

REACH Walk Audit Report 2024

West Charter Way Stockton, CA



BACKGROUND




Edison High School in Stockton has approximately 2400 students. Due to community concerns for youth safety on the walk to and from the high school, Racial and Equity Approaches to Community Health (REACH) partnered with 29 community members to conduct a walk audit in 2024. The audit spanned six blocks along West Charter Way—a key street on the route to Edison High School. This report provides an overview of the findings from the walk audit.

METHODS

The audit was designed to document five safety concerns along West Charter Way. A total of 39 safety issues were audited with the five primary categories below (see appendix A for a complete list of the issues documented).



Participants were divided into groups, each group documenting one of the five concerns on a survey. To ensure a smooth and safe process for documentation, participants assumed different roles within their groups.

-  **Documenter** Observed route and documented safety issues in the survey
-  **Photographer** Took photos and noted photo locations by block
-  **Safety Monitor** Monitored external factors (e.g., cars, hazards on the road) to ensure auditor safety

WALK AUDIT BLOCK DESCRIPTIONS

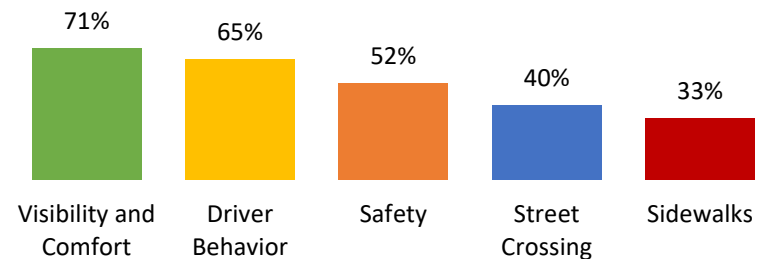
Documenters completed survey questions for each block and photographers noted which block each photo corresponded to. The walk audit was divided into key blocks along West Charter Way outlined below:

- 1) **Moss Garden Community Park – Argonaut Street**
- 2) **Argonaut St – South Stockton Street**
- 3) **South Stockton – I-5 S entrance**
- 4) **I-5 S entrance- I-5 N exit**
- 5) **I-5 N exit – South Lincoln Street**
- 6) **South Lincoln Street – French Camp Turnpike**



FINDINGS

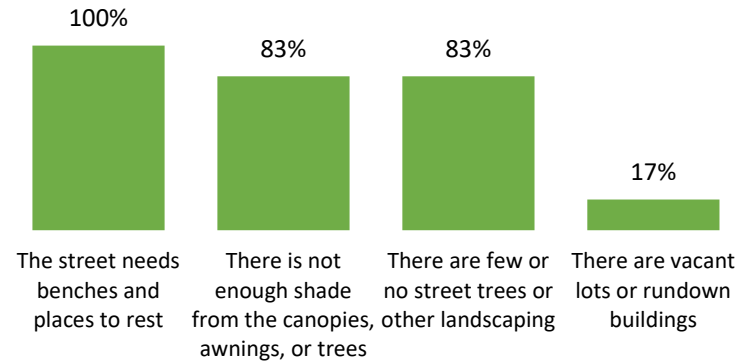
This report details the types of issues prevalent for each safety concern along West Charter Way including the number of issues per block. Key findings indicate that overall, issues related to *Visibility and Comfort* and *Driver Behavior* were most prevalent along the route with a reporting occurrence of 71% and 65%, respectively.



VISIBILITY AND COMFORT

Prevalence of issues

A total of **17 visibility and comfort-related safety issues** were identified along the walk audit. Most frequent issues were lack of resting areas, shade, and landscaping.



Average rating

On average, the community auditors rated visibility and comfort **1.2 out of 5** on quality, safety, and comfort.

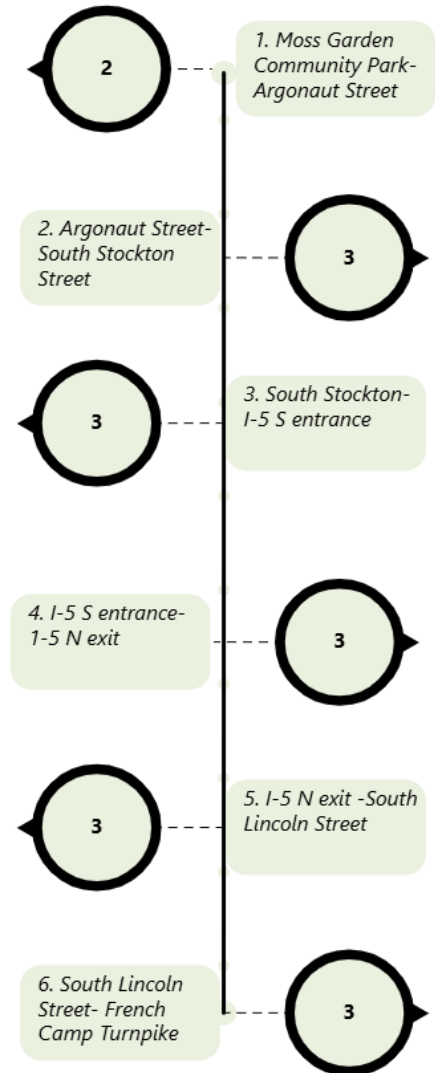


“The experience that I had on this walk today, there was a lot of trash, broken glass...a lot of carts blocking the sidewalks”
- Community Auditor

Number of issues by block



The figure below demonstrates the **total number** of visibility and comfort-related issues identified on each block.



Types of issues by block

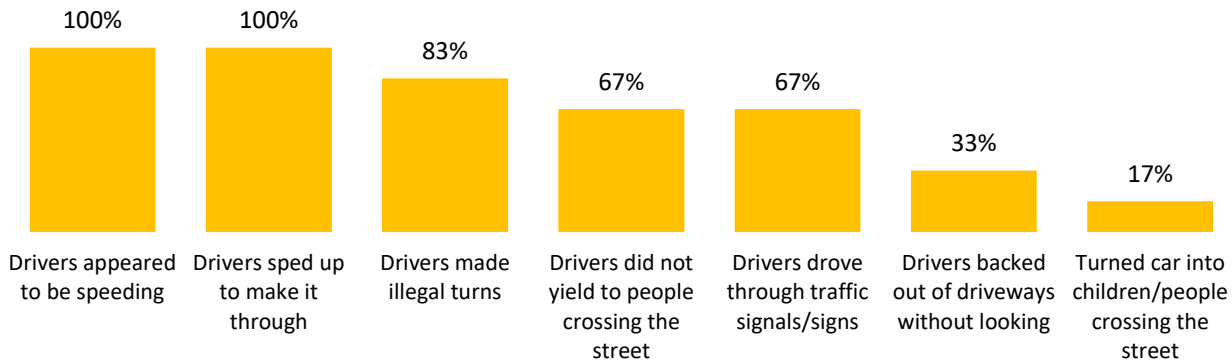
The most prevalent visibility and comfort issues were identified on blocks 2-6 of the walk audit.

	Walk Audit Block						Total blocks present
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
The street needs benches and places to rest	x	x	x	x	x	x	6
There is not enough shade from the canopies, awnings, or trees		x	x	x	x	x	5
There are few or no street trees or other landscaping	x	x	x	x	x		5
There are vacant lots or rundown buildings						x	1

DRIVER BEHAVIOR

Prevalence of issues

A total of **31 driver behavior-related safety issues** were identified along the walk audit. Most frequent issues included speeding, illegal turns, lack of yielding, and lack of adherence to signs.



Average rating ★★☆☆☆

On average, the community auditors rated the driver behavior **1.3 out of 5** on quality, safety, and comfort.

“ [The] city needs to take the children into consideration when there are no clean sidewalks with the proper machinery needed to alert drivers of their crossing as they make their way to school.”
- Community Auditor

Types of issues by block

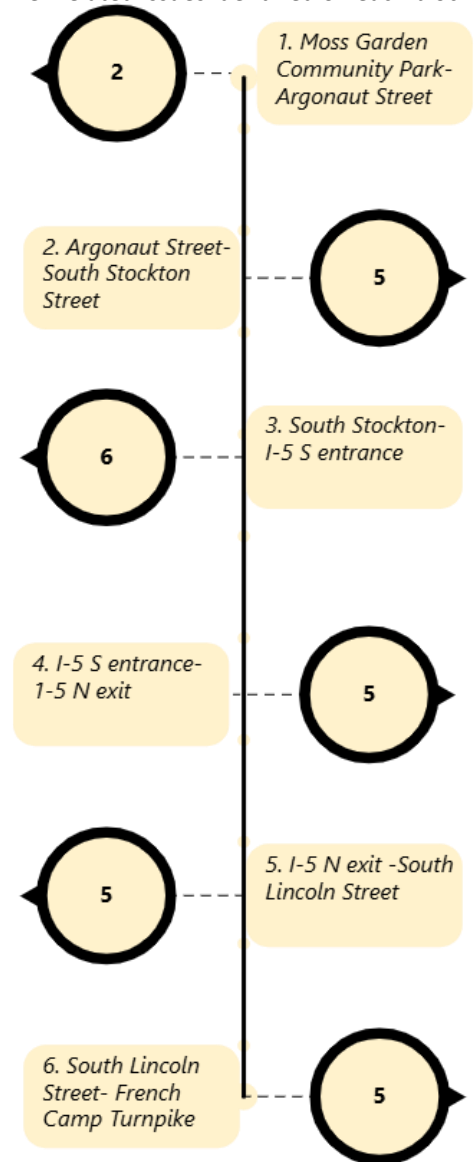
The most prevalent driver behavior issues were identified on blocks 2-6 of the walk audit.

	Walk Audit Block						Total blocks present
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Drivers appear to be speeding	x	x	x	x	x	x	6
Drivers sped up to make it through	x	x	x	x	x	x	6
Drivers Made illegal turns		x	x	x	x	x	5
Drivers did not yield to people crossing the street		x	x	x		x	4
Drove through traffic signals/signs		x	x	x	x		4
Drivers backed out of driveways without looking					x	x	2
Drivers turned car into children/people crossing the street			x				1



Number of issues by block

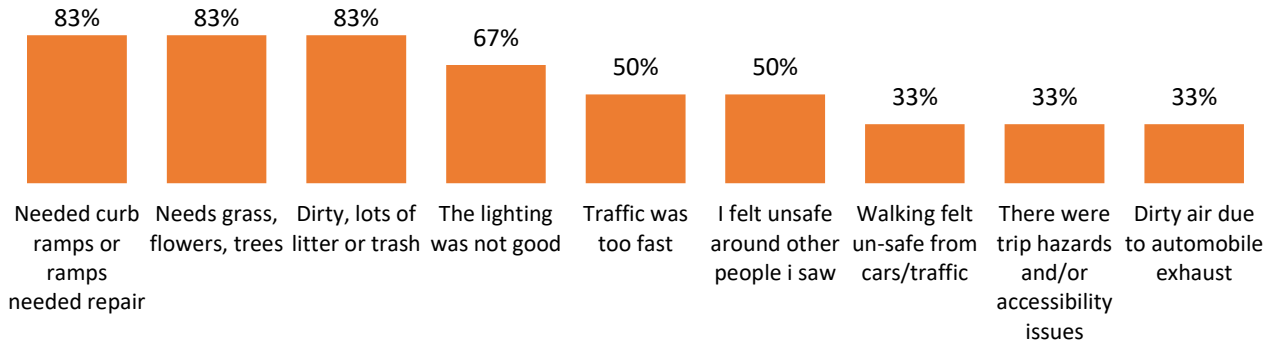
The figure below demonstrates the **total number** of driver-related issues identified on each block.



SAFETY

Prevalence of issues

A total of **31 safety issues** were identified along the walk audit. Most frequent issues included a greater need for curbs and ramps, lack of greenery, trash, and a lack of light.



Average Rating ★★☆☆☆

On average, the community auditors rated the safety **1.3 out of 5** on quality, safety, and comfort.

“This road is not very pedestrian friendly, it needs a sidewalk, doesn’t feel very safe at all.”
- Community Auditor

Types of issues by block

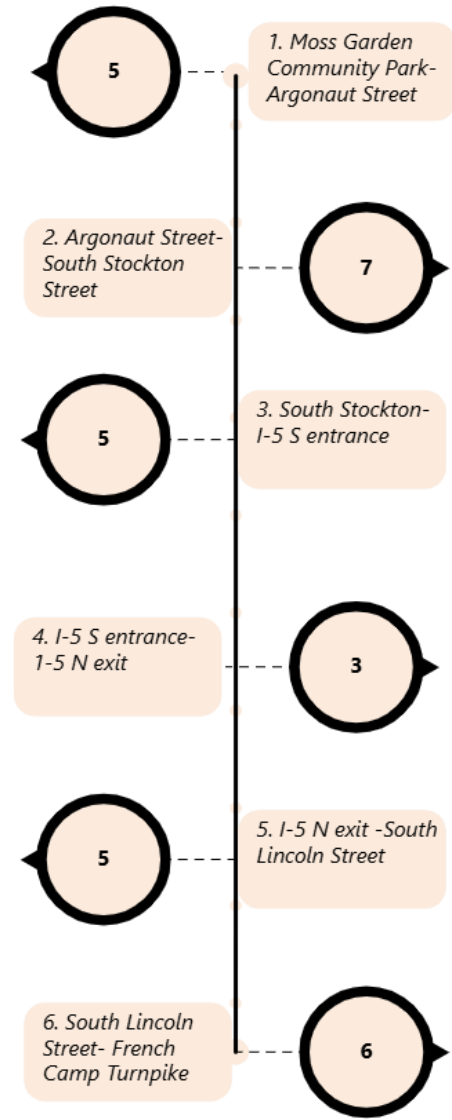
The most prevalent safety-related issues on the walk audit were identified on blocks 1-3 as well as 5-6.

	Walk Audit Block						Total blocks present
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair	x	x		x	x	x	5
Needs grass, flowers, trees,	x	x	x		x	x	5
Dirty, lots of litter or trash		x	x	x	x	x	5
The lighting was not good		x	x		x	x	4
Traffic was too fast	x	x		x			3
I felt unsafe around other people I saw			x		x	x	3
Walking felt un-safe from cars/traffic	x	x					2
There were trip hazards and/or accessibility issues			x			x	2
Dirty air due to automobile exhaust	x	x					2

Number of issues by block



The figure below demonstrates the **total number** of safety-related issues identified on each block.

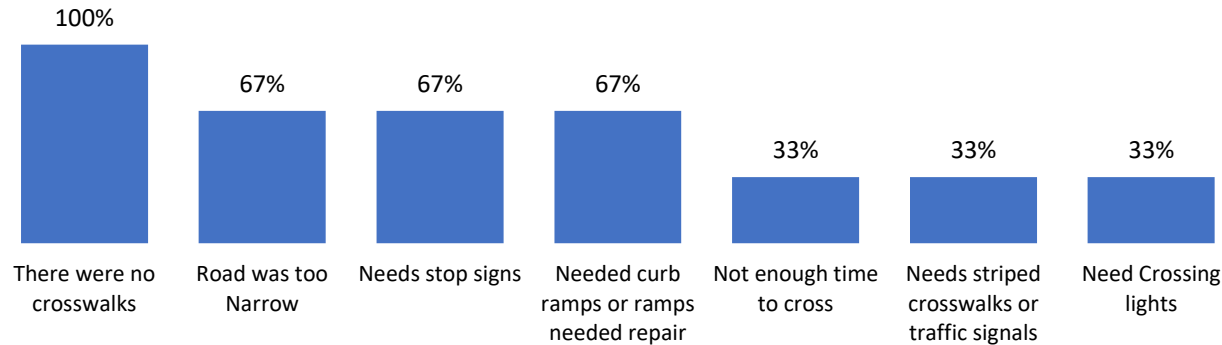


STREET CROSSING



Prevalence of issues

A total of **24 street crossing-related safety issues** were identified along the walk audit. Most frequent issues included lack of crosswalks, narrow roads, lack of stop signs, and lack of curb ramps.



Average Rating ★☆☆☆☆

On average, the community auditors rated street crossing **1 out of 5** on the quality, safety, and comfort.

“No sidewalk, small shoulder with poor road markings. Sidewalk begins at S. Stockton St... limited streetlights and shade. Prostitution sighted on W. Charter & S. Stockton”
- Community Auditor

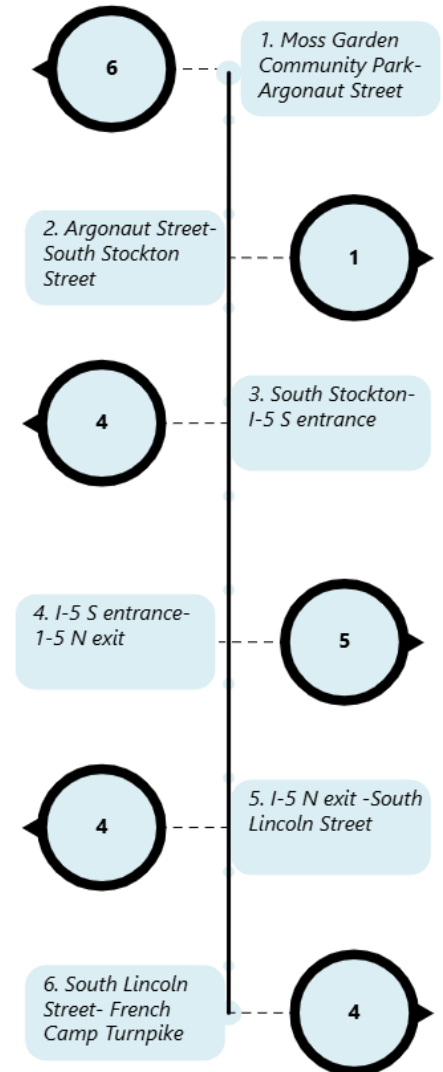
Types of issues by block

The most prevalent street crossing issues on the walk audit were identified on blocks 1, 4, and 6.

	Walk Audit Block						Total blocks present
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
There were no crosswalks	X	X	X	X	X	X	6
Road was too Narrow	X			X	X	X	4
Needs stop signs	X		X	X	X		4
Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair	X			X	X	X	4
Not enough time to cross			X	X			2
Needs striped crosswalks or traffic signals	X					X	2
Need Crossing lights	X		X				2

Number of issues by block

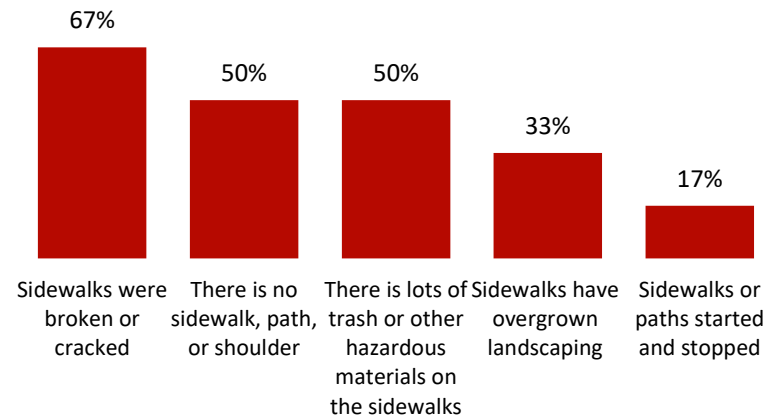
The figure below demonstrates the **total number** of street crossing-related issues identified on each block.



SIDEWALKS

Prevalence of issues

A total of **16 sidewalk-related safety issues** were identified along the walk audit. Most frequent issues included broken and cracked sidewalks, followed by a lack of sidewalks and hazardous materials in the sidewalks.



Average Rating

On average, the community auditors rated the sidewalks **1.8 out of 5** on the quality, safety, and comfort.

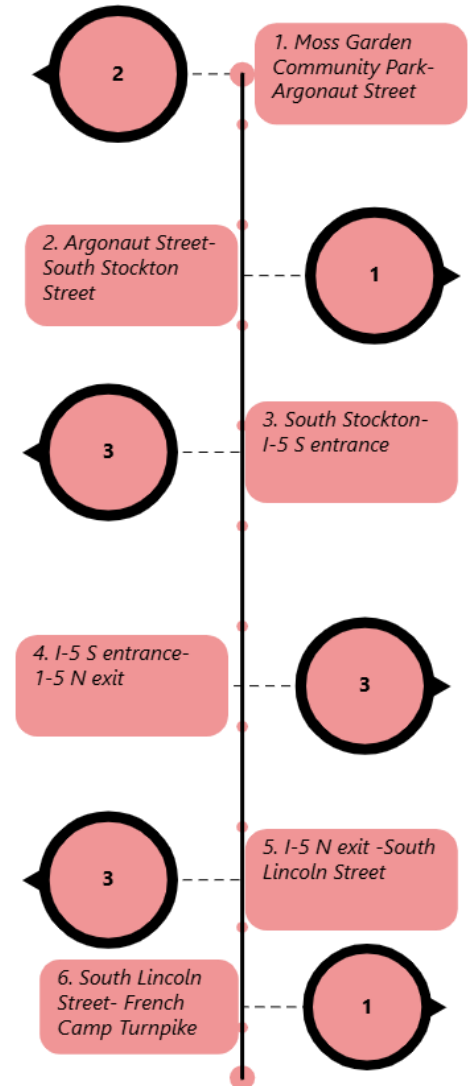


“First half mile until taco bell there is no sidewalk. Roadway markings indicating shoulder are poor. Hazardous materials and trash spotted along sidewalk. Crosswalks do not have sound indicators.”
- Community Auditor

Number of issues by block



The figure below demonstrates the **total number** of sidewalk-related issues identified on each block.




Types of issues by block

The most prevalent sidewalk-related issues identified on the walk audit were on blocks 3-5.


	Walk Audit Block						Total blocks present
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Sidewalks were broken or cracked			x	x	x	x	4
There is no sidewalk, path, or shoulder	x	x	x				3
There is lots of trash or other hazardous materials on the sidewalks			x	x	x		3
Sidewalks have overgrown landscaping				x	x		2
Sidewalks or paths started and stopped	x						1


Appendix A


Community members reported on five safety concerns and a total of 39 safety issues.

CONCERNS	ISSUES
Drivers 	Drivers appear to be speeding
	Drivers backed out of driveways without looking
	Drivers did not yield to children/people crossing the street
	Drivers did not yield to people crossing the street
	Drivers Made illegal turns
	Drivers sped up to make it through
	Drivers turned car into children/people crossing the street
	Drove through traffic signals/signs

CONCERNS	ISSUES
Street Crossing 	Need Crossing lights
	Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
	Needs stop signs
	Needs striped crosswalks or traffic signals
	Not enough time to cross
	Parked cars blocked our view of traffic
	Road was too Narrow
	Road was too wide
	There were no crosswalks
	Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic

CONCERNS	ISSUES
Safety 	Dirty air due to automobile exhaust
	Dirty, lots of litter or trash
	I felt unsafe around other people i saw
	I was afraid of the dogs around the area
	Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
	Needs grass, flowers, trees
	The lighting was not good
	There were trip hazards and/or accessibility issues
	Traffic was too fast
	Walking felt un-safe from cars/traffic

CONCERNS	ISSUES
Visibility and Comfort 	The street needs benches and places to rest
	There are few or no street trees or other landscaping
	There are vacant lids or rundown buildings
	There is not enough shade from the canopies, awnings, or trees

CONCERNS	ISSUES
Sidewalks 	Sidewalks are blocked by construction paths
	Sidewalks have overgrown landscaping
	Sidewalks or paths started and stopped
	Sidewalks were blocked with poles, signs, vehicles, etc.
	Sidewalks were broken or cracked
	There is lots of trash or other hazardous materials on the sidewalks
	There is no sidewalk, path, or shoulder