Fowler Avenue
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Fowler Area Vision Plan Walk Audit

Instructions

Use this Walk Audit to score your walk in the Fowler Area. Any walk worth taking should be useful, safe, comfortable, and interesting. Plan to walk for about an hour. As you walk, check off what you see along your route. Read through the checklist before you start walking so you know what to look for. Help us create the Fowler Avenue Vision Plan by completing this Walk Audit in the Fowler Area!

The Useful Walk: Does the sidewalk lead somewhere? Can you walk where you need to go?
The Safe Walk: Can you safely walk to the places you need to go to?
The Comfortable Walk: Is the pedestrian experience comfortable?
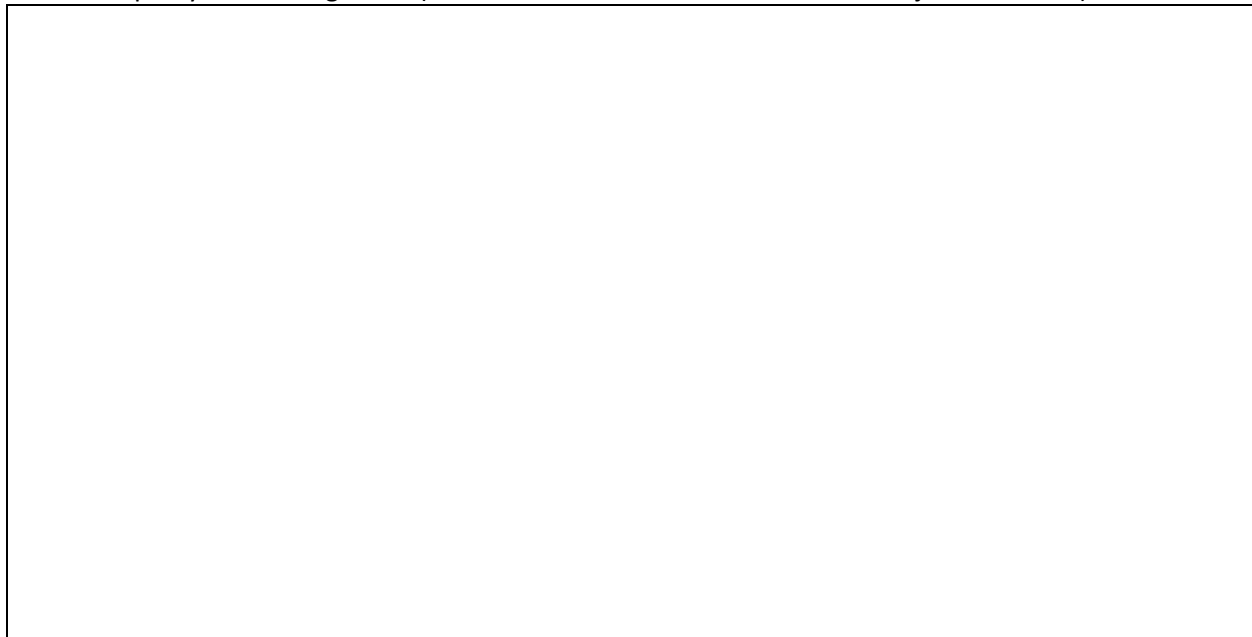The Interesting Walk: Is the pedestrian experience appealing?

Before you Walk

Date of walk: _____   Day of the week: _____
Time walk began: _____ Time walk ended: _____

Walk Route __ 1   __2   __3
Draw a map of your walking route (include names of streets and indicate major landmarks):

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The Useful Walk

Sidewalks

☐ Sidewalks are clear (not blocked by poles, signs, shrubs, dumpsters, low-hanging trees, etc.)
☐ Pedestrian signage is easy to find and easy to read

Intersections & Street Crossings

☐ The traffic signal is timed so pedestrians don't wait too long before crossing

Bikes & Buses

☐ Bus stops are connected to the sidewalk
☐ There are bike racks or bike parking along the walk

Buildings

☐ There are at least 3 different types of destinations along the walk, including:

☐ Housing   ☐ Civic
☐ Shopping   ☐ Recreation
☐ Eating

Notes: _____

The Safe Walk

Sidewalks

☐ Sidewalks are continuous (no gaps)
☐ Sidewalks are not blocked (no utility poles or signs in the sidewalk)
☐ Pets are leashed
☐ Car traffic is not moving too fast (pedestrians feel safe walking along this steet)

Intersections & Street Crossings

☐ Crosswalks are striped/clearly marked
☐ Crosswalks are textured/marked for people with visual impairments
☐ Crosswalks are well-lit
☐ The travel lanes/road are narrow enough to safely cross

Bikes & Buses

☐ There are safe bike lanes along the walk

Buildings

☐ Building entrances are safe and inviting to pedestrians

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The Comfortable Walk

Sidewalks
- ☐ Sidewalks are wide enough for two people to pass each other comfortably (generally 5 feet minimum).
- ☐ There is a buffer between traffic and the sidewalk
- ☐ There are water fountains and/or bathrooms along the walk
- ☐ The street has shade trees
- ☐ The street has benches and places to rest

Intersections & Street Crossings
- ☐ The traffic signal is timed so pedestrians have plenty of time to cross

Bikes & Buses
- ☐ Bus stops provide seating and shelter (from sun & rain)
- ☐ The air is clean and easy to breathe
- ☐ The car traffic isn't too loud

Buildings
- ☐ Buildings are close enough together to comfortably walk place-to-place

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The Interesting Walk

Sidewalks
- ☐ Other people are out walking on the sidewalks
- ☐ The streets are clean and free of debris, litter, and/or trash
- ☐ The street has grass, flowers, and landscaping
- ☐ The grass and/or landscaping is well-maintained

Buildings
- ☐ Building access directly from the sidewalk (without walking through the parking lot)
- ☐ Most of the buildings seem the right size for the street (not too big or too small)
- ☐ The buildings are not spread too far apart (easy to walk from one place to another)

Environment
- ☐ There is activity happening outside the buildings
- ☐ There is public art (i.e., sculpture, mural, etc.) along the walk
- ☐ There is a public park, plaza, or other public space along the walk

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Scorecard (After you Walk)

How many items did you mark in each category?

☐ Useful   ☐ Comfortable

☐ Safe   ☐ Interesting

8-10 = excellent   5-7 = okay   0-4 = not good

Write-in Questions

Would you walk here at **night**?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Why or why not?_____
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What was **missing** from your walk? _____

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Submit your Findings

If you completed this walk audit on your own, please upload images of your completed Walk Audit at www.planhillsborough.org/fowler-avenue-vision-study/

Or by scanning: