

Lower Sims Discussion Primer

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A Balanced Transportation System -

Allows *all* people of *all* ages and abilities full access to all parts of their community. Switching from one mode of travel to another is seamless.

To achieve this requires a close partnership with land use *and* transportation.

Quality of life and health increase as policies, programs, and people are considered in each and every decision, and budget, we set in motion.



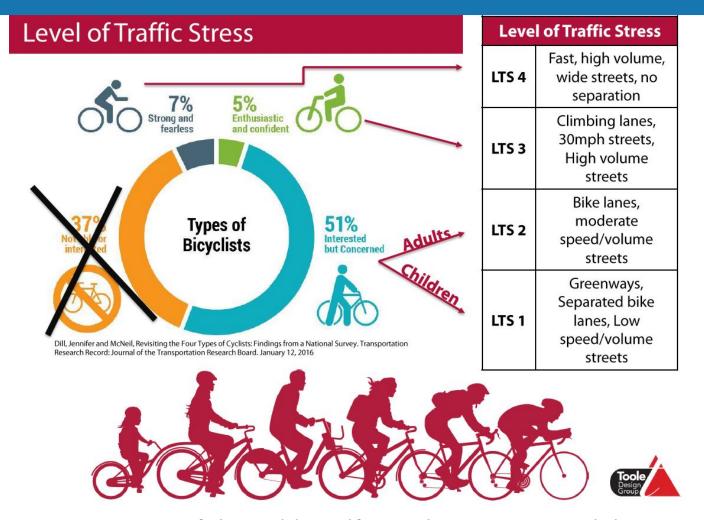


Five keys to the Success of Place

Security
Convenience
Efficiency
Comfort
Welcome



Level of Traffic Stress





Thirty-seven percent of the public self rate their interest to bike at zero. This leaves sixty-three percent who are looking for more active transportation supports than we are providing today. The Strong and Fearless and Enthusiastic and Confident crowds are being served. Infrastructural investments should support the fifty-one percent who are Interested but Concerned.

Target Speed













The Basics of Street Design



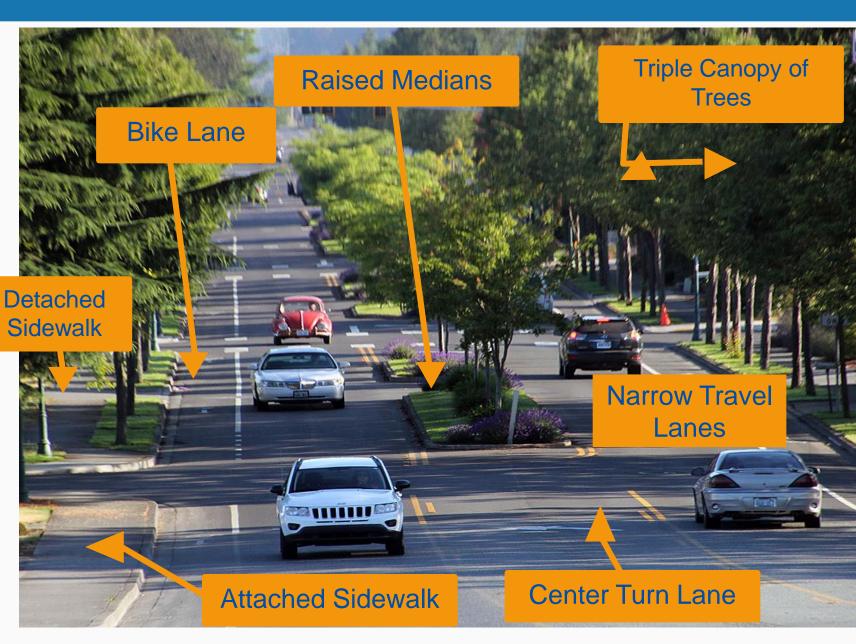


THE PARTS OF THE STREET

The functions of a street are spelled out in its various parts. This street has two high quality walkways (one on each side). Note the "attached" and the more comfortable "detached" sidewalks. Why is the detached sidewalk more comfortable?

This Central Avenue, Sequim, Washington, street also has a quality planter strip on each side, bike lanes, travel lanes and a center set of medians and turn lanes.

IMAGE LOCATION: CENTRAL AVENUE, SEQUIM, WASHINGTON



Sidewalks and Bike Systems

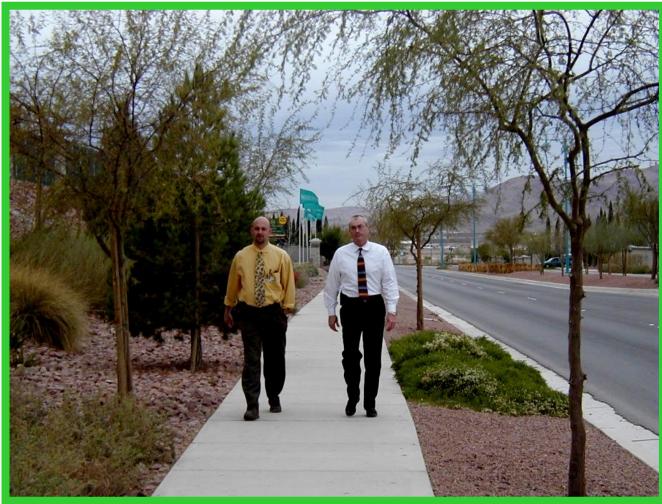
THE PARTS OF A SIDEWALK



Edge with Ground Cover













Crime and Security

Natural surveillance

is achieved through design and maintenance that allow people engaged in their normal activity to easily observe the space around them, as well as eliminating hiding places for people engaged in criminal activity. Natural surveillance is generally achieved by the use of appropriate lighting, low or see through fencing or landscaping, the removal of areas that offer concealment.





There are many positive testimonials from law enforcement officers regarding trails. Typically they state that trail users watch out for each other and report crime as that they see it occur, thus helping law enforcement to do its job.

There is no supporting evidence that trails have led to increased homeowner crime.



Do not use landscaping or fencing to screen the boatyard from the public view. This will breed crime.









Edges / Fences









Material / Maintence





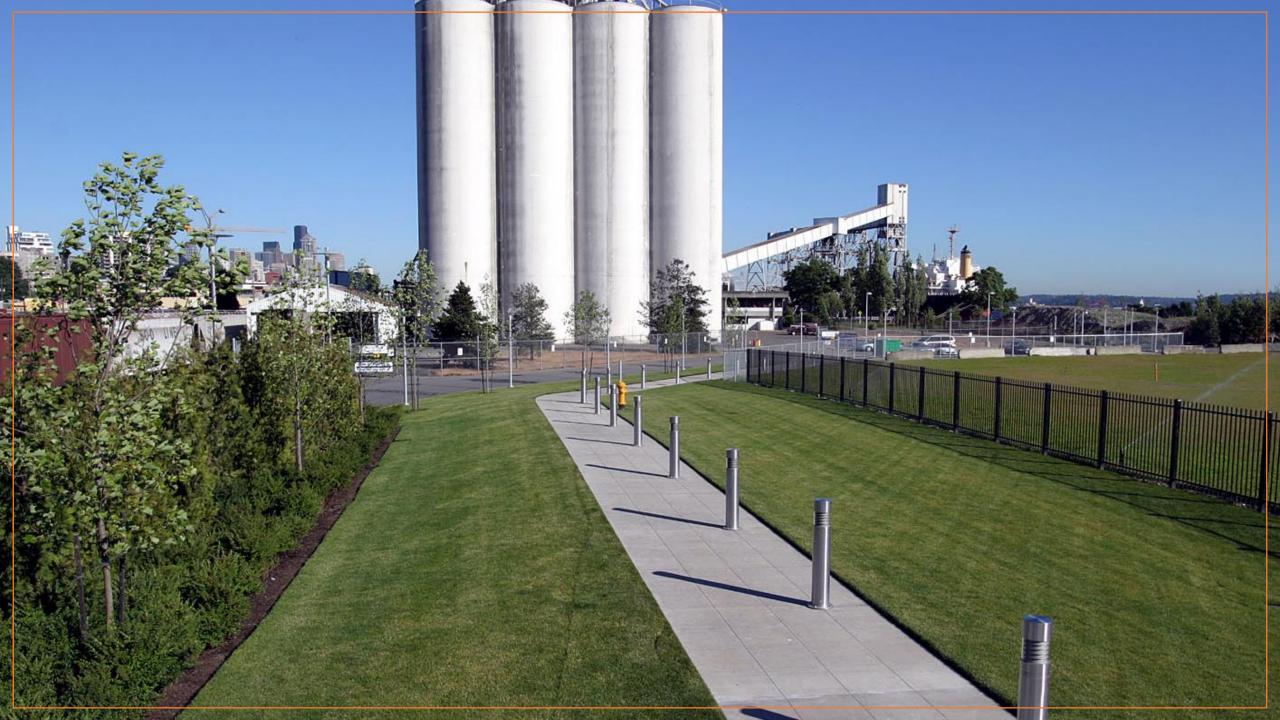






Lighting











Trees and Tree Placement





