

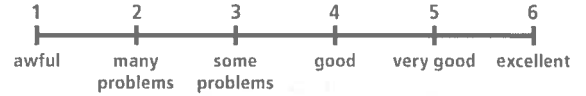
Go for a ride and use this checklist to rate your neighborhood's bikeability.



How bikeable is your community?

Location of bike ride (be specific): _____

Rating Scale:



1. Did you have a place to bicycle safely?

a) On the road, sharing the road with motor vehicles?

- Yes Some problems (please note locations):
- No space for bicyclists to ride
 - Bicycle lane or paved shoulder disappeared
 - Heavy and/or fast-moving traffic
 - Too many trucks or buses
 - No space for bicyclists on bridges or in tunnels
 - Poorly lighted roadways
- Other problems: _____

b) On an off-road path or trail, where motor vehicles were not allowed?

- Yes Some problems:
- Path ended abruptly
 - Path didn't go where I wanted to go
 - Path intersected with roads that were difficult to cross
 - Path was crowded
 - Path was unsafe because of sharp turns or dangerous downhill
 - Path was uncomfortable because of too many hills
 - Path was poorly lighted
- Other problems: _____

Overall "Safe Place To Ride" Rating: (circle one)



2. How was the surface that you rode on?

- Good Some problems, the road or path had:
- Potholes
 - Cracked or broken pavement
 - Debris (e.g. broken glass, sand, gravel, etc.)
 - Dangerous drain grates, utility covers, or metal plates
 - Uneven surface or gaps
 - Slippery surfaces when wet (e.g. bridge decks, construction plates, road markings)
 - Bumpy or angled railroad tracks
 - Rumble strips
- Other problems: _____

Overall Surface Rating: (circle one)



3. How were the intersections you rode through?

- Good Some problems:
- Had to wait too long to cross intersection
 - Couldn't see crossing traffic
 - Signal didn't give me enough time to cross the road
 - Signal didn't change for a bicycle
 - Unsure where or how to ride through intersection
- Other problems: _____

Overall Intersection Rating: (circle one)



Continue the checklist on the next page...

4. Did drivers behave well?

- Yes Some problems, drivers:
- Drove too fast
 - Passed me too close
 - Did not signal
 - Harassed me
 - Cut me off
 - Ran red lights or stop sign
- Other problems: _____

Overall Driver Rating: (circle one)

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5. Was it easy for you to use your bike?

- Yes Some problems:
- No maps, signs, or road markings to help me find my way
 - No safe or secure place to leave my bicycle at my destination
 - No way to take my bicycle with me on the bus or train
 - Scary dogs
 - Hard to find a direct route I liked
 - Route was too hilly
- Other problems: _____

Overall Ease of Use Rating: (circle one)

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How does your community rate?

Add up your ratings and decide.

(Questions 6 and 7 do not contribute to your community's score)

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| 1. _____ | 26-30 | Celebrate! You live in a bicycle-friendly community. |
| 2. _____ | 21-25 | Your community is pretty good, but there's always room for improvement. |
| 3. _____ | 16-20 | Conditions for riding are okay, but not ideal. Plenty of opportunity for improvements. |
| 4. _____ | 11-15 | Conditions are poor and you deserve better than this! Call the mayor and the newspaper right away. |
| 5. _____ | 5-10 | Oh dear. Consider wearing body armor and Christmas tree lights before venturing out again. |
| Total _____ | | |



6. What did you do to make your ride safer?

Your behavior contributes to the bikeability of your community. Check all that apply:

- Wore a bicycle helmet
- Obeyed traffic signal and signs
- Rode in a straight line (didn't weave)
- Signaled my turns
- Rode with (not against) traffic
- Used lights, if riding at night
- Wore reflective and/or retroreflective materials and bright clothing
- Was courteous to other travelers (motorist, skaters, pedestrians, etc.)

7. Tell us a little about yourself.

In good weather months, about how many days a month do you ride your bike?

- Never
- Occasionally (one or two)
- Frequently (5-10)
- Most (more than 15)
- Every day

Which of these phrases best describes you?

- An advanced, confident rider who is comfortable riding in most traffic situations
- An intermediate rider who is not really comfortable riding in most traffic situations
- A beginner rider who prefers to stick to the bike path or trail

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