

Community Context Audit

For Transportation Projects

Purpose: The Community Context Audit form is intended to be a guide to identify various community characteristics that make each transportation project location unique to its residents, its businesses and the public in general. This information will help to define the purpose and need of the proposed transportation improvements based upon community goals and local plans for future development. The audit is designed to take into account the community's history or heritage, present conditions and anticipated conditions. As you complete this audit, please consider the interaction of persons and groups within your community when considering factors such as mobility and access (*vehicular, non-vehicular and transit modes*), safety, local and regional economics, aesthetics and overall quality of life.

Municipality: _____

Project Location & Limits: _____

Attach a project location map to this form.

State Route #: _____ Road Name: _____

Township Route #: _____ Road Name: _____

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MPMS#: _____

Project Estimate/Budget/Funding Sources: _____

Project Type:

Resurfacing

New Roadway

Intersection Improvements

Widening

Bridge Rehabilitation

Enhancement Project

Betterment Project

Bridge Replacement

Other _____

Project Description: _____

Reason for Project: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone #: _____

Individual Completing Context Audit Form: _____

Date: _____

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Section 1: Community Characteristics/ Land Use

Please conduct a visual assessment in the field and attach a project location map. If appropriate, include a photo index for the project area. If appropriate gather public opinions and concerns about the proposed project. Consider community needs as the basis for this assessment. Assess the community characteristics and indicate the community's perception of importance for each characteristic currently and based upon known / planned future conditions.

Community Characteristics	Presence		Importance Present and Future		
	Yes	No	High	Medium	Low
Is this place an established center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a multi-modal transportation center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a commercial center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a residential center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a mixed residential /commercial center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place an industrial center?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place a rural/agricultural area? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there important cultural features or identifiers within the project area? If yes, list:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there social/community features or identifiers within the project area? If yes, list:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there important architectural features within the project area? If yes, list:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there important natural features within the project area? If yes, list:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this place of historical significance to the community? If yes, list:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overall assessment of community characteristics and setting: Urban Suburban Rural
 (Please note, this is not the identification of a functional classification. This is an assessment of the community based upon physical characteristics noted above.)

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Section 2: Infrastructure Assessment

Assess the project or study area for the presence and adequacy of the following infrastructure items. If present (*a yes response*) and in poor condition, please make notation and provide any other relevant comments in space provided for each item. If not present (*a no response*), indicate in the comment section if the item needs further evaluation. Indicate the level of importance each item may have to the community currently and based upon known / planned future conditions.

Infrastructure	Presence		Importance Present and Future		
	Yes	No	High	Medium	Low
Sidewalks Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADA Compliance Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle Lanes/Paths/Facilities Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-street Parking Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transit Connections Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transit Shelters Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street Lighting Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian Lighting Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian Crossings Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signals (Traffic, Directional & Pedestrian) Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crosswalks Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Comments: _____

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Section 3: Neighborhood Culture, Aesthetics and Street Amenities

Assess the study area for the following amenities and cultural, aesthetic and comfort factors. If present (*a yes response*) and items are in poor condition, please make notation and provide any other relevant comments in the space provided for each item. If not present (*a no response*), indicate in the comment section if the item requires further evaluation. Indicate the level of importance each item may have to the neighborhood currently and based upon known / planned future conditions.

Resource	Presence		Importance Present and Future		
	Yes	No	High	Medium	Low
Neighborhood Parks /Open Space /Civic Areas Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benches Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash Containers Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street Trees Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscaping Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wayfinding Signage Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Safety Issues Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Safety Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please list any seasonal events affected by proposed improvements at this location. _____

Overall Comments: _____

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Section 4: Economic Development

Assess the project or study area for the following community development indicators. Indicate the level of importance for each indicator currently and based upon known / planned future conditions.

Resource	Presence		Importance Present and Future		
	Yes	No	High	Medium	Low
Has this area been identified for new development? If yes, describe the proposed or planned development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are visitors attracted to this area? If yes, indicate why?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the local economy supported by historic, natural, cultural and entertainment resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the roadway serve as a commuter corridor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the roadway serve as a gateway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do stakeholders include business or other advocacy groups? <i>(in addition to public agencies and residential associations)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is limiting sprawl a regional concern applicable to this place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is redevelopment underway or planned for this place? If yes, how does the proposed transportation project impact redevelopment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Comments: _____

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Section 5: Community Planning

Assess the proposed project in context to local planning initiatives. Please provide the following information and documentation related to the project or study area.

	Yes	No
<p>Does the municipality have a comprehensive plan? If yes, indicate the date of the plan.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Is this project generally consistent with the municipality's comprehensive plan? If yes, indicate how.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Are there any special studies associated with this project? If yes, please indicate the name of study or studies and attach copies.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Has the municipality adopted a growth management plan or designated growth area? If yes, is this project located within the designated growth area.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Does this project have regional significance? If so, explain.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Are there other scheduled or planned projects that may tie into this project or impact this project? If yes, please indicate the project name(s) and type of project(s).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Identify planning and project development partners for this project:</p> 		
<p>Other Comments:</p> 		