



Walk  
massachusetts

# walk audit prompts

## A GUIDE FOR OBSERVATIONS & COMMENTS

You don't need to comment on every element—consider highlighting elements/or lack thereof, that are important to your walking experience.

Along the walk audit route, think about:

**Safety:** do you feel safe?

**Comfort:** do you feel comfortable?

**Destinations:** what types of destinations are present?

**Connections:** can you safely walk between destinations? Are they accessible?

### SAFETY

- Sidewalks
  - Quality: materials, smoothness, angles, width, interruptions
- Crosswalks
  - Safety, visibility, signage, accessibility, ADA curb ramps, bump outs, raised crosswalk, paint, daylighting, drainage/puddling)
- Curb cuts: width, frequency, conflicts
- Lighting
  - Along sidewalks and at crosswalks
- Signage
  - Crosswalks, speed limit, speed feedback signs, wayfinding
- Vehicle speed /elements
  - Excessive speed, wide lanes, wide turns, no speed limit signage, only 1 mode on road (no bike or bus lanes)
- Signals
  - Countdown, accessible (audible, tactile), enough crossing time, protected walk time, automatic recall/walk phase

### DESTINATIONS

- Variety of destinations that appeal to all people (ages, abilities, races, income-levels)
- Numerous useful destinations + services
- Ability to walk between nearby destinations
- Signage helping/encouraging people walking and biking to access local assets

### COMFORT

- Mode balance
  - Quality of infrastructure to promote safe walking, biking, transit & driving)
- Air quality: idling, diesel fumes, etc.
- Verge: separation of walkers from vehicles
  - On-street parking
  - Street trees
  - Grassy area/landscape elements
- Street furnishings: benches, trash cans
- Shade
- Maintenance year-round
  - Snow removal, snow storage, vegetation trimming, trash removal
- Attractive elements that encourage activity
- Fenestration: Inviting storefronts & windows

### CONNECTIONS

- Sidewalks to the places you want to walk
- Crosswalks enough and where needed to get to your destinations
- Sidewalk / crosswalks connect audit area to other parts of town
- Ease of walking to connect to transit, bus, bike share, secure bike parking

RECORD YOUR OBSERVATIONS ►



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# observations

Who you connected with:

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