

Denver Vision Zero Community Program

Project Types

Tactical Urbanism

- Tactical urbanism is an umbrella term used to describe a collection of low-cost, temporary changes to the built environment intended to improve local neighborhoods and city gathering places.
- These projects can include traffic calming elements that demonstrate multimodal infrastructure, such as temporary curb extensions, bike lanes, traffic circles, crosswalks, or sidewalks.
- They can also include pop-up land uses that show how vacant spaces could be better used by and for the community, such as pop-up businesses or parks.
- Resources
 - [How to Build a Better Block](#) is an open-sourced project that is free to re-use and build upon. (Individuals and organizations can credit the Better Block project under their [Creative Commons License](#).) This site is developed to provide help for communities that wish to build their own Better Blocks complete with news, tools, and other resources they may need to help rapidly revitalize neighborhoods.
 - [Slow Your Street- a How-To Guide for Pop Up Traffic Calming](#) by Trailnet is a comprehensive guide to figuring how and why to do a traffic calming demonstration. The guide covers every aspect of the process, from identifying your goals and engaging your community to setting up a demonstration. The section on data even has a sample survey you can use for gathering feedback to analyze the success of your event.
 - [The Tactical Urbanist's Guide to Materials and Design](#) by Street Plans Collaborative is a practical guide to what materials you can use when you are redesigning a street.
 - [WikiBlock](#) offers downloadable patterns for building street furniture and traffic calming tools with plywood.
 - [Tactical Urbanism 2](#) by Street Plans Collaborative is an inspiring look at ways to improve your community through temporary projects of all sizes.
- Photos available: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/WalkDenver/photos/> (*Please credit to WalkDenver*)

Safe Routes

- Safe Routes programs aim to make it safer for community members to walk and bike to local destinations and encourage more walking and biking where safety is not a barrier. Although traditionally focused on schools, a Safe Routes project is a great way to focus on safe transportation options to and from any specific community destination in your neighborhood, such as a school, library, park, recreation center, community center, or transit stop.
- These projects can include developing a walking/biking route to a place, organizing a walking school bus or bike train, hosting a walk/bike safety and skills clinic, etc.
- Resources



- [National Center for Safe Routes to School](#) believes in the importance and joy of safe walking and biking. By creating safe places for everyone, communities take a major step towards meeting the national goal of ending traffic deaths on roads.
- Active Transportation Policy Toolkit: this resource has many ideas from yard signs to education and community organizing efforts
- [Vision Zero For Youth](#) recognizes that starting with youth can be the catalyst to build community support for Vision Zero, and that Vision Zero should include a focus on youth. Community members can help by supporting efforts to improve safety for youth and encouraging city leaders to make change in your community.
- [Walk & Bike to School - Year-Round Biking and Walking](#)
- [Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center - Community Support](#)

Photovoice

- A Photovoice program is an opportunity for community members to have their voice heard through photography by documenting their experiences in their neighborhoods. A Photovoice project can highlight stories that show:
 - What makes you feel safe or happy while traveling through your community?
 - What makes you feel unsafe when traveling through your community?
- Resources
 - The [Vision Zero Federal Boulevard Photovoice Project](#) was hosted in the spring of 2018 by the City & County of Denver in partnership with the University of Denver and WalkDenver.

Public Art

- Public art projects can bring communities together to create art installations that raise awareness of traffic safety and Denver's commitment to end traffic fatalities and serious injuries as a Vision Zero city. This artwork supports a dialogue among residents, city officials, advocacy groups, and artists about the community's values, and how our neighborhoods and streets are designed to reflect those values.
- Project types can include intersection murals, sidewalk art, artistic wayfinding projects, murals, etc.
- Resources
 - The [Colfax Avenue Community Art Projects](#) was a community effort led by WalkDenver in partnership with Colfax Ave community members, neighborhood associations, Denver artist Pat Milbery, East High School, Colfax Avenue Business Improvement Districts, and the City and County of Denver.
- Photos available: [Colfax Ave Utility Box Artwork Installation](#) (Please credit to WalkDenver)

Other

- This is your opportunity to get creative! Have you thought of a project not listed here? We'd love to hear your ideas. Make sure to consult with program leaders before submitting your application either by attending an upcoming workshop (see below) or contacting [Michele Shimomura](#).

