



## Neighbourhood Street Audit

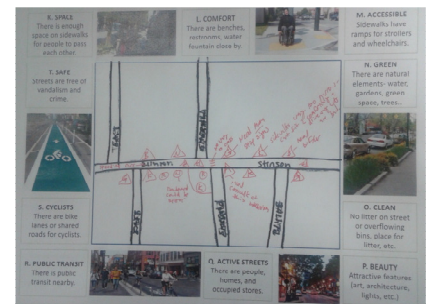
This tool was designed to help neighbours identify things that could be improved to make our streets safer to walk, roll, and play on. There are many things that go into safe streets, such as wider sidewalks, clearly identified crosswalks where needed, the tree canopy, and accessible sidewalks for wheelchairs and strollers. After auditing your street, you will have identified spots for future improvements.

### Things you need:

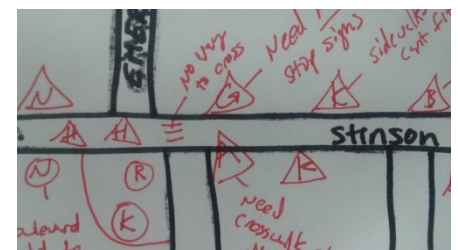
- Pen/pencil
- Clipboard/something to write on
- 1-2 hours
- Single-sided printouts of the audit tool

### How to use this tool:

1. **Find a partner:** This tool is meant to be completed by two or more people, but can be done independently. Since there are two pages of the audit, it would be easiest to assign on person to a page.
2. **Identify study area:** Identify one main intersection that you will focus on and choose a one- to two-block radius around that intersection.
3. **The map:** Write in your intersections on the space provided on the audit tool, turning it into a map of your area. The map will capture location, but does not need to be accurate or to scale. If possible print a map from google before heading out.
4. **Familiarize yourself with features:** Read through the features we ask you to look out for before heading out on the audit. Each feature has an identifier letter. These letters will be used to map out where positive features exist, and where they are lacking.
5. **Walk:** Head out on your audit walk and observe the street and surrounding area.
6. **Note what and where:** On your walk, use the letter identifiers to map out where a feature exists and does not exist.
  - Indicate that something needed **does not exist** by placing a triangle around the letter identifier: 
  - Indicate that something **does exist** by placing a circle around it: 
7. **Pictures:** Take pictures of what you're observing.
8. **Fill in the map:** By the end, your map will be filled with letters and notes as needed.
9. **Prioritize:** At the end of the audit, identify the priority challenges on the street.



**A. CROSSWALKS**  
There are crosswalks where you need them.



### Next Steps:

Once priorities have been identified, work with your community to identify methods to address these improvements. Identify city reviews that might be relevant, bring this information to your Councillor, and work with your neighbourhood to implement grassroots level projects, utilizing community engagement and festivals such as 100in1Day and Jane's Walk to bring attention to the problem areas.

### A. CROSSWALKS

Are there crosswalks where you need them?



### B. BUFFER

Are there buffers between pedestrians and moving vehicles?



### C. GOOD SIDEWALKS

Are sidewalks in good condition (even, paved...)?

### D. TRAFFIC CALMING

Are roads designed to reduce speed (speed bumps, extended curbs)?

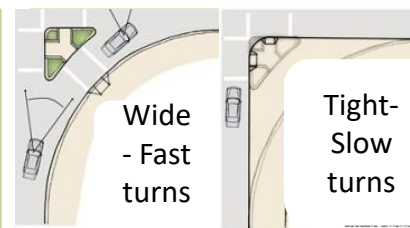


### E. SPEED

Is the speed limit suitable for this street?

### F. Curb radius

Are curbs tight to slow down turning cars & shorten crossing distances?



### G. STOP SIGNS

Are there stop signs where you need them?

### J. CLEAR CROSSWALKS

Are crosswalks identifiable and clearly marked?



### I. TIME TO CROSS

Can you get across the street before the light changes?

### H. CAREFUL CARS

Do cars yield to pedestrians at stop signs, crosswalks, don't speed, etc.?



### **K. SPACE**

Is there enough space on sidewalks for people to pass each other?



### **L. COMFORT**

Are there benches, restrooms, water fountain close by?



### **M. ACCESSIBLE**

Do sidewalks have accessibility features (ramps, urban brail...)?

### **T. SAFE**

Are streets free of vandalism and crime?



### **N. GREEN**

Are there natural elements- water, gardens, green space, trees...?



### **S. CYCLISTS**

Are there bike lanes or shared roads for cyclists?

### **O. CLEAN**

Are streets free of litter, overflowing bins, etc.?

### **R. PUBLIC TRANSIT**

Is there public transit nearby?



### **Q. ACTIVE STREETS**

Are there people, homes, and occupied stores?



### **P. BEAUTY**

Are there attractive features (art, architecture, lights, etc.)?