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How Walkable is my Neighborhood?

Your name, Class of _____
School, School District, City

Make it your own!

- Click "File" and **Copy** or **Download** this template
- Replace any **orange text** with your own details
- Adjust the procedure to achieve your goals
- Swap out sample data with your own
- Storytelling is the key! Get creative with it

1. Impact Design

Impact Statement - If I assess the walkability of my neighborhood and identify barriers and opportunities for improvement, I can inspire my community and city leaders to invest in safe, accessible, and inclusive pedestrian infrastructure.

Community Alignment	
Group	Goal/Action
King County Association of Governments - Implements pedestrian access and equity initiatives.	See King County's Active Transportation Plan pages 5-6 to learn about what active transportation is and why it is important.
Feet First - WA-based nonprofit advocating for walkable communities.	Feet First supports creating safe, healthy, equitable walking spaces for communities in Washington. Safe Routes to School is one of their initiatives.
Seattle Public School District - Serves over 49 thousand students across Seattle.	Supports Safe Routes to School to improve student health through increased walkability and reduced traffic emissions.

Procedure - Steps for implementation!

- Map It Out:** Define your neighborhood's boundaries. Use tools like [Walk Score](#), [Close](#), and Google Maps to assess what's in these boundaries. Are you close to transportation, groceries, school, parks, etc?
- Observe & Reflect:** Walk a common route (e.g. to school, store, park) and document the experience.
 - Take a simple audit: note sidewalk width/condition, curb cuts, crossing times, lighting, benches, greenery, and any hazards.
 - Complete the Walkability Assessment Questions listed below to analyze your neighborhood.
- Community and Expert Voices:** Learn about
 - Interview 1–2 neighbors or family members about their walking habits and the barriers they experience in your neighborhood.

- b. Reach out to [King County's Target Zero](#) or [King County's Active Transportation Plan](#) organizers to see what projects are happening in your area.
4. **Do the Math:** Follow the steps listed below to quantify your impact.
5. **Propose a [Micro-Solution](#):** Create a mock-up of a solution for one location in your neighborhood. This might include a painted crosswalk, traffic-calming bump-outs, more trees for shade, etc. This can be as simple as screenshotting a portion of your local google map and inserting images, like [this](#).
6. **Share Your Solution:** Talk to your family and friends or complete one of the impact storytelling strategies below.

2. Impact Data Tracking - Quantify your impact!

Walkability Assessment Questions:

- Is there a continuous sidewalk network?
- Are crosswalks frequent and visible?
- Do intersections have pedestrian signals and sufficient crossing time?
- Are there benches or shade along the way?
- Is the route accessible for all ages and abilities?
- Are you close to public transportation? Are the stops well-lit? Are there benches?
- Are you near parks or green spaces?
- Are there groceries, stores, or other shops nearby?

Quantifying Your Impact:

- Assess your common route to compare driving versus walking (e.g., the route to school). Use [EPA's Greenhouse Gas Calculator](#) to estimate emissions avoided by replacing short car trips with walking.
- Count how many people you surveyed or interviewed.
- Measure your walk score and propose improvement areas in your mini-solution!

3. Impact Storytelling - Share your data with who needs to know! See more [tips](#)

Think on 4 scales of stakeholders... Family, School, Community, and Aligned Groups

Stakeholder	Interests	Approach
Family — Parents	Safety for kids & time outdoors	Share your walk audit results and propose a family walk challenge to nearby parks or stores.
School — Peers & Staff	Safety, climate action, fitness	Create a poster or short video showcasing what a “walk audit” is and how others can do one.
Community — Neighborhood Council or HOA	Livability and equity	Present your audit to a neighborhood meeting with visuals and a call to action.

Aligned Groups — Feet First	Statewide walkability advocacy	Submit your findings and story to their newsletter or blog. Ask about joining a Safe Route to School event.
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