

FoRIA Bicycle Audit

Please return to FORIA member or mail to: PO Box 10041, Washington DC 20018

Q: What is a bicycle audit?

A: A bicycle audit collects information about bicyclist safety and comfort. Each person or group can fill out an audit; one person can also fill out more than one, for different routes. FoRIA will use the audits to make suggestions to DC agencies like DDOT and DPW.

Q: Where should we bike?

A: Anywhere along RIA NE – your bike ride to school, just one intersection, you choose!

Q: How do we start?

A: Read the audit checklist before you start, so that you can look out for each item. You could stop at the end of each block and make notes or fill out the form, or fill it out at the end. If you have extra information, please put it at the end of the form. Make sure to tell us if you are giving general information (e.g. overall safety) versus comments about specific intersections or blocks.

Q: How else can we help?

A: If you'd like to bring a camera, send any photos to info@friendsofria.org. Make sure to send a separate document or email that explains each photo, with location and concerns noted.

Where did you bike? (e.g. RIA NE from 4th to 20th) _____

1. Were bicycle facilities and accommodations safe and appropriate?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No, there were some problems (choose as many as you want):
- ☐ Traffic was too fast to ride safely
 - ☐ Traffic was too congested to ride safely
 - ☐ There were obstructions in the roadway
 - ☐ Bridges or tunnels did not have space for bicyclists
 - ☐ Uneven pavement made bicycling unpleasant or unsafe
 - ☐ There was inadequate or nonexistent bicycle signage
 - ☐ Something else _____

Rating (circle one) WORST ► 1 2 3 4 5 ◀ BEST

Location(s) of problems: _____

2. Were lights and intersections safe and easy to use?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No, there were some problems (choose as many as you want):
- ☐ Drivers would not let me turn
 - ☐ Drivers ran lights or sped up to get through yellow lights
 - ☐ Parked cars blocked my view of traffic and/or side streets
 - ☐ Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic and/or side streets
 - ☐ Curb ramps need to be installed or repaired
 - ☐ Something else _____

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Location(s) of problems: _____

3. Did other road users behave well?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No, there were some problems (choose as many as you want):
- ☐ Car drivers drove too fast
 - ☐ Car drivers sped up at yellow lights or ran red lights
 - ☐ Car drivers ran stop signs or did not completely stop
 - ☐ Car drivers did not check/stop for bicycles when turning
 - ☐ Car drivers cannot see bicyclists and/or bicyclists cannot see cars
 - ☐ Car drivers were not aware of bicyclists
 - ☐ Car drivers did not give me adequate space to ride
 - ☐ Car drivers made me feel uncomfortable or unsafe
 - ☐ Transit (e.g. bus) drivers did not follow laws or made me feel unsafe
 - ☐ Pedestrians did not cross at crosswalks
 - ☐ Something else _____

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Location(s) of problems: _____

4. Was your bike ride pleasant?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No, there were some problems (choose as many as you want):
- ☐ The area needs more grass, flowers, or trees
 - ☐ I generally did not feel safe biking in this area
 - ☐ The area is not well lit (not enough lights or not bright enough lights)
 - ☐ The area is dirty, with lots of litter and trash
 - ☐ The air is dirty or smelly because of car exhaust
 - ☐ Something else _____

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Location(s) of problems: _____

5. Do you think your bike ride could safely completed by a child or an elderly person?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No, there were some problems (choose as many as you want):
- ☐ Traffic is too fast
 - ☐ Traffic is too congested
 - ☐ Curb ramps were broken or nonexistent
 - ☐ Drivers are not aware of bicyclists
 - ☐ The area is not well lit
 - ☐ Something else _____

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Location(s) of problems: _____

6. Please tell us about other issues, problem locations, or anything else that concerns you!
