Appendix B: Sample General Walk Audit Checklist

Directions: Please fill out the following checklist to note problems in the walking environment. You may use the checklist either for each block you walk, or for your entire route.

1. **Sidewalks:**
   - No sidewalks or paths
   - Sidewalks are broken, cracked, or have trip hazards
   - Sidewalks are blocked by overgrown landscaping, poles, signs, plants, vehicles, etc.
   - Sidewalk is not continuous
   - Sidewalk is not wide enough (two people cannot easily walk together side by side)
   - Sidewalk has nothing separating it from the street (grass, trees, parked cars)
   - Other problems: _______________________________________
   - _______________________________________________________

   Overall, the quality and safety of sidewalks is:
   ![Smiley faces indicating quality and safety level]

2. **Street Crossings and Intersections:**
   - The road is too wide to cross easily
   - Traffic signals do not give enough time to cross the street
   - The crossing does not have a pedestrian-activated button
   - There is no crosswalk or it is poorly marked
   - I have to walk too far to find a safe, marked crosswalk
   - Intersection does not have a curb ramp for carts, wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, etc.
   - Other problems: _______________________________________
   - _______________________________________________________

   Overall, the quality and safety of street crossings and intersections is:
   ![Smiley faces indicating quality and safety level]

3. **Driver Behavior:**
   - Drivers do not stop at stop signs or stop behind the crosswalk
   - Drivers appear to be speeding
   - Drivers do not yield to people walking
   - Drivers are distracted (on the phone, texting, paying attention to passengers rather than road)
   - Drivers aren’t looking out for people walking, make unexpected turns, or seem hostile
   - Other problems: _______________________________________
   - _______________________________________________________

   Overall, the quality and safety of driver behavior is:
   ![Smiley faces indicating quality and safety level]
Appendix B (cont.): Sample General Walk Audit Checklist

4. Safety:
- Car speeds are too fast
- There’s too much traffic
- Street lights are few or not present
- There are people on the street who seem threatening
- Unleashed dogs or other loose intimidating animals are present
- Other problems: ______________________________________
  ______________________________________________________

Overall, the feeling of safety in this area is:

5. Comfort:
- There is not enough shade from canopies, awnings, or trees
- There are few or no street trees or other landscaping
- There are vacant lots or rundown buildings
- The street needs benches and places to rest
- Other problems: ______________________________________
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Overall, the comfort and appeal in this area is:

Additional Comments:
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