

ASSESSING WALKABILITY FOR WOMEN IN CITIES

Integrating GIS and Participatory Mapping

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“The **city** has been set up to support and facilitate the **traditional gender roles** of men with men’s experiences as the “norm”, with little regard for how the city throws up **roadblocks for women** and ignores their day-to-day experience of city life.”

Leslie Kern - Feminist City (2021)

WHAT DOES WALKABILITY MEAN?

General Walkability

Based on the physical features of the built environment

Gendered Walkability

Considers individual needs and perceptions

Includes a feeling of comfort & personal safety



WHY SUBJECTIVE DATA MATTERS

Objective Data



Land Use Mix



Street connectivity



Traffic conditions



Proximity to amenities

Subjective Experience



Feeling unsafe in poorly lit areas



Avoidance of certain routes



Perception of cleanliness



Difficulty navigating with children or strollers

If we want to build **inclusive cities**, we must start by listening to those who find it most difficult to navigate them.



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