

How Complete Is Your Street?

These are starter questions intended to get you thinking about the completeness of the streets. It is not a formula; ultimately, how you feel as a user of the street is most important.

- Are there sidewalks? Are they wide enough to handle the observed activity?
- Are there crosswalks? If so, how are the crossing marked and are they marked well?
- Are there enhanced pedestrian features such as flashing signals?
- Is there a pedestrian countdown timer?
- Is there a separate bike lane or a shoulder wide enough to accommodate bikes?
- If there isn't separate space for bikes, is the traffic flow slow and/or light enough to make biking in a mixed traffic comfortable?
- What is the posted speed limit? Do the vehicles appear to be honoring the speed limit?
- Is the speed of the vehicles intimidating to a pedestrian?
- How wide is the street? How many lanes? How wide are the lanes? Are the crossing distances intimidating?
- If more than two lanes, is there a pedestrian refuge island?
- Are the corner radii large and sweeping to accommodate vehicles or are they smaller and appropriate for pedestrian activity?
- Are there turning lanes? If so, how are bike turns handled at intersections?
- Is there storage facilities for bikes?
- Are there local destinations, like shops, schools, offices and homes, that draw pedestrians? What types of land uses are present (residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural) and where are they located in relation to the streets?
- Is the street framed in a way that creates the sense of an outdoor room? Is there a sense of enclosure created by buildings, trees and/or parked cars?
- Are the street walls (building fronts) transparent? Are their windows at ground level? It is an interesting place to walk?

Ideas for Improvement

Now take some time to diagnosis the street and write down your initial ideas for improving it.

How do you feel as a pedestrian on this street?

Would you feel comfortable bicycling on this street?

List ten things that you would do to improve this street that could be done right away and wouldn't cost a lot:

What changes to this street would you make in the long term that would have the biggest impact?

What local partnerships or local talent can you identify that could help implement some of your proposed improvements?