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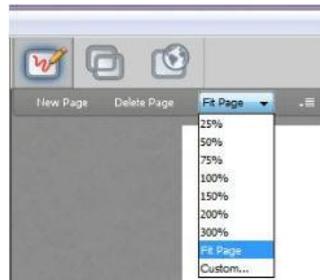
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Accessible Shared Streets: Notable Practices and Considerations for Accommodating Pedestrians with Vision Disabilities

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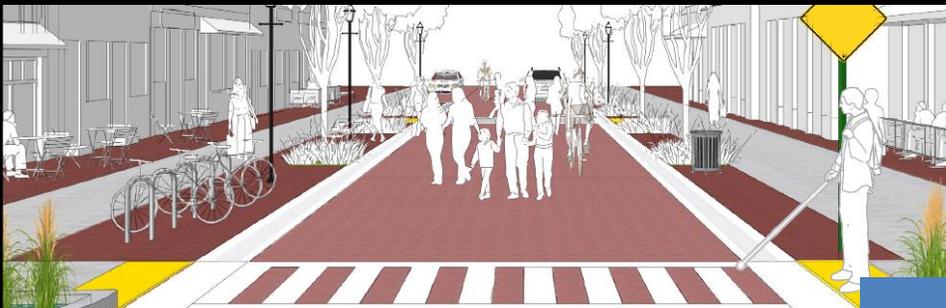
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Accessible Shared Streets



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Project Background and Context

- Communities in U.S. are implementing innovative roadway designs such as shared streets for different reasons
- FHWA recognizes the need to ensure that shared street designs meet the needs of all users
- FHWA sponsored the 2017 Accessible Shared Streets study to gain insight on the shared streets concept, specifically as regards to accessibility for persons with vision disabilities

Project Background and Context

- Incoming review requests and technical inquiries
- Due diligence
- Design flexibility
- Surge in pedestrian and bicycle resources



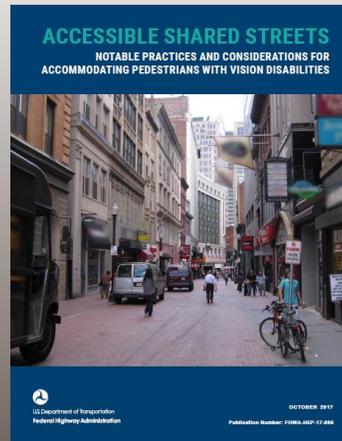
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Overview of Resource

1. Introduction
2. Shared streets
3. Legal Framework Regarding Accessibility
4. Shared Streets and People with Vision Disabilities
5. Tactile Walking Surface Indicators and Detectable Edges
6. Planning Shared Streets
7. Lessons Learned from Shared Street Implementation in the United States
8. Shared Streets Design Toolbox
9. Conclusion



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What is a Shared Street?

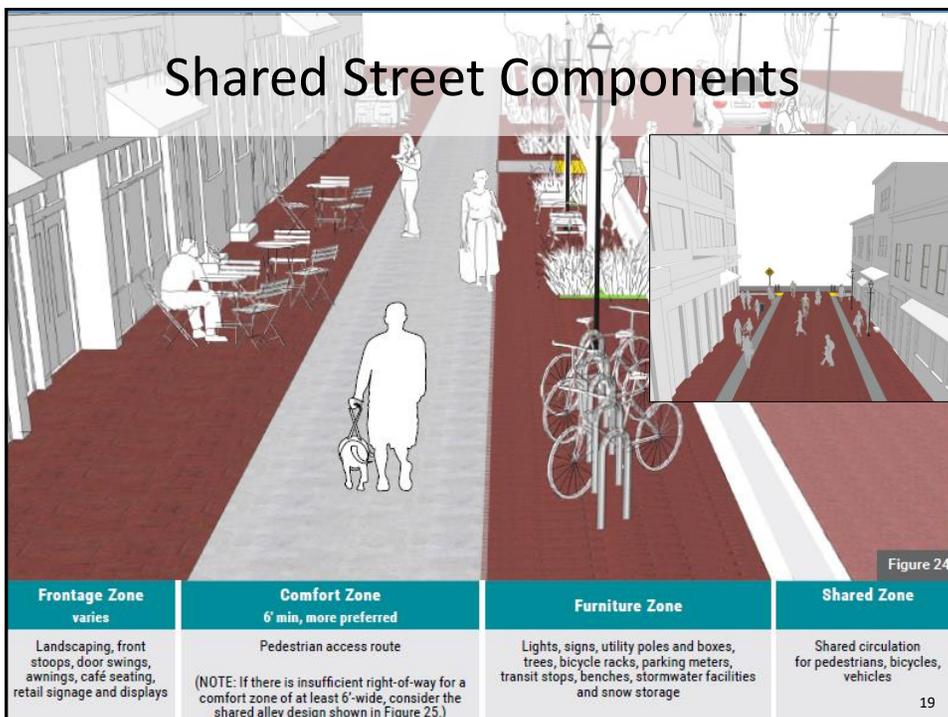
- A street that includes a shared zone where pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles mix in the same space (typically no curbs present)
- Although the ROW is shared, some provide focused zones:
 - Frontage Zone
 - Comfort Zone
 - Furniture Zone
 - Shared Zone
- Not all streets without curbs are “shared streets”



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Shared Street Components



Key Project Challenges

- Promoting design innovation, while still ensuring accessibility
- Capturing state of practice in a rapidly evolving field
- Regulatory context
- Engaging people with disabilities in the planning and design process



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Stakeholder Engagement

- Diverse group of participants in multiple stakeholder events:
 - Two multi-day workshops
 - Two focus groups
 - Peer exchange with shared street designers
 - One-on-one interviews with stakeholders
- Field visits to several shared streets across the U.S.



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Stakeholder Engagement

Multi-day Workshops included:

- Overview Presentation
 - Shared Street design concepts
 - How pedestrians with vision disabilities navigate
 - Potential navigational challenges posed by shared streets
- Field visits
- Wrap-Up Discussions – feedback from participants

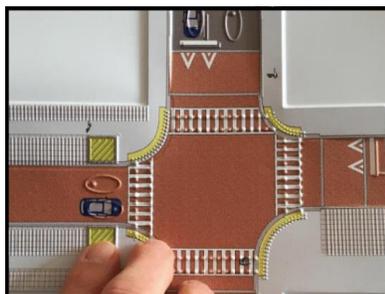


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Stakeholder Engagement

- Workshop Highlights



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Stakeholder Engagement

- Workshop Highlights

- Extremely engaged participants
- Discussions centered around features and issues at each location (Seattle, WA; Silver Spring, MD; Minneapolis, MN)
- Participants also shared good and bad travel experiences
- Everyone benefitted from the experience – more informed equals better decisions (everyone learned something)



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Workshops



Silver Spring, MD



Minneapolis, MN



Seattle, WA



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Design Principles

- Context sensitivity and treatment levels
- Layers of information
- Consistency and predictability
- Universal design for all
- Programming
- Operations and maintenance



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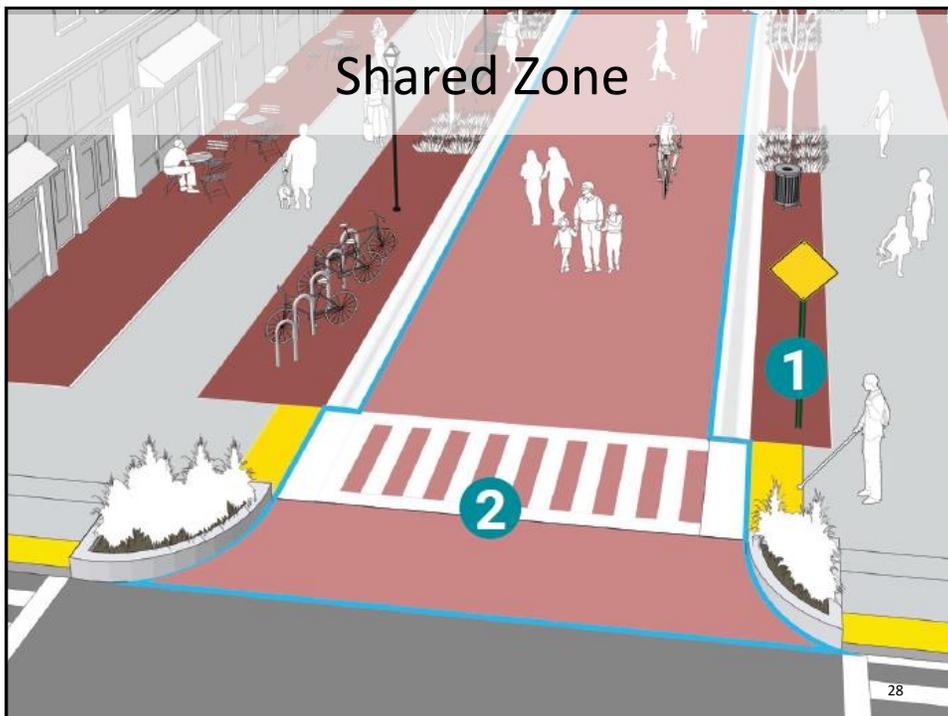
Overview of Terms

- Tactile Walking Surface Indicators
 - Detectable Warning Surfaces/Truncated Domes
 - Directional Indicators
- Detectable Edges



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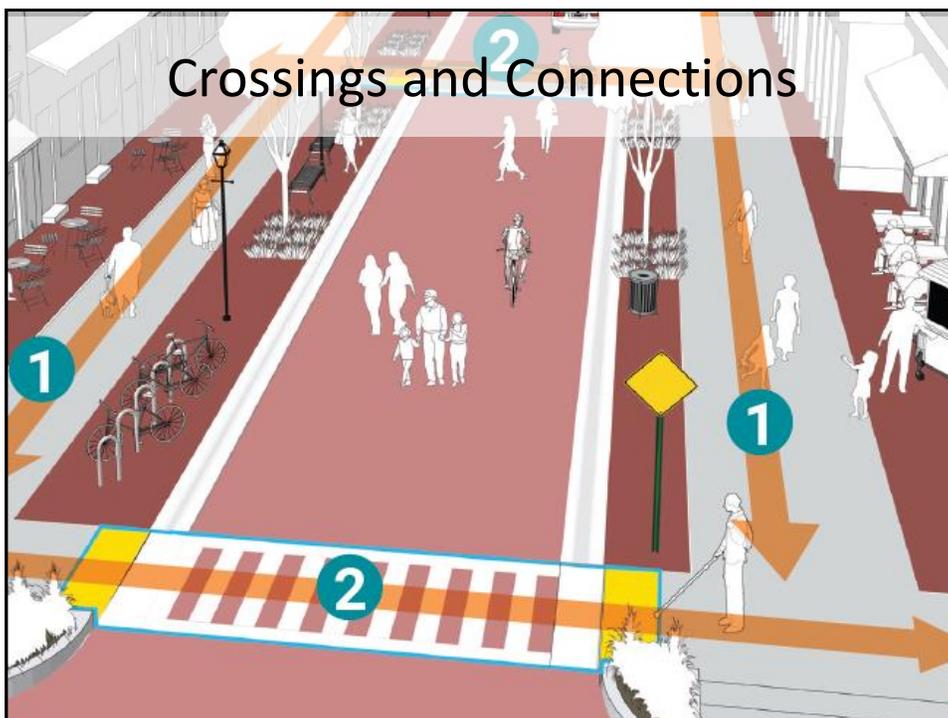


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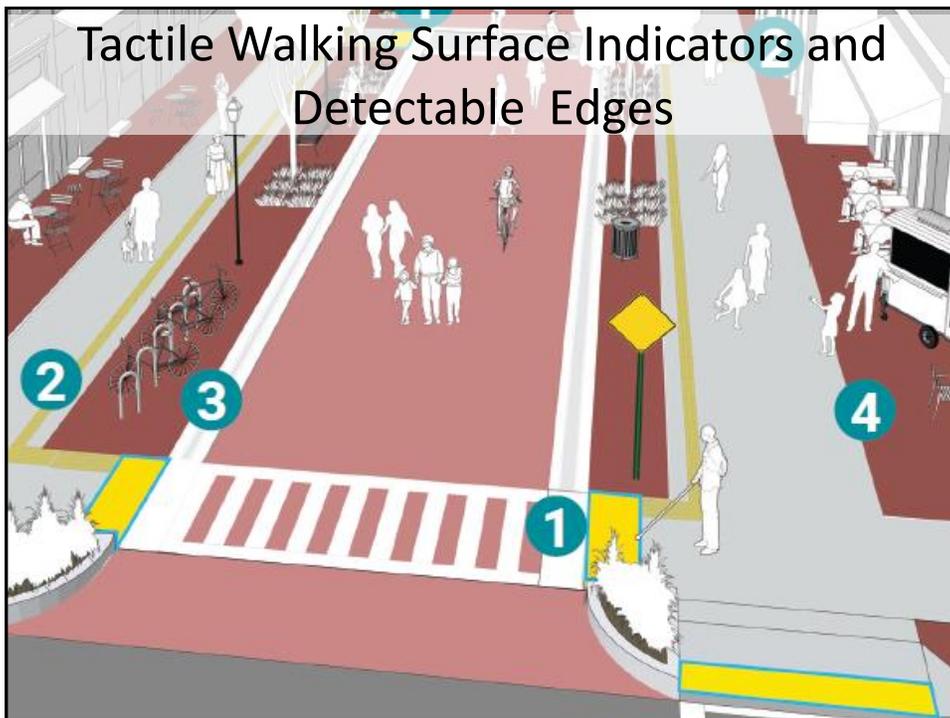
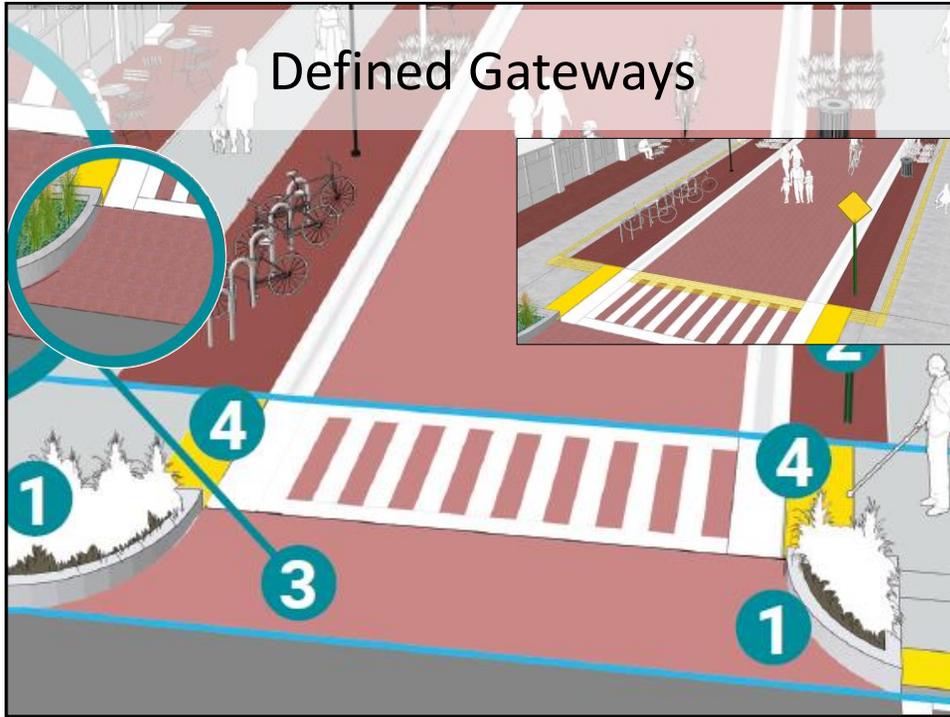


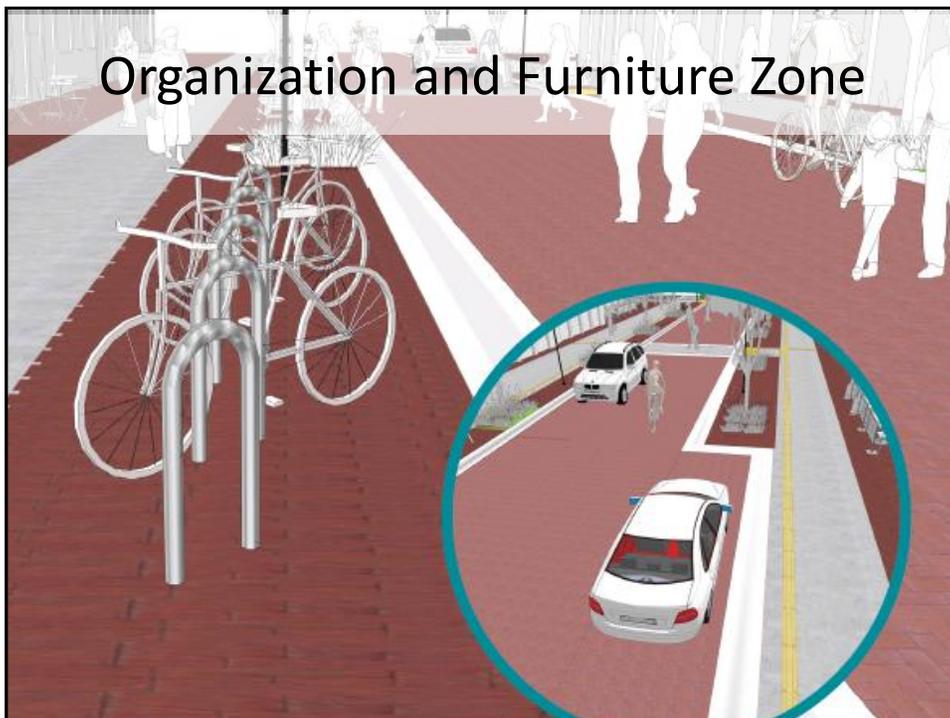
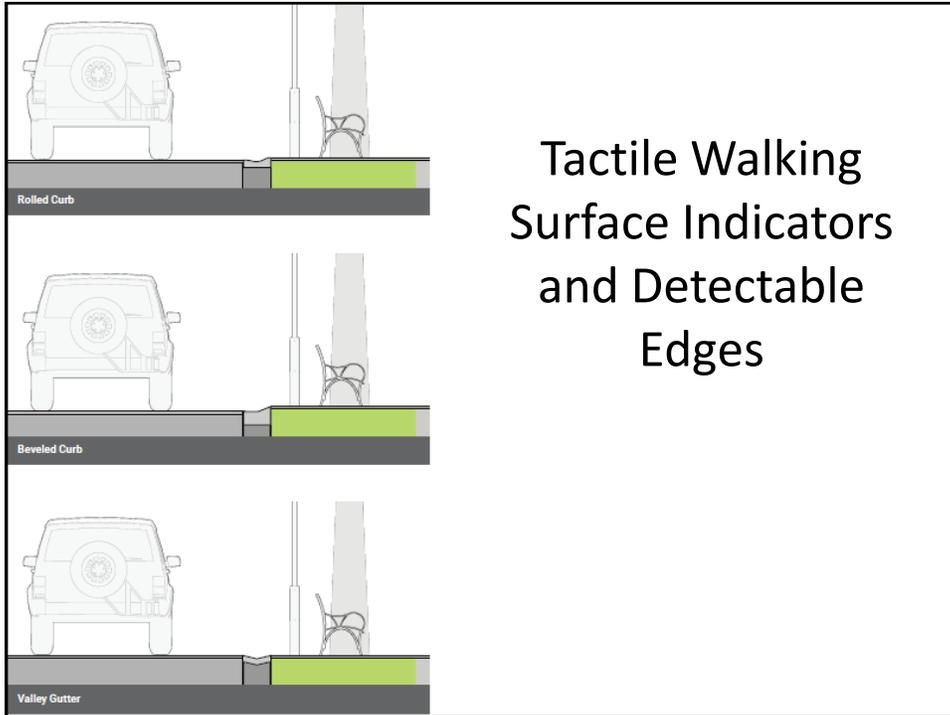
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Organization and Furniture Zone

Lessons Learned

- Context sensitive
- Design distinguishing shared street from conventional streets
- Transitions
 - Pedestrian only space to shared zones
 - Shared spaces to vehicular lanes
- Monitoring performance



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Lessons Learned

- Benefit of pedestrian-exclusive “comfort zones”
- Tactile surfaces intended to provide navigational information must be
 - Reliably detectable
 - Consistently applied
- Location and design of motor vehicle parking
- Low motor vehicle speeds and volumes

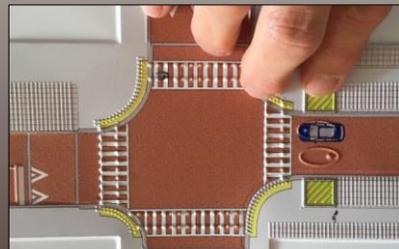
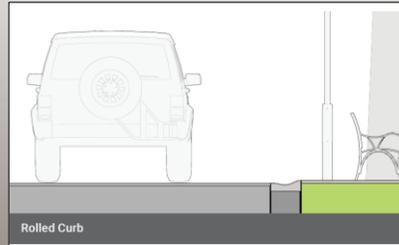


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Things We Need to Understand Better

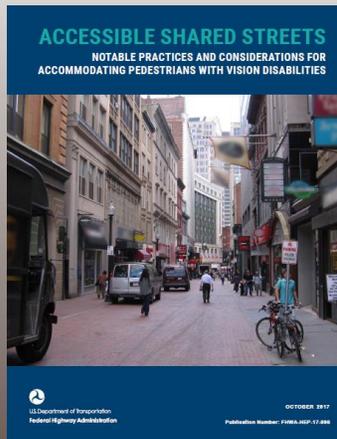
- Directional indicators
- Rolled curbs
- Sign and striping options
- Technology
- Tactile maps



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