

COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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What is a demonstration project?

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Demonstration projects are short-term, low-cost, temporary roadway projects used to pilot potential long-term design solutions to improve walking, bicycling, and public spaces.

Demonstration projects allow public agencies, community partners, and people walking, bicycling, taking transit, and driving to evaluate potential infrastructure improvements before potentially investing in permanent changes.

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Why do communities do demonstration projects?

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Benefits of using a demonstration project approach include:

- Test aspects of safety improvements before making further investments, inspire action and build support for project implementation.
- Develop further public awareness of the potential issue and conceptual options.
- Increase public engagement by inviting stakeholders to try demonstration projects for active transportation.
- Increase understanding of active transportation needs in the community.
- Encourage people to work together in new ways and strengthen relationships between government agencies, elected officials, nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and residents.
- Gather data from real-world use of streets and public spaces. Increase collaboration between education, engineering, encouragement, and enforcement from initial projects steps through removal or installation of permanent change.

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How will the demonstration project impact school buses, vehicles with trailers, and other larger vehicles?

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The demonstration curb extensions are designed to allow large vehicles to turn. The curb extensions are intended to encourage drivers of vehicles of all sizes to slow down when turning.