
Pedestrian Safety

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The design theories and planning philosophy that underlie traffic calming indicate that *safe and accessible pedestrian circulation in an urban environment must take precedence over the efficient flow of vehicles*. This is evident in many of our recommendations that ensure pedestrian safety, such as mid-block crossings, streetscaping, and speed tables to slow down traffic.

The design of pedestrian walkways and crosswalks is important to create a successful comprehensive plan because the design of any traffic calming features has an important affect on pedestrians. There are various ways to increase safety at pedestrian crosswalks:

- ◆ *Increase compliance with DO NOT WALK signs*
- ◆ *Install signs and lights at crosswalk*
- ◆ *Place crosswalks at mid-block points at appropriate locations*
- ◆ *Distinctly mark crosswalks to separate pedestrians from other forms of traffic*
- ◆ *Wider width for pedestrians to walk next to each other*

Traffic calming, used in conjunction with pedestrian safety measures, will be more effective. Cost construction analysis should be done before any final decisions.