



Old Town San Diego Self Guided Walk Audit

Welcome!

This on-site Walk Audit provides you an opportunity to assess conditions in Old Town and to identify issues and opportunities that should be considered in updating the Old Town San Diego Community Plan. You also will indicate your preferences for the visual character of Old Town, including features that you value, as well as those that are of concern.

One can think of Old Town as a set of planning systems. They include:

- Mobility (Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Transit Passengers, Vehicles)
- Land Use
- Public & Institutional Uses/Facilities and Parks
- Urban Design

Consider those systems as you complete the Walk Audit. For this exercise, please focus on areas **outside** of the State Park boundary and the County's Heritage Park. Please consider the commercial, residential, and open space areas within the Old Town community planning area. Refer to the map for the boundaries of the planning area.

Answer as many of the questions as you can during your walk on the following sheets. You can provide extra sheets if needed. Try to mark the location of these issues and opportunities on the map. You are encouraged to supplement these notes with digital images. If you don't have time to complete all of the questions, you may also discuss them at the July 19, 2011 Community Plan Update Advisory meeting. When you have finished the Walk Audit, please submit your materials, as instructed at the end of the worksheet.

Please exercise caution when participating on the self guided Walk Audit.

1. Connections

People move through Old Town on foot, by bike, transit and automobile. Please complete the following (If you have more than one, please provide your answers on another sheet):

- Indicate your preferred mode of travel through Old Town:

- Now, with that mode in mind, identify a route you frequently take and mark it on the map (or describe it in the space provided). Mark the start and finish points on the map.

- Identify any issues or opportunities you encounter along the way and make a note of them in the space provided below (for example; bike lane access, ability to cross the street, gateway, parking, other?).
 - Mark the location of these issues on the map.
 - You may supplement these notes with an image or two.

3. Public & Institutional Uses & Facilities

Old Town contains a variety of public and institutional uses and facilities. These include active and passive parks, historical areas/buildings, open space, schools and religious places. They contribute to the function of the community in the services they provide, and also as local and state landmarks. Please make notes in the space provided about public and institutional facilities and parks (You may supplement these notes with an image or two):

- Choose an existing public or institutional facility or facilities and mark it on the map, or note it here:

- Then, list its assets and describe how they contribute to Old Town:

- Next, identify any issues or needs related to this public or institutional facility including pedestrian, bicycle or transit access:

- Are there other public facilities including recreational facilities not within the community that would enhance Old Town?

4. Urban Design

The historic character of Old Town contributes to its overall identity. Features that define that character include the overall physical setting, its streets, landscapes, and buildings.

Understanding Differences in Areas of Old Town

Some differences in character are found in various areas in Old Town. In this activity, look for distinctive features that may help to define an area and/or neighborhood which are important to you. You can also identify these areas on the map.

Using a digital camera, take pictures that will answer the questions below. Identify the location of the picture on the map provided; note an address or circle the area on the map. (You may make these notes during your walk, or later, when you can refer to the photographs, and even attach captions to them if you wish.)

A. VALUED NEIGHBORHOODS

- **Identify an area in Old Town that you value.**
 - Mark this area on the map, or name it in the space below.
 - Then, take digital pictures as examples of features that contribute to the area's character.
 - You can take pictures of activities on a street or area, or multiple buildings on a street block, and/or individual buildings and landscapes, which capture the idea.
 - You can make notes for the pictures in the space provided about the features that contribute to the area's character
 - If you have more than one area, then please use a separate sheet to answer the questions for each area.

B. FITTING INTO OLD TOWN

Identify which buildings support or enhance the preferred characteristics of the area that you have mapped. Answer these questions:

- **Find three buildings that support and enhance the character of the area.**

Photograph those buildings that, in your opinion, support and enhance the character of the area that you have identified. Or, you may list the buildings, by name and address, in the space that follows. Consider each building's orientation to the street, its size, materials and design.

- **Find three buildings that do not support or detract from the area or represent urban design issues that should be addressed for any new buildings to help avoid these design issues.**

These should be images of specific buildings that you believe don't fit with, and erode the character of the area that you have identified. Or, you may list the buildings, by name and address, in the space that follows.

NEXT STEPS: Submit Your Materials!

Submit your Walk Audit information to the project team, as instructed below. Thank you for providing insights that will enhance the Old Town community plan! We look forward to discussing your observations at the July 19, 2011 meeting.

Please submit your materials on or before July 11, 2011. Please include the following:

- Scan or take a digital pictures of your completed worksheet and map (JPG, or PDF). You can also type your notes and save as a Word document and send it to the email address below. Please keep a copy for yourself.
- Please select your 5 favorite photos that you took during your walk and save as JPG files. Please note the file name and the reason why you selected the photos. You may submit more photos if you like, however, if you do so, please be sure to identify which are your 5 favorites. Your 5 photos will be organized into a PowerPoint presentation for discussion during the July meeting.
 - Photo 1 File Name:
 - Why:
 - Photo 2 File Name:
 - Why:
 - Photo 3 File Name:
 - Why:
 - Photo 4 File Name:
 - Why:
 - Photo 5 File Name:
 - Why:

Please submit your materials by email to Tait Galloway at:
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Or, if email does not work for you, you may submit a package to the following address:

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THANK YOU!

Old Town San Diego Walking Audit Map



Legend	0 150 250 Feet	↑ North
	Old Town San Diego State Historic Park	