>• Make media aware of problem</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Was it easy to cross streets?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road too wide</li> <li>• Had to wait too long for the signal or did not have enough time to cross</li> <li>• Crosswalks/traffic signals needed</li> <li>• View of traffic blocked by parked cars, trees, or plants</li> <li>• Needed curb range; ramp needed repair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick another route for now</li> <li>• Share problems and checklist with local transportation engineers or public works department</li> <li>• Trim your trees and bushes that block the street and ask neighbors to do the same</li> <li>• Leave nice notes on problem cars, asking owners not to park there</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your local transportation engineer about possible solutions</li> <li>• Give report identifying parked cars that are safety hazards to transportation engineer</li> <li>• Report illegally parked cars to the police</li> <li>• Request that public works department trim trees so as not to obstruct view of traffic</li> <li>• Make media aware of problem</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Did drivers behave well?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backed without looking</li> <li>• Did not yield</li> <li>• Turned into walkers</li> <li>• Drove too fast</li> <li>• Sped up to make traffic lights or drove through red lights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick another route for now</li> <li>• Set an example; slow down and be considerate of walkers</li> <li>• Encourage your neighbors to do the same</li> <li>• Report unsafe driving to police</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with your city to organize neighborhood speed watch program</li> <li>• Request more police enforcement</li> <li>• Ask city planners and traffic engineers for traffic calming ideas</li> <li>• Request protected turn signals</li> <li>• Ask schools about getting crossing guards at key locations where children cross</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Was your walk pleasant?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs grass, flowers, trees</li> <li>• Scary or unleashed dogs</li> <li>• Suspicious activity</li> <li>• Not well lit</li> <li>• Dirty, lettered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick another route for now</li> <li>• Ask neighbors to keep dogs leashed or fenced</li> <li>• Report scary or unleashed dogs to animal control department</li> <li>• Report suspicious activity to police</li> <li>• Report lighting needs to the city public works department</li> <li>• Take a walk with a trash bag</li> <li>• Plant trees, flowers and bushes in your yard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request increased police enforcement</li> <li>• Start a crime-watch program in your neighborhood</li> <li>• Organize a community cleanup day</li> <li>• Sponsor a tree planting day</li> <li>• Sponsor a neighborhood beautification day</li> </ul>	



# Examples of some Potential solutions for typical School Walk Route Deficiencies

Typical Deficiencies	Solutions to Consider
High traffic volumes at crossings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interrupt or re-route traffic flow</li> </ul>
High pedestrian volumes at crossings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Widen marked crosswalk</li> <li>• Install grade separation</li> <li>• Provide crossing guard</li> </ul>
High vehicular speeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install warning signs</li> <li>• Enforce school zone speed limit</li> </ul>
Accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase enforcement</li> <li>• Provide public education</li> <li>• Realign school boundaries</li> <li>• Designate best walk routes</li> </ul>
Extremely wide street which students must cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install median refuge</li> <li>• Realign school boundaries</li> <li>• Construct grade separation</li> <li>• Bus students</li> </ul>
Sight distance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add warning signs</li> <li>• Reconstruct facilities</li> <li>• Relocate crossings</li> <li>• Remove obstructions</li> </ul>
Roadway pavement deterioration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase maintenance efforts</li> <li>• Reconstruct roadway</li> </ul>
Gaps in traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interrupt traffic flow</li> </ul>
Inadequate pedestrian facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install sidewalks or pathways</li> <li>• Change designated route</li> </ul>
Child perception deficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide public education and student training</li> </ul>
Children with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide special education</li> <li>• Provide crossing guards or patrol</li> <li>• Provide special transportation</li> </ul>
Driver violation of warning devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase enforcement</li> <li>• Provide public education</li> <li>• Review and modify placement or design of warning devices</li> </ul>
Inadequate street lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install street lighting</li> </ul>
Driver inattention accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add flashing lights on warning signs</li> <li>• Install additional sign for medians</li> <li>• Increase enforcement at problem locations</li> </ul>
Child violation of warning devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase enforcement</li> <li>• Provide student education</li> <li>• Review and modify placement of warning devices</li> </ul>
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Crosswalk difficult for motorists to see	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your local traffic engineer about re-striping the crosswalk</li> </ul>