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SMALL CITIES
COUNCIL

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March 30, 2022 • 9:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Welcome
2. Introductions & Announcements
3. Summary of Previous Meeting
4. Metroplan Updates
5. Presentation: Best Practices Newsletter
6. Preview of Upcoming Meetings
7. Adjourn

SCC MEMBERS

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Alexander | 10. Lonoke |
| 2. Austin | 11. Mayflower |
| 3. Bauxite | 12. Mount Vernon |
| 4. Cammack
Village | 13. Shannon Hills |
| 5. England | 14. Traskwood |
| 6. Greenbrier | 15. Vilonia |
| 7. Guy | 16. Ward |
| 8. Haskell | 17. Wooster |
| 9. HS Village | 18. Wrightsville |



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INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Projects
- Updates
- Successes
- Challenges
- *Volunteer for May Community Spotlight*



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SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 26, 2022



Small Cities Council Meeting Summary

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 | 9:00 AM
on Zoom
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Meeting PowerPoint slides available at <https://metroplan.org/small-cities-council>
Meeting recording available at <https://www.facebook.com/Metroplan/videos/513284090071261>

SCC Members Attending

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| 1. Mayor Sammy Hartwick, President | City of Greenbrier |
| 2. Mayor Mike Kemp, Vice President | City of Shannon Hills |
| 3. Mayor Bernie Chamberlain | City of Austin |
| 4. Mayor Charles Gastineau | City of Ward |
| 5. Mayor Sam Higdon | City of Guy |
| 6. Ms. Jennifer Hill, Recorder/Treasurer | City of Haskell |
| 7. Mayor Butch House | City of England |
| 8. Mayor Allan Loring | City of Wrightsville |
| 9. Mayor Trae Reed | City of Lonoke |
| 10. Mayor Terry Don Robinson | City of Wooster |

Guests

- | | |
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| 11. Mayor Tom Farmer | City of Benton |
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Metroplan Staff

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 12. Mr. Casey Covington | Deputy Director/CARTS Study Director |
| 13. Ms. Bernadette Rhodes | Community Planner |
| 14. Mr. Jeff Runder | Senior Planner for Technical Analysis |

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Ms. Rhodes advised that the Executive Committee



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METROPLAN UPDATES

- Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 2023 STBG Call for Projects
- Employee Handbook
- Hwy 67/I67 MTP and TIP Amendment
- Model UDO
- Regional Greenways Workshop 2, April 6
- NWA LaneShift Study Tour, June 15-16
- Benchmarking Trip, August 16-19



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METROPLAN'S BEST PRACTICES NEWSLETTER

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Best Practices

METROPLAN'S BEST PLANNING PRACTICES NEWSLETTER

February 2022

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Best Practices

Pedestrian Safety

March 30, 2022

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¹Geographic Summary of Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities, June 2021, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration "Traffic Safety Facts" series p. 8.

- Best Practices newsletter
- Propose a topic
- Ask questions
- Dialog
- No right or wrong answers

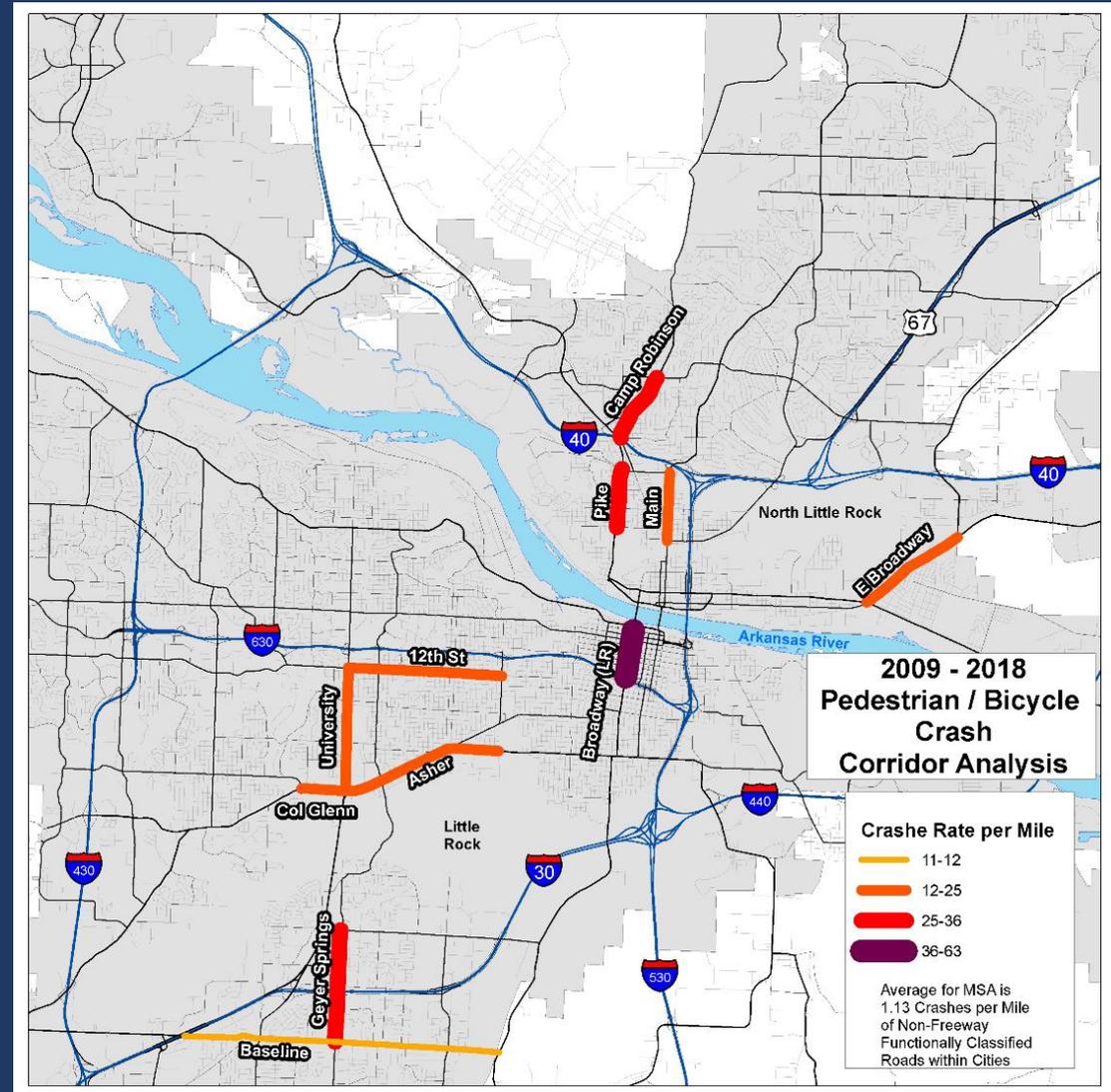
Has this ever happened to you?

- What's he doing there?
- Who has the right of way?
- Everybody is a pedestrian.



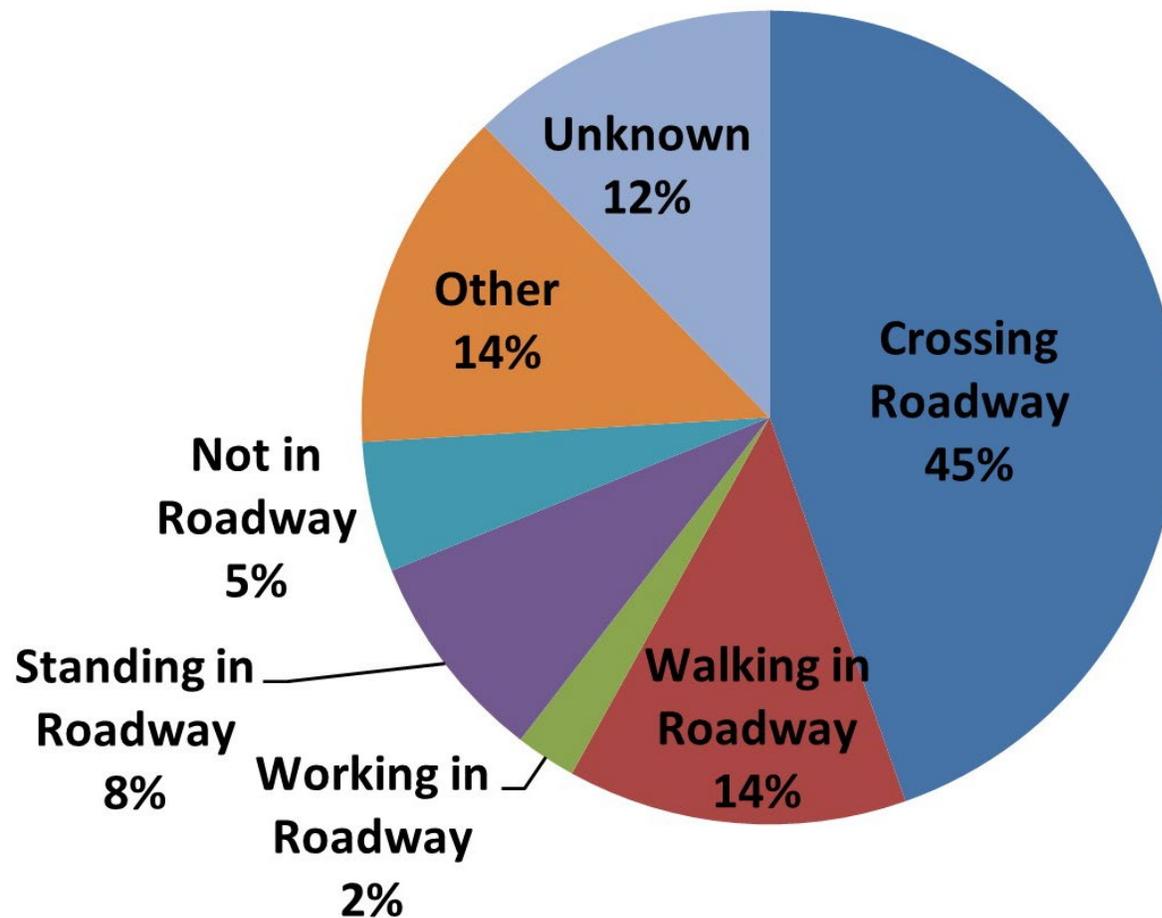
Background Factoids

- Dangerous corridors
- Major arterial streets
- At-risk populations
- Road design



Background
Statistics

Action or Location of Pedestrian Fatalities in Central Arkansas 2009-2018



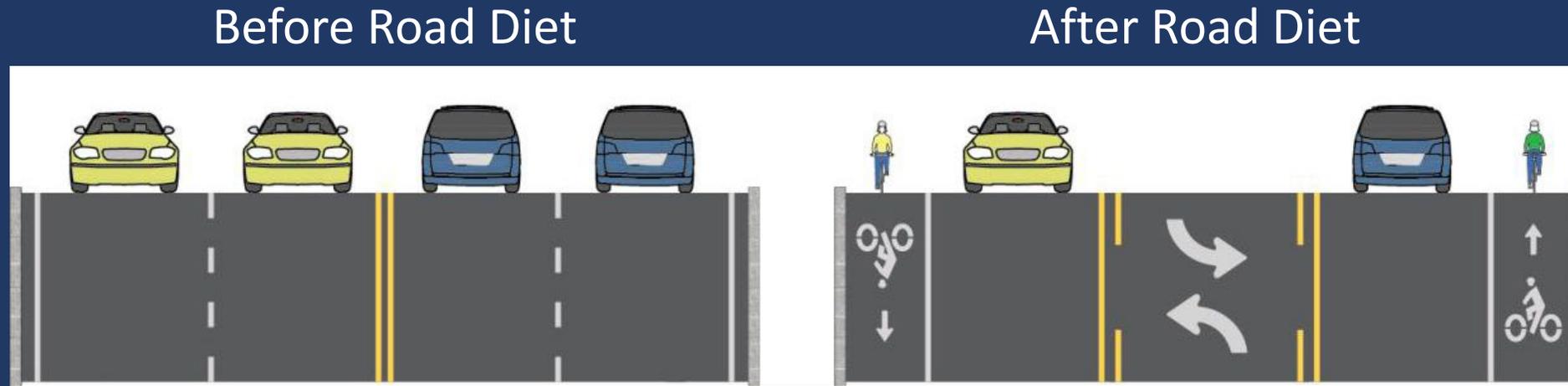
The Critical Takeaway

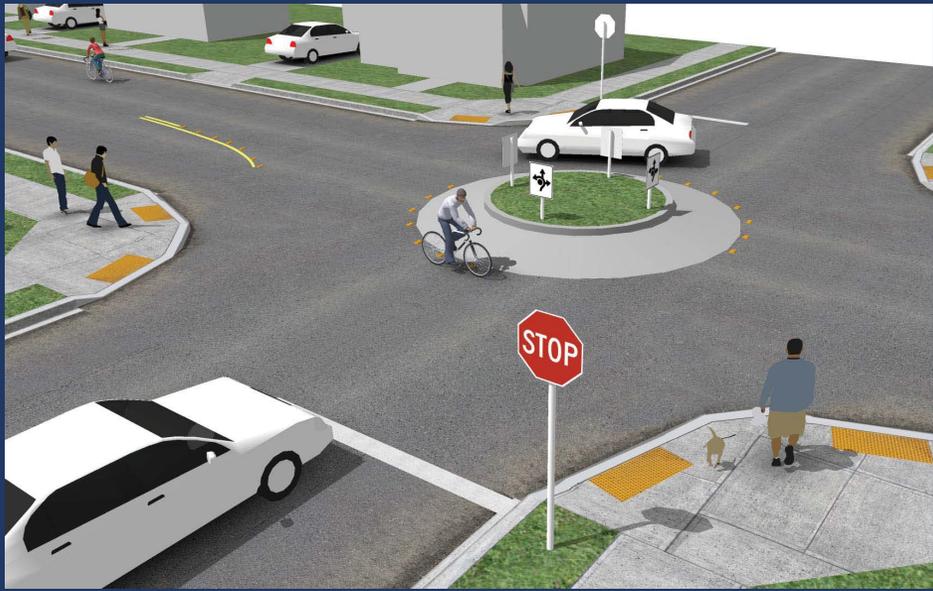
- Design tweaks can make a critical difference
- Inexpensive and worth it
- A safe environment is also calming, sends message “life is good here”



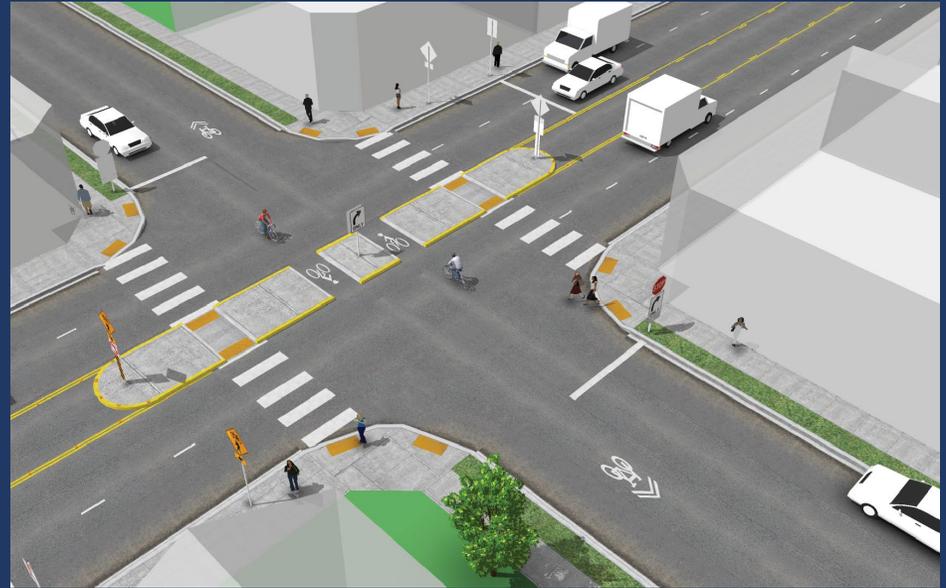
Does your road need a diet?

- Road diets work with traffic levels under 20,000 vehicles/day.
- They sometimes work with even higher traffic levels
- Congestion seldom gets worse





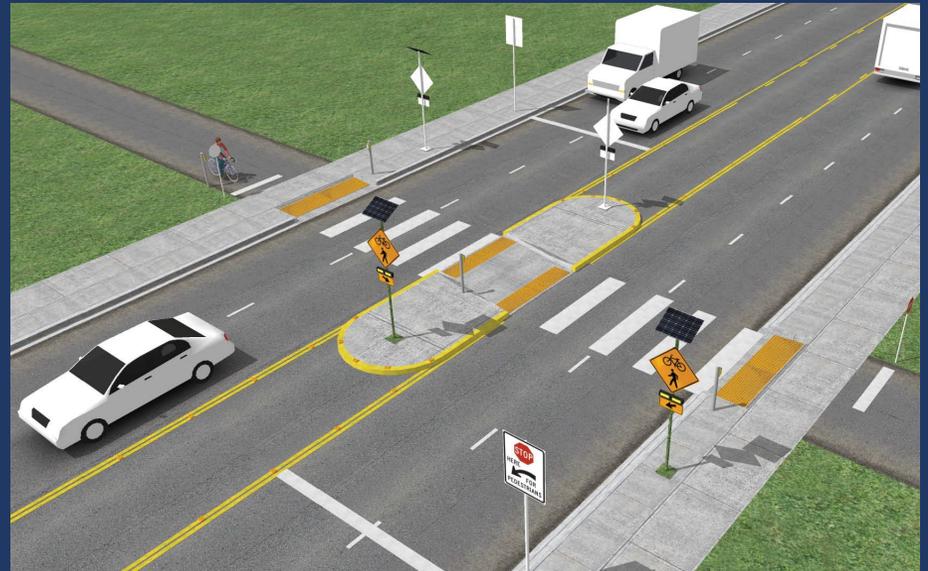
Mini Traffic Circle



Pedestrian Refuge Island



Center Island



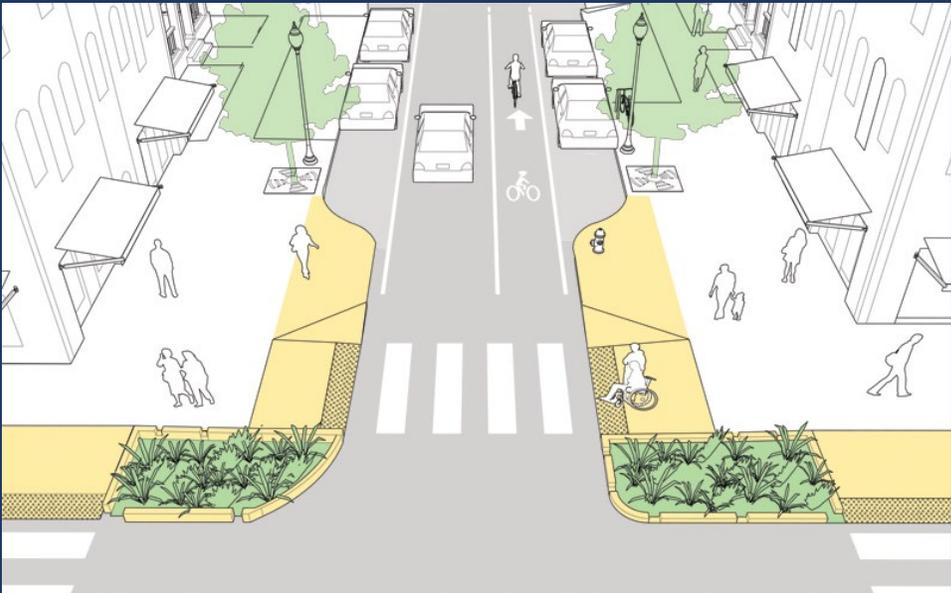
RRFB at Mid-block



Raised mid-block crosswalk



Speed table



Bulb-out curbs



Chicane

Levy Jump Start – Before and After



Project under construction.



Artist's rendering of the completed project.

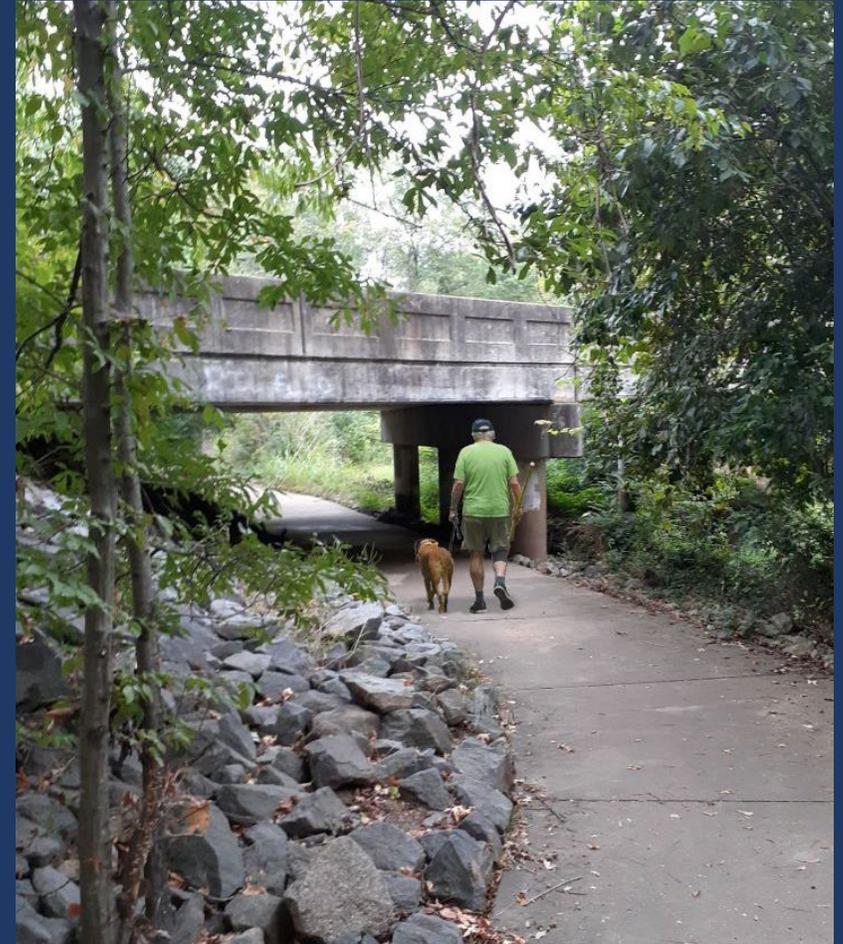
Pedestrians Over and Under

(the expensive way)



Pedestrians Over and Under (the cheap way)

- Use creeks, box culverts under bridges
- Design roadways to allow this “under” solution for future
- Just as good from the walker’s and biker’s point of view

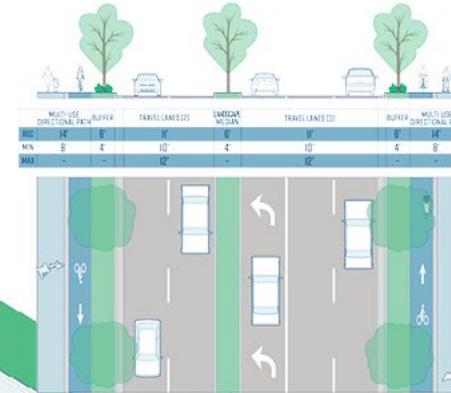


Excerpt from Metroplan's Multimodal Infrastructure Guidelines

SUBURBAN COMMERCIAL

Suburban Commercial corridors are larger, multi-lane streets having a variety of land use types that are rarely mixed with one another. Throughout the CARTS region, these corridors are prominent routes for not only motorized travel but for transit, walking, and bicycling too.

TYPICAL CROSS SECTION



Example Streets

- » Dave Ward Drive, Conway
- » Chenal Parkway, Little Rock
- » Brockington Road, Sherwood
- » E. McCain Blvd., North Little Rock
- » Reynolds Road, Bryant
- » Military Road, Benton



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**REGIONAL GREENWAYS
WORKSHOP 2**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

**METROPLAN BOARD
MEETING**

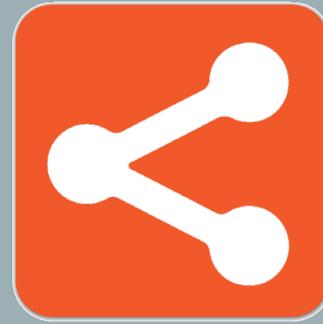
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

**SMALL CITIES COUNCIL
MEETING**

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

“ Asking the essential questions for any planning idea allows us to better recognize the potential impacts of planning outcomes on the people in our communities. ”

<https://bit.ly/3JGImdR>



SHARE-WORTHY

3 Essential Questions for Better Planning

Who is helped?

Who is Helped?

Planning Proposal 

Planning Proposal  

Planning Proposal  

Who is harmed?

Who is Harmed Scan

- Financially
- Physically
- Culturally
- Psychologically
- By Neglect

Who is missing?

Who is Missing Scan

- Tied to Subject Matter
- With a Stake but Outside
- Differing Abilities or Needs
- Demographically Diverse
- Underrepresented



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