Charlotte Plan4Health: Walkability Audit

Route: Clanton Road from South Tryon St. to West Blvd.

Date:______________ Time Started: _______ Time Finished:_________

Participants: __________________________________________________________

**Location 1**
South Tryon St. & Clanton Rd.

**Location 2**
Clanton Rd to Barringer Dr.

**Location 3**
Clanton Rd. to Sargeant Dr.

**Location 4**
Irwin Creek Greenway

**Location 5**
Clanton Rd. to West Blvd.

**Location 6**
West Blvd. & Clanton Rd.
Instructions
• Record your observations for each location on the sheets provided.
• **Try to think about your experience from a variety of viewpoints** - as a pedestrian, bicyclist, transit rider, and motorist.
• There is space for additional notes/observations at the back of the worksheet.
• **Be prepared to share your thoughts with the group along the way!**
• Turn in your worksheet to the tour leader after the tour is finished.

Continue the Conversation
• **Lead your own walk audit with friends and family!** You can download and print the AARP Sidewalk and Streets Survey at www.aarp.org/livable-communities.
• Stay tuned for more updates on Charlotte’s first pedestrian plan, Charlotte WALKS. Go to www.charlottenc.gov/CharlotteWALKS for more information.
• Learn more about local initiatives to promote physical activity at Charlotte Plan4Health: http://www.plan4health.us/plan4health-coalitions/
• Please feel free to share your observations with the contacts below.

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Location

Intersection of South Tryon St. & Clanton Rd.

Walking Across Clanton Rd. (circle one):
• Does the pedestrian signal have a push-to-walk button that is accessible and working properly?  Y  N
• Does the pedestrian signal allow adequate time to cross?  Y  N
• Does the crossing distance feel comfortable?  Y  N
• Does the crossing have wheelchair ramps and textured panels to assist people with disabilities?  Y  N
• Do you agree with the following statement? “This crossing is comfortable and inviting for people of all ages and abilities.”
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

• Could anything be done to make this crossing better? (Please be specific.)

Clanton Rd. from South Tryon St. to Barringer Dr.

Walking Along Clanton Rd. (*east side by Staff Masters*) (circle one):
• Are the sidewalks wide (at least 6 feet) and in good condition (i.e. no missing or broken panels)?  Y  N
• Is there a sufficient buffer between sidewalks and traffic?  Y  N
• Does the street include sufficient lighting, shade trees, and landscaping?  Y  N
• Do the adjacent land uses add to the sense of place (identity, culture, and character) and support pedestrian activity?  Y  N
• Does the form (height, setback, windows, entrances, parking location, etc.) of the adjacent buildings support a high quality pedestrian experience?  Y  N
• Look at the other side of the street (west side). Do you agree with the following statement? “Walking along the east side of the street is more comfortable and inviting than walking along the other side of the street.”
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

• Why? Are there any notable differences?
Location
Walking Over I-77 (east side) (circle one):
- Are the sidewalks wide (at least 6 feet) and in good condition (i.e. no missing or broken panels)? Y  N
- Is there a sufficient buffer between sidewalks and traffic? Y  N
- Do the crosswalks across the exit/entry ramps feel comfortable to cross? Y  N
- Are there pedestrian refuges to stand on while crossing? Y  N
- Does the street include sufficient lighting, shade trees, and landscaping? Y  N
- Does the pedestrian signal have a push-to-walk button that is accessible and working properly? Y  N
- Does the pedestrian signal allow adequate time to cross? Y  N
- Does the crossing distance feel comfortable? Y  N
- Does the crossing have wheelchair ramps and textured panels to assist people with disabilities? Y  N
- Do you agree with the following statement? “This crossing is comfortable and inviting for people of all ages and abilities.”
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree
- Could anything be done to make this crossing better? (Please be specific.)

Walking Along Clanton Rd. (east side from I-77 to Barringer Dr.) (circle one):
- Are the sidewalks wide (at least 6 feet) and in good condition (i.e. no missing or broken panels)? Y  N
- Is there a sufficient buffer between sidewalks and traffic? Y  N
- Does the street include sufficient lighting, shade trees, and landscaping? Y  N
- Do the adjacent land uses add to the sense of place (identity, culture, and character) and support pedestrian activity? Y  N
- Does the form (height, setback, windows, entrances, parking location, etc.) of the adjacent buildings support a high quality pedestrian experience? Y  N
- Look at the other side of the street (west side). Do you agree with the following statement? “Walking along the east side of the street is more comfortable and inviting than walking along the other side of the street.”
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree
- Why? Are there any notable differences?
Location

Walking Across Barringer Dr. (circle one):
- Does the crossing distance feel comfortable?  Y  N
- Is the crossing free of visual obstructions (parked cars, utility poles, etc.) that might block the view of drivers?  Y  N
- Does the crossing have wheelchair ramps and textured panels to assist people with disabilities?  Y  N
- Could anything be done to make this crossing better? (Please be specific.)

Clanton Rd. from Barringer Dr. to Sargeant Dr.

Walking Along Clanton Rd. (east side from Barringer Dr. to Sargeant Dr.) (circle one):
- Are the sidewalks wide (at least 6 feet) and in good condition (i.e. no missing or broken panels)?  Y  N
- Is there a sufficient buffer between sidewalks and traffic?  Y  N
- Does the street include sufficient lighting, shade trees, and landscaping?  Y  N
- Do the adjacent land uses add to the sense of place (identity, culture, and character) and support pedestrian activity?  Y  N
- Does the form (height, setback, windows, entrances, parking location, etc.) of the adjacent buildings support a high quality pedestrian experience?  Y  N
- Look at the other side of the street (west side). Do you agree with the following statement? “Walking along the east side of the street is more comfortable and inviting than walking along the other side of the street.”
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree
- Why? Are there any notable differences?

Walking Across Sargeant Dr. (circle one):
- Does the crossing distance feel comfortable?  Y  N
- Is the crossing free of visual obstructions (parked cars, utility poles, etc.) that might block the view of drivers?  Y  N
- Does the crossing have wheelchair ramps and textured panels to assist people with disabilities?  Y  N
- Could anything be done to make this crossing better? (Please be specific.)
Location
Clanton Rd. from Sargeant Dr. to West Blvd.

Walking Along Clanton Rd. *(Sargeant Dr. to Irwin Creek Greenway)* (circle one):
• Are the sidewalks wide (at least 6 feet) and in good condition (i.e. no missing or broken panels)? Y N
• Is there a sufficient buffer between sidewalks and traffic? Y N
• Does the street include sufficient lighting, shade trees, and landscaping? Y N
• Do the adjacent land uses add to the sense of place (identity, culture, and character) and support pedestrian activity? Y N
• Does the form (height, setback, windows, entrances, parking location, etc.) of the adjacent buildings support a high quality pedestrian experience? Y N
• Look at the other side of the street (west side). Do you agree with the following statement? *“Walking along the east side of the street is more comfortable and inviting than walking along the other side of the street.”*
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

• Why? Are there any notable differences?

Irwin Creek Greenway

Greenway Access (circle one):
• Are there convenient pedestrian/bicycle connections to the greenway in this location? Y N
• Is the greenway entrance clearly marked at this location? Y N
• Is the greenway wide enough to accommodate all types of users (joggers, cyclists, strollers, dog walkers, etc.)? Y N
• Does the greenway include sufficient lighting, shade trees, and landscaping? Y N
• Is it safe and comfortable to cross Clanton Rd. on the Greenway? Y N
• Do you agree with the following statement? *“Greenways influence how I get around.”*
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

• How do you use greenways?

• Do you agree with the following statement? *“Today, Irwin Creek Greenway is the primary bicycle route for this area.”*
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

• How should the greenways be used/designed to complement transportation options on major thoroughfares like West Blvd.?

• What could be done to improve the greenway in this location (or other locations)?
Location
Walking Along Clanton Rd. *Irwin Creek Greenway to West Blvd.*) (circle one):
- Are the sidewalks wide (at least 6 feet) and in good condition (i.e. no missing or broken panels)? Y N
- Is there a sufficient buffer between sidewalks and traffic? Y N
- Does the street include sufficient lighting, shade trees, and landscaping? Y N
- Do the adjacent land uses add to the sense of place (identity, culture, and character) and support pedestrian activity? Y N
- Does the form (height, setback, windows, entrances, parking location, etc.) of the adjacent buildings support a high quality pedestrian experience? Y N
- Look at the other side of the street (west side). Do you agree with the following statement? “Walking along the east side of the street is more comfortable and inviting than walking along the other side of the street.”
  Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree
- Why? Are there any notable differences?

Intersection of Clanton Rd. & West Blvd.

Walking Across Clanton Rd. (circle one):
- Does the pedestrian signal have a push-to-walk button that is accessible and working properly? Y N
- Does the pedestrian signal allow adequate time to cross? Y N
- Does the crossing distance feel comfortable? Y N
- Does the crossing have wheelchair ramps and textured panels to assist people with disabilities? Y N
- Do you agree with the following statement? “This crossing is comfortable and inviting for people of all ages and abilities.”
  Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree
- Could anything be done to make this crossing better? (Please be specific.)

Walking Across West Blvd. (circle one):
- Does the pedestrian signal have a push-to-walk button that is accessible and working properly? Y N
- Does the pedestrian signal allow adequate time to cross? Y N
- Does the crossing distance feel comfortable? Y N
- Does the crossing have wheelchair ramps and textured panels to assist people with disabilities? Y N
- Do you agree with the following statement? “This crossing is comfortable and inviting for people of all ages and abilities.”
  Strongly Agree    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Strongly Disagree
- Could anything be done to make this crossing better? (Please be specific.)
Location
Driver Behavior (circle one):

• Do drivers appear to be obeying the speed limit?  Y  N
• Are drivers yielding to pedestrians (especially turning drivers)?  Y  N
• Are drivers paying attention to the road (e.g. not using a cell phone)?  Y  N
• Do you agree with the following statement?  “Driver behavior in this location is accommodating to pedestrians and bicyclists.”
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

Pedestrian Behavior

• Do pedestrian appear to wait for the pedestrian light to flash walk?  Y  N
• Are pedestrians jaywalking?  Y  N
• Are pedestrians standing in the medians when available?  Y  N
• Do you agree with the following statement?  “Pedestrian behavior in safe and mindful of driver’s behavior in this location.”
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

Transit Access (circle one):

• Is there safe and convenient access to bus stops?  Y  N
• Do transit stops offer an inviting place to wait?  Y  N
• Are there sufficient opportunities for transit riders to cross the street near transit stops?  Y  N
• Do you agree with the following statement?  “Transit stops in this area are accessible and comfortable.”
  Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

• Could anything be done to improve transit access? (Please be specific.)

Bicycling (circle one):

• Which of the following best describes your approach to bicycling?
  Strong & Fearless  Enthused & Confident  Interested but Concerned  No Way, No How

• Would you feel comfortable bicycling in the bike lane on a street like Clanton Rd.?  Y  N
• Would you feel comfortable bicycling along a facility like Irwin Creek Greenway?  Y  N
• Could anything be done to make this part of town more bicycle-friendly? (Please be specific.)