

Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting #2 February 14, 2019

Agenda



1. *Approval of Meeting Minutes*
2. *Discussion on the Draft Community Engagement Plan*
3. *Introduction to Scoping of the Complete Streets Manual*
4. *Review of Legislated Requirements*
5. *Review of the Scope DOT and Wallace Montgomery have Developed*
6. *Agency Specific Input*

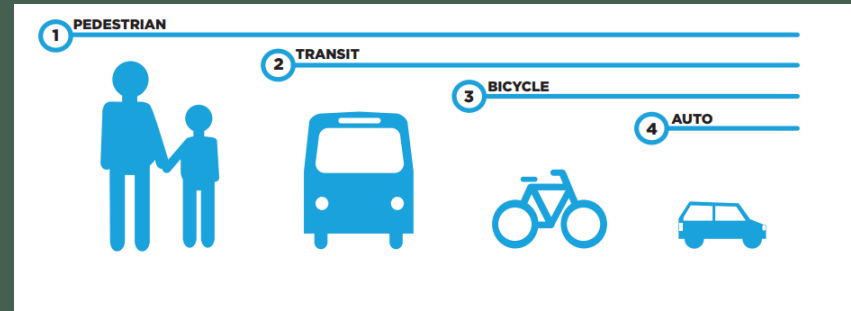
Complete Streets Manual Scope

1. *What is required per the Complete Streets Ordinance?*
2. *What should be included per best practices in the transportation industry?*
3. *How can this manual address issues specific to Baltimore?*
4. *How can this manual involve all City Agencies that work within the Right of Way?*

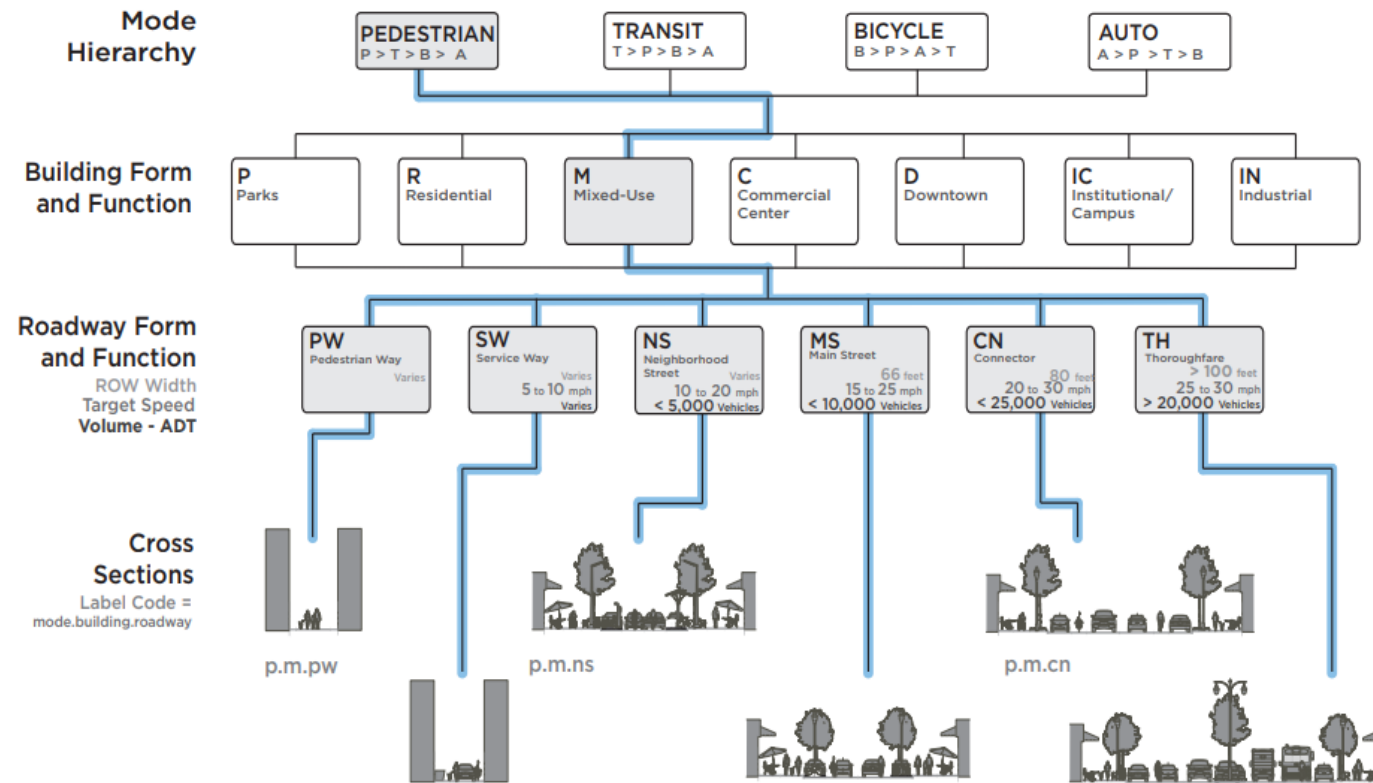
Complete Streets Ordinance Requirements

1. *Modal Hierarchy*
2. *Street Typologies*
3. *Project Prioritization Process*
 - a) *Including Equity Assessment*
4. *Project Delivery Process*
5. *Community Engagement Policies*

Modal Hierarchy



COMPLETE STREET DESIGN TREES - Pedestrian, Mixed-Use.



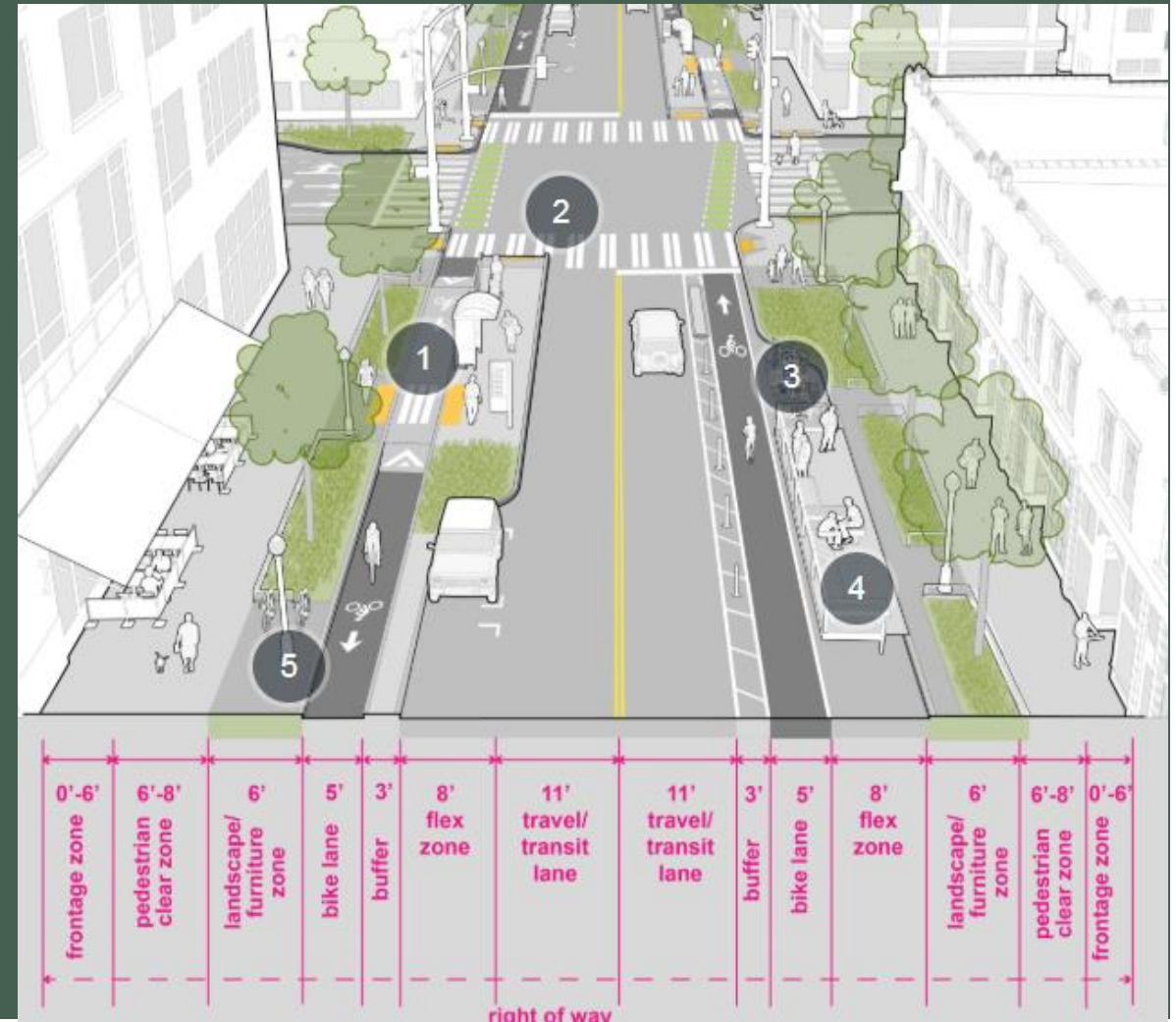
Source: Chicago Complete Streets Guidelines

Street Typologies

Source: *Seattle Streets Illustrated*,
Global Designing Cities Initiative

1. Pedestrian-Only Streets
2. Laneways and Alleys
3. Parklets
4. Pedestrian Plazas
5. Commercial Shared Streets
6. Residential Shared Streets
7. Residential Streets
8. Neighborhood Main Streets
9. Central One-Way Streets
10. Central Two-Way Streets
11. Transit Streets
12. Large Streets with Transit
13. Grand Streets
14. Elevated Structure Improvements
15. Elevated Structure Removal
16. Streets to Streams
17. Temporary Street Closures
18. Post-Industrial Revitalization
19. Waterfront and Parkside Streets
20. Historic Streets
21. Streets in Informal Areas

- 2.5 Downtown
- 2.6 Downtown Neighborhood
- 2.7 Downtown Neighborhood Access
- 2.8 Urban Village Main
- 2.9 Urban Village Neighborhood
- 2.10 Urban Village Neighborhood Access
- 2.11 Urban Center Connector
- 2.12 Neighborhood Corridor
- 2.13 Industrial Access
- 2.14 Minor Industrial Access
- 2.15 Neighborhood Yield
- 2.16 Commercial Alley
- 2.17 Curbless Deviations



Project Prioritization Process

How do we select projects in a transparent way?

Develop a ranking system that considers multiple factors:

- Adoption of approved plan
- Proximity to Transit
- Historically Disadvantaged Area
- Unemployment Rates
- Access to Healthy Food Options
- Roadway/Infrastructure Condition
- Transportation Safety
- Pedestrian Comfort
- Priority Development Areas
- Approved Plans from Other City Agencies

*Source: Smart
Growth America*

Project Delivery Process

From Conception to Construction

- Problem Screening Phase
- Concept Development Phase
- Preliminary Engineering Phase
- Final Design Phase
- Construction Phase

Community Engagement Policies

How and When Do we Engage the Public?

- Going beyond Title 6 requirements
- How and where do we reach people that typically don't come out to community meetings?
- How can we build consensus?
- At which stages in the project delivery process do we engage the public?

Collect Best Available Information

- Transportation Plans
- Design Standards
- Street Inventories
- Land Use / Zoning
- Streetscapes
- Neighborhood Contexts

Draft Manual Overview

What are Complete Streets?

Broader Perspective

- Bring a holistic lens to street design
- Integrate seamlessly land use, transportation, urban design, green infrastructure and public space
- Promote public life and deliver context sensitive public realm
- Help create Complete Communities



Why Transit Streets Matter



Better Streets,
Better Service



Transit Creates
Urban Places



A Mobility Service
For The Whole
City



Growth Without
Congestion



Safe Movement At
A Large Scale

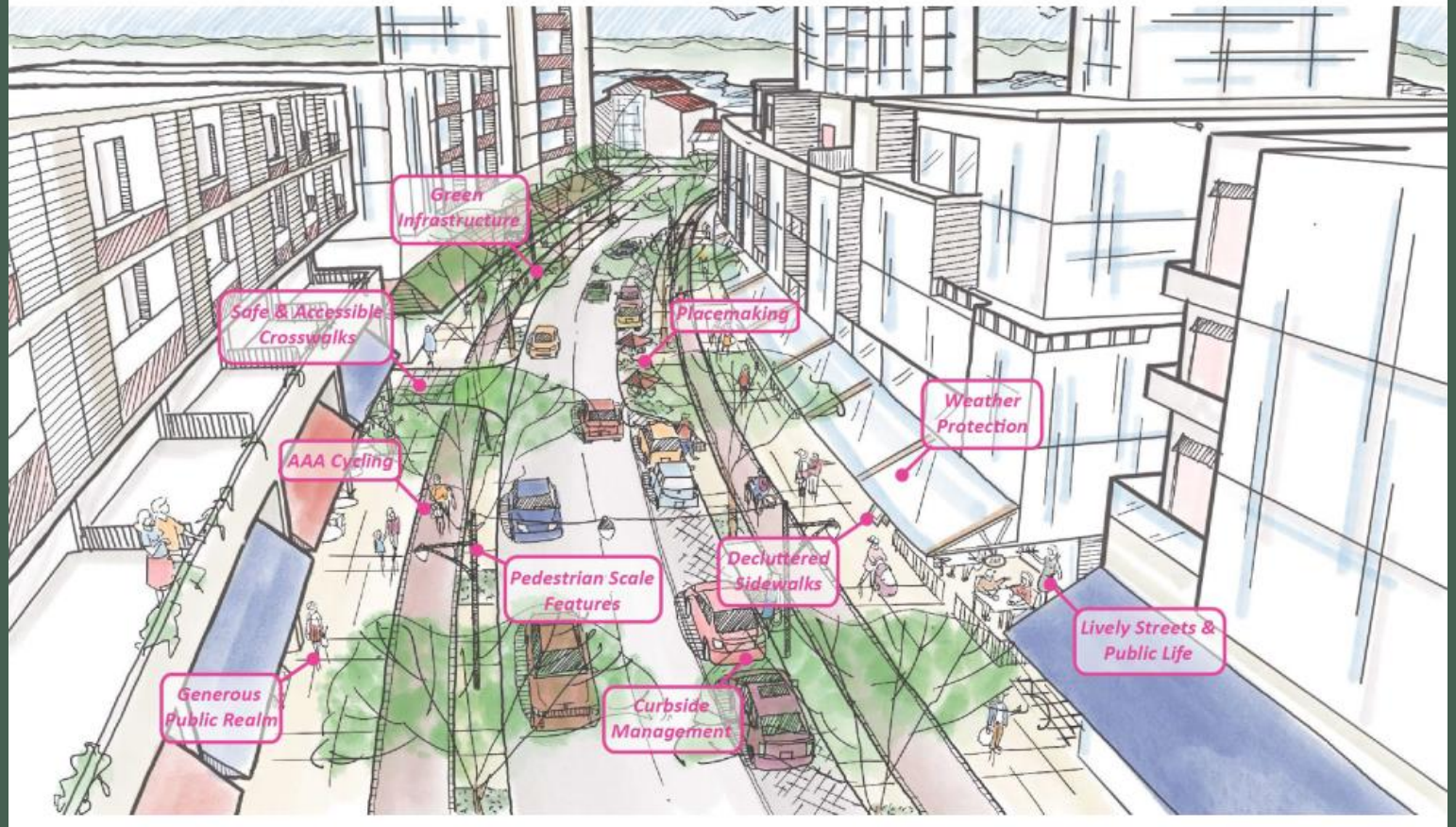


Permanent
Economic Benefits

Progressive Cities Now Focus on:

Best use of transportation
ROW for all modes

Example of a Complete Street



Identify Street Typologies

The functional classification system is the basis for most local, state, and national roadway design guides and manuals. The functional classifications are based on operational characteristics predominantly for the mobility and capacity of motor vehicles, and are used to recommend values for elements such as lane widths, speeds, geometry, and intersection design.

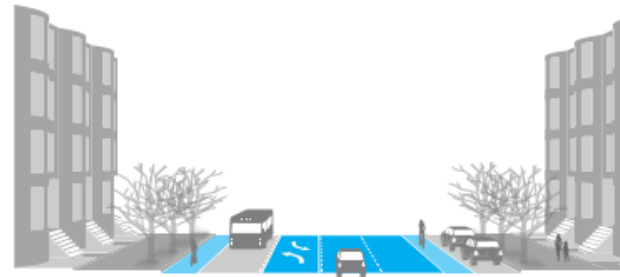


Functional classification systems predominantly emphasize the operational characteristics for the mobility and capacity of motor vehicles.

Functional Classification System

- ▶ Arterials
- ▶ Collectors
- ▶ Locals

In addition to reflecting a range of land use contexts, the new Street Types include three special types—Shared Streets, Parkways, and Boulevards—that are characterized more by design elements unique to that type of street rather than solely by adjacent land use.



Complete Street Types help supplement functional classification by balancing operational capacity and mobility with the context and character of the street and surrounding neighborhood.

Boston's Street Types

- ▶ Downtown Commercial
- ▶ Downtown Mixed-Use
- ▶ Neighborhood Main
- ▶ Neighborhood Connector
- ▶ Neighborhood Residential
- ▶ Industrial
- ▶ Shared Street
- ▶ Parkway
- ▶ Boulevard

3.1 Modal Hierarchy

CDOT will use *modal hierarchies* to inform design and operation decisions. The default hierarchy is: **Pedestrian > Transit > Bicycle > Automobile**. Project-specific alternative hierarchies may be submitted for Compliance Committee approval. Some possible hierarchies include:

- » **Transit > Pedestrian > Bicycle > Automobile** - along a major transit corridor
- » **Bicycle > Pedestrian > Transit > Automobile** - along a bicycle priority street with bikeways or a bicycle boulevard
- » **Automobile > Pedestrian > Bicycle > Transit** - in an industrial corridor or along a parkway with no bus service

Street Typology and Network Considerations

Street function:
regional and
local

Not a one-size-fits all approach

Typologies informed by:

- **Transportation function** within a broader network
 - Major Road Network (MRN)
 - Truck Route & Truck Areas
 - Transit (FTN)
 - Greenways



Street Typology and Network Considerations

ID Design
Constraints

Not a one-size-fits all approach

Typologies informed by:

- **Transportation function**
within a broader network
- Available **right-of-way**



Street Typology and Network Considerations

Land Use
Context

Not a one-size-fits all approach

Typologies informed by:

- **Transportation function** within a broader network
- Available **right-of-way**
- **Type of street** driven by land use intensity and activity



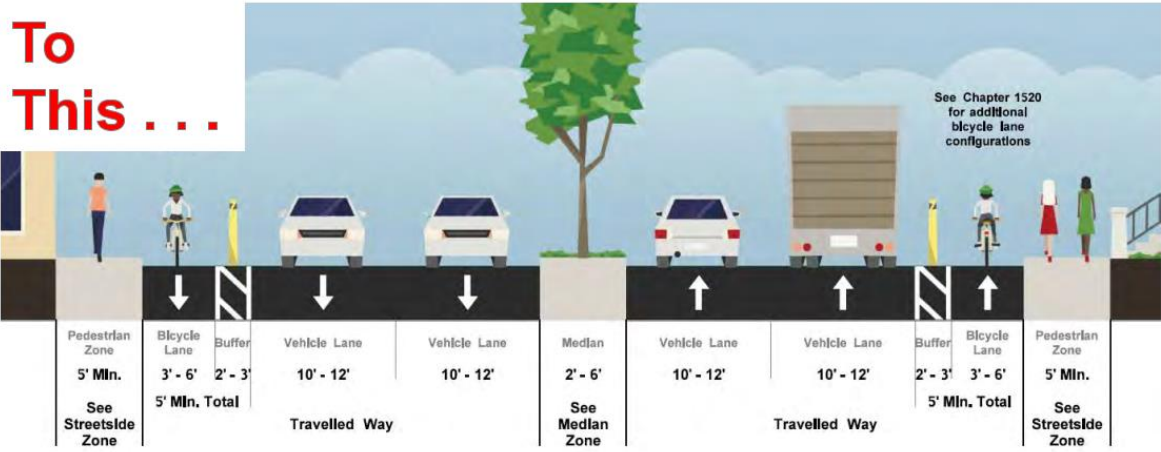
Modal Priorities:

- Planning / Policy
- Operations
- Design
- Curbspace?
- Maintenance



Develop Complete Streets Design Standards

Design Policy 2016 New Process Highlights



Example - Bicycle Oriented Cross Section

From "WSDOT Design Manual, 2015"
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Publications/Manuals/M22-01.htm>

Manual: Urban Street Design is Changing

From a **vehicular**-oriented design to a **modal priority**-based design

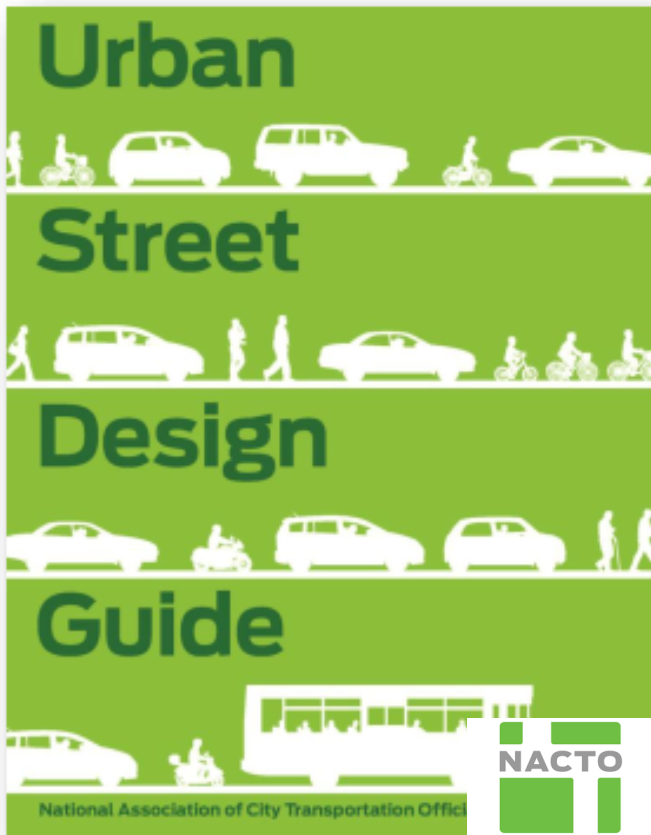
Evaluation Criteria:

1. Must be safe for all users
2. No longer highest priority to move max number of vehicles & minimize delay
3. Safety, accessibility, mobility

Cities are Changing



Street Design Principles



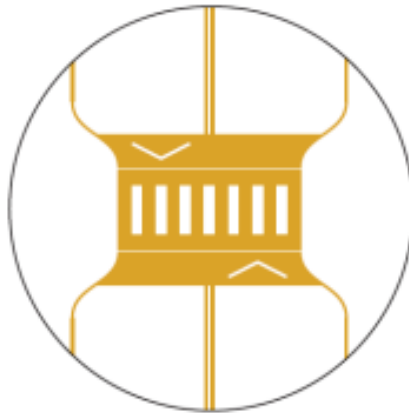
**Streets Are
Public Spaces**



**Great Streets are
Great for Business**



**Streets Can Be
Changed**



**Design for
Safety**



**Streets are
Ecosystems**



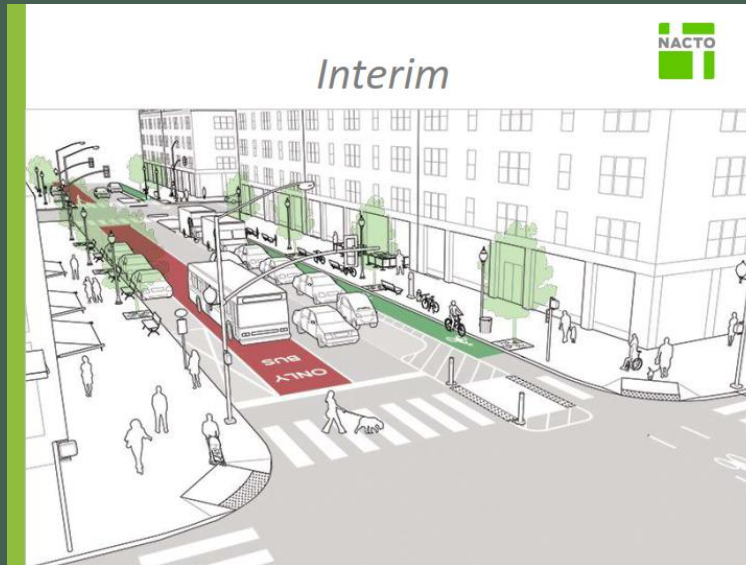
Act Now!

Transportation Elements

- Sustainable Stormwater Management
- Multimodal Signal Operations, Signal Spacing
- Complete Streets Curbspace Management
- Progressive Intersection Treatments
- Interim / Quick-build Strategies



A Note on a New Approach to Addressing Needs



Relationship to Other City Functions

- Planning
 - Setting modal priorities / Street typologies
 - Land use context
 - Community relations
- Roadway Design / Engineering
 - Design standards
- Maintenance
 - Materials
 - Street resurfacing
- Traffic & Operations
 - Modal priorities
 - Signal spacing
 - Curbside management
- Transit Service
 - State coordination
- Capital Improvements
 - Project development
 - Prioritization
 - Design standards
 - Construction management
- Towards Zero

Develop Performance Measures and Reporting Framework

Establish trackable measures of effectiveness relating to:

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Mobility
- Livability
- Economic development goals
- Equity

Upcoming Milestones:

- *Collect Best Available Information:* **March 1**
- *Draft Manual Introduction / Overview:* **March 15**
- *Develop Perf. Measures & Reporting Framework:* **March 15**
- *Identify Street Typologies:* **March 30**
- *Create Complete Streets Design Standards:* **July 1**
 - Provide Guidance on Functional Elements