Path Environment Audit Tool (PEAT)

Record ID: ___________________ Date: ___________ Observer ID: ___________

Site Name: ___________________ PEAT Segment ID: ___________________

1. Is this segment a road intersecting the trail or path? (If yes, answer the following six questions)
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
   1a. Is there a stop sign or traffic signal for vehicular traffic to allow trail users an opportunity to safely cross the intersecting road?
       ◊ YES ◊ NO
   1b. Is there a curb cut on both sides of the intersection allowing easy access for wheelchairs, inline skates and baby strollers?
       ◊ YES ◊ NO
   1c. Is there a crosswalk on the intersecting road for trail users to cross the intersecting road?
       ◊ YES ◊ NO
   1d. Is there a raised crosswalk?
       ◊ YES ◊ NO
   1e. Is there a pedestrian signal that notifies trail users of a safe time to cross the street?
       ◊ YES ◊ NO
   1f. Based on the previous items pertaining to this intersecting road, such as crosswalks, traffic signals and observed traffic behavior, how would you rate the overall safety?
       ◊ Very Poor ◊ Poor ◊ Fair ◊ Good ◊ Excellent

2. What is the condition of the path surface along this segment?
   ◊ Very Poor ◊ Poor ◊ Fair ◊ Good ◊ Excellent

2a. Is there any portion of the path/trail surface under repair?
   ◊ YES ◊ NO

2b. Is there any temporary barrier present on the trail/path segment that makes travel difficult?
   ◊ YES ◊ NO

3. What is the slope, slant or grade of the segment along the length of the segment (in the direction parallel to the trail)?
   ◊ Flat or gentle ◊ Moderate ◊ Steep

4. What is the slope across the width of the path; that is, in the direction perpendicular to the direction someone would walk or bike?
   ◊ Flat or gentle ◊ Moderate ◊ Steep

5. Is there sufficient vertical clearance for cyclists and other users to safely pass along the trail without coming into contact with overhanging vegetation?
   ◊ YES ◊ NO

6. Is there sufficient site distance along this segment?
   ◊ All of the segment ◊ Most of the segment ◊ Some of the segment ◊ None of the segment

7. What is the lateral visibility or vegetative cover/enclosure of the trail segment?
   ◊ Continuous Lateral Visibility ◊ Moderate Lateral Visibility ◊ No Lateral Visibility

8. Is there a clear, mowed, flat shoulder on one or both sides of the trail?
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
9. Is there a road that runs parallel along this trail/path segment that is visible or audible from the trail? (If yes, answer next two)
   ◯ YES   ◯ NO
   9a. Is there a buffer from the adjacent road?
       ◯ YES   ◯ NO
   9b. How wide is the buffer between the edge of the trail and the road?
       ◯ <1 meter (<3’3.25”)
       ◯ 1-3 meters (3’3.25” - 9’10”)
       ◯ >3 meters (>9’10”)

10. Are there one or more official access points along the trail segment? (If yes then answer the following question)
    ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    10a. Is (are) the access point(s) accessible to wheelchairs?
        ◯ Yes (ALL)   ◯ Some   ◯ No (NONE)

11. Are there one or more gate(s) or bollard(s) on the segment that prevents access by vehicles? (If yes then answer the following question)
    ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    11a. Is there enough lateral clearance for someone using a wheelchair to safely pass by the gate or bollard (“32”)?
        ◯ Yes (ALL)   ◯ Some   ◯ No (NONE)

12. Are there one or more viewpoints/points of interest located along this trail segment where there is a deliberate attempt to provide an unobstructed view beyond the trail segment? (If yes then answer the following five questions)
    ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    12a. Is there a view of a landscape?
        ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    12b. Is there an overlook or a prospect?
        ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    12c. Is there a city view?
        ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    12d. Is there a view of a body of water?
        ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    12e. Is there another pleasing viewpoint?
        ◯ YES_________   ◯ NO

13. Is there lighting located along this trail or path segment that would provide illumination for the trail users at night?
    ◯ YES   ◯ NO

14. Are there telephones located along this trail that are intended for users and are accessible from the trail? (If yes, answer the following three questions)
    ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    14a. Are the telephones clean?
        ◯ Very Poor   ◯ Poor   ◯ Fair
        ◯ Good   ◯ Excellent
    14b. Are the telephones functioning?
        ◯ Yes (ALL)   ◯ Some   ◯ No (NONE)
    14c. Is the telephone(s) located in a height and position which would allow someone to access it from a wheelchair?
        ◯ Yes (ALL)   ◯ Some   ◯ No (NONE)

15. Are the emergency call boxes located along this trail segment that are intended for trail use?
    ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    15a. Is there emergency call box located in a height and position which would allow someone to access it from a wheelchair?
        ◯ Yes (ALL)   ◯ Some   ◯ No (NONE)

16. Are there restrooms located along this trail segment that are intended for trail users? (If yes then answer the following three questions)
    ◯ YES   ◯ NO
    16a. Are the restroom facilities accessible to wheelchairs?
        ◯ Yes (ALL)   ◯ Some   ◯ No (NONE)
    16b. Are all the restrooms working properly?
        ◯ Yes (ALL)   ◯ Some   ◯ No (NONE)
    16c. Rate the cleanliness of the restroom facilities
        ◯ Very Poor   ◯ Poor   ◯ Fair
        ◯ Good   ◯ Excellent
17. Are there benches or other forms of seating along this trail segment that are intended for trail users and are easily accessible from the trail? (If yes, then answer the following two questions)
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
17a. Do the benches or seating provide a paved (e.g. concrete or asphalt) adjacent area for a wheelchair to maneuver and park?
   ◊ Yes (ALL) ◊ Some ◊ No (NONE)
17b. Rate the condition and cleanliness of the benches or seating along the trail
   ◊ Very Poor ◊ Poor ◊ Fair
   ◊ Good ◊ Excellent

18. Are the picnic tables located along this trail segment that appear to be intended for users and are accessible from the trail? (If yes, then answer the following two questions)
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
18a. Do the picnic tables provide a paved (e.g. concrete or asphalt) adjacent area for a wheelchair to access it, maneuver and park?
   ◊ Yes (ALL) ◊ Some ◊ No (NONE)
18b. Rate the condition and the cleanliness of the tables
   ◊ Very Poor ◊ Poor ◊ Fair
   ◊ Good ◊ Excellent

19. Are there one or more drinking fountains located along this trail segment intended for users and are accessible from the trail? (If yes, then answer the following three questions)
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
19a. Is the drinking fountain working properly?
   ◊ Yes (ALL) ◊ Some ◊ No (NONE)
19b. Are the drinking fountains accessible to someone using a wheelchair?
   ◊ Yes (ALL) ◊ Some ◊ No (NONE)
19c. Rate the cleanliness of the drinking fountain
   ◊ Very Poor ◊ Poor ◊ Fair
   ◊ Good ◊ Excellent

20. Are the garbage cans located along this trail intended for trail users and are accessible from the trail? (If yes, then answer the following question)
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
20a. Are the garbage cans overflowing with rubbish?
   ◊ Yes (ALL) ◊ Some ◊ No (NONE)

21. Is there any type of signage along the trail? (If yes, then answer the following five questions)
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
21a. Objective signs
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
21b. Regulatory signs
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
21c. Cautionary Signs
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
21d. Directional Signs
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
21e. Interpretive Signs
   ◊ YES ◊ NO

22. Is there a public parking lot located adjacent to this trail segment, connected to the trail segment and intended for park and trail users? (If yes then answer the following two questions)
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
22a. Classify the surface material used in the lot
   ◊ Asphalt ◊ Grass ◊ Gravel ◊ Sand
   ◊ Dirt ◊ Brick ◊ Stone ◊ Cement
22b. Estimate the number of parking spaces in the parking lot(s) on this trail segment
   ◊ ≤ 10 ◊ 11-25
   ◊ 26-50 ◊ > 50

23. Are there bicycle racks along this trail segment that are intended for trail or path users? (If yes then answer the following questions)
   ◊ YES ◊ NO
23a. What is the condition of the bicycle racks?
   ◦ Very Poor  ◦ Poor  ◦ Fair
   ◦ Good  ◦ Excellent

24. Are there any play or exercise areas for children or adults located along this trail segment that are accessible from the trail? (If yes answer the following eleven questions)
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO

25. Are there any services located on this trail segment accessible from the trail and intended specifically for trail users? (If yes then answer the following four questions)
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
25a. Is there a bike rental or repair shop?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
25b. Are there other shops or gift shops?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
25c. Is there food service available?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
25d. Is there information or trail service?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO

26. Are there any transit stops or stations located along the trail?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO

27. Are there one or more cultural or civic institutions along the trail segment? (If yes, then answer the following six questions)
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
27a. Are there historic buildings or sites?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
27b. Are there cultural institutions?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
27c. Are there secular or religious buildings?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
27d. Are there community facilities?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
27e. Are there health care facilities?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO
27f. Are there municipal buildings?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO

28. Are there any commercial destinations located adjacent to this trail segment and are accessible from the trail?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO

29. Rate the amount of glass found along this trail segment
   ◦ None  ◦ A Little  ◦ Some  ◦ A Lot

30. Rate the amount of litter found along this trail segment
   ◦ None  ◦ A Little  ◦ Some  ◦ A Lot

31. Rate the amount of graffiti found along the trail segment
   ◦ None  ◦ A Little  ◦ Some  ◦ A Lot

32. Rate the amount of vandalism found along the trail
   ◦ None  ◦ A Little  ◦ Some  ◦ A Lot

33. Rate the amount of odor found along the trail segment
   ◦ None  ◦ A Little  ◦ Some  ◦ A Lot

34. Rate the amount of noise along the trail
   ◦ None  ◦ A Little  ◦ Some  ◦ A Lot

35. Rate the amount of animal droppings found along this trail segment
   ◦ None  ◦ A Little  ◦ Some  ◦ A Lot

36. Are there any dogs on this trail segment, on the shoulder, or areas directly adjacent to the trail segment you are observing at the time of observation?
   ◦ YES  ◦ NO