

**MOVING TO OPPORTUNITY**

**Neighborhood Observation Form**

**Sample ID(s) #** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Mode of Transportation:** (CIRCLE ONE) walking automobile

**Observer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Observer ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Start Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ am pm **End Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ am pm

**Working With Partner:** Yes No **Partner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the questions below for the block on which the respondent lives. Complete one observation form for each unique address at which an MTO respondent lives.

1. Is this an urban or rural area?  
Urban.....1  
Rural.....5

**Questions about buildings on this block**

2. In general, how would you rate the condition of most of the housing units or other buildings on this block?

- Well kept, good repair..... 1  
Fair condition..... 2  
Poor condition (peeling paint, broken windows)..... 3  
Badly deteriorated..... 4  
No other structures..... 5

3. Are there metal bars on the windows above the basement level of any other buildings on either side of the street, within half a block in either direction of the unit?

- Yes, on one building ..... 1  
Yes, on more than one building ..... 2  
No bars or windows ..... 3

4. How would you rate the condition of the street in this block?

- Very good (recent resurfacing, smooth) ..... 1  
Moderate (evidence of keeping in good repair)..... 2  
Fair (minor repairs needed but not rough surface)..... 3  
Poor (potholes and other evidence of neglect)..... 4

5. Is there trash, litter or junk within a half a block in either direction of the unit?

- Major accumulation ..... 1

- Minor accumulation ..... 2
- None ..... 3

6. How would you characterize the land use on this block based on street-level frontage?

- Primarily residential..... 1
- Primarily commercial..... 2
- Mixed residential and commercial..... 3
- Primarily industrial ..... 4
- Primarily vacant houses ..... 5
- Primarily vacant lots and open space..... 5
- Primarily services or institutions ..... 6
- Primarily parks or playgrounds..... 7
- Public housing..... 8
- Other (specify)\_\_\_\_\_ 9

**Questions about the street**

7. Are there people visible on the street?

- Yes ..... 1
- No..... 5 (GO TO Q9)

8. How were you regarded by the people on the street? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Paid little or no attention by those around ..... 1
- Treated with suspicion ..... 2
- Friendly responses/greetings/helpful ..... 3

9. Which of the following do you see along the street? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Store-front church ..... 1
- Abandoned, burned out, or boarded up house/building... 2
- Green grocer/delicatessen ..... 3
- Supermarket/grocery store ..... 4
- Fast-food and take-out place..... 5
- None of these ..... 6

**Questions about the block**

10. Are there cigarette or cigar butts or discarded cigarette packages on the sidewalk or in gutters?

- Yes ..... 1
- No..... 5

11. Is there garbage, litter, or broken glass in the street or on the sidewalks?

- None ..... 1
- Light (some is visible) ..... 2
- Moderate ..... 3
- Heavy (visible along most or all of the street)..... 4

12. Are there trees lining the street?

- Trees on most or all of the block ..... 1
- Some trees ..... 2
- No trees ..... 3

13. Is there evidence of graffiti that has been painted over?

- Yes ..... 1
- No..... 5

14. Are the following signs visible? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- Neighborhood or Crime Watch..... 1
- Security warning signs..... 2
- Signs advertising beer, whiskey, or other alcohol ..... 3
- Houses with FOR SALE signs..... 4
- None of these ..... 5

**Commercial or industrial buildings**

15. Is industrial, warehouse, manufacturing a way land is used on this block?

- Yes ..... 1 (ASK Q16, Q17)
- No..... 5

16. Is there any high mesh fencing with barbed wire or spiked tops on the commercial/industrial properties?

- Yes ..... 1
- No..... 5

17. Are there security bars/gratings or boards on the windows of commercial/industrial buildings?

- On almost all buildings ..... 1
- On about half of the buildings ..... 2
- On a few of the buildings..... 3
- On none of the buildings..... 4