

COMMUNITY FORUM #1 SUMMARY

October 2, 2019 | 6:00–9:00pm | Civic Arts Plaza – Janet & Ray Scherr Forum

On Wednesday, October 2, 2019 the City of Thousand Oaks hosted the first community forum to discuss big picture trends affecting the City as part of the General Plan Update, *Thousand Oaks 2045*. The focus of the forum was on how to create happy and healthy communities. The forum took place at the Civic Arts Plaza in the Scherr Forum from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The forum’s keynote speaker, Charles Montgomery, award-winning author and journalist, presented thoughts and ideas behind what aspects of the built environment make people happy within their City. The event had roughly 65 participants sign in using the attendance sheet and many other attended the forum without signing in, not including City staff. The estimated attendance was over 100 people.

The forum began with an introduction by Councilmember Al Adams, who discussed the history of the City’s General Plan. Matt Raimi, the lead consultant for the General Plan update, then provided context for the presentation including that the presentation was based on research but not all concepts would be applicable for Thousand Oaks. He also asked community members to complete a feedback form with three questions:

1. What ideas or concepts did you hear tonight that resonated with you and should be considered in the General Plan visioning process?
2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?
3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

Individual responses to these questions can be found in Appendix A.

Following this introduction, keynote speaker Charles Montgomery detailed scientific research connecting the built environment (the design of our streets, buildings) with measures of happiness including physical health outcomes, exercise levels, obesity, mental health, and connections with other residents. The overall conclusion of the presentation was that how we build our cities has an impact on the physical and mental health of residents.

Following the presentation, there was a question and answer session with Charles Montgomery. The topics of the questions included housing, neighborhood preservation, transportation safety (with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety), growth, and preservation of the scale and character of the community.

Twenty-three community members also completed the feedback form. The following is a summary of the responses organized by each of the three questions.

Key themes are summarized below:

What ideas or concepts did you hear tonight that resonated with you and should be considered in the General Plan visioning process?

- Attendees who completed the comment form overwhelmingly mentioned the need for creating a more walkable community and a safer pedestrian experience. Specific ideas that resonated included: more pedestrian crossings, pedestrian-only streets, slowing traffic in high traffic areas and traffic calming.
- The second most mentioned comment was the desire to increase cycling in the City by constructing a safer and more complete bike network. Many people like the idea of creating protected bike lanes (switching the location of bike lanes and parking to protect bikes).
- While not universal, the exploration of mixed use and higher-density communities was frequently mentioned as a positive concept to explore in the General Plan update. Along with this, some people mentioned a desire to create mixed use along Thousand Oaks Boulevard, to create a downtown and to explore a “village” concept by redeveloping older malls with mixed use and locating more commercial development near residential areas.
- Housing was mentioned a number of times including the need for new housing types (such as the “missing middle” [e.g., townhomes, fourplexes and walk-up apartments] and modular housing), more affordable housing, senior housing and how opposition to housing in the City has contributed to the lack of affordable housing.
- The desire for more gathering spaces was also mentioned as an important idea to explore in the General Plan update.
- Other ideas there were identified by respondents included the following:
 - Reduce isolation and bring people together.
 - Keep all existing open space, increase the amount of open space and only allow infill development.
 - Explore steps to encourage public transit.
 - Expand arts and culture, including tourism.
 - Reduce parking.
 - Involve children in planning.
 - Make the City fossil free by 2030 and address climate change.
 - Explore equitable planning and environmental justice.

What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

- Majority of participants either did not fill in a response or responded that nothing presented was inappropriate for Thousand Oaks. One commenter said: “Good discussion with positive ideas – what’s inappropriate about that?”
- Approximately one quarter of responders mentioned that higher density development is not appropriate for Thousand Oaks. The reasons provided were that there is too much traffic, fire



trucks don't reach above 3 stories, the community should remain suburban and lower density and there are already too many people living in the City.

- Two people mentioned that affordable housing (or housing for people who cannot afford the high housing costs in the City) should not be considered in the General Plan. One commenter said: "We are out of room, sorry. And it's not our job."
- Two commenters were concerned about civic engagement process for the General Plan. One said that the GPAC is not representative of the community and the other was concerned that the process would be dominated by white, male, homeowners.
- Other comments included that embracing diversity will be challenging for Thousand Oaks residents and that bike lanes are not needed.

In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics? (Note that 5 of the 23 respondents did not complete this question.)

- Like question one, the most mentioned concept was about bicycle and pedestrian transportation and the need to reduce automobile use. Some specific comments mentioned are listed below:
 - "Relieved to hear that there are models to draw from to reduce auto dependence syndrome."
 - "Reinforced the walkability goals of design that I am familiar with."
 - "Planning for a less auto-centric community."
 - "How 'speed kills' -- pedestrians as well as an opportunity for connectivity, which is what fosters a sense of community."
- Many respondents mentioned a changed or modified view of mixed use for Thousand Oaks, but several qualified their statement by limited the height or location of mixed-use buildings. Specific ideas included constructing mixed use in hubs, locating mixed use along Thousand Oaks Boulevard and the benefits of mixed use to building community interaction, reducing traffic and increasing the tax base. Some quotes from respondents included:
 - "Some combination of residential/retail/commercial that does not increase density and noise; not over 3 stories."
 - "Business and housing 'core' can help tax base + reduce traffic"
 - "I'm more open to 3-5 story mixed use (business + residential) buildings."
 - "The importance of mixed use building to build community."
 - "Perhaps the boulevard as appropriate to build multi use buildings.."
- Several respondents generally agreed with the direction of the ideas presented by Charles Montgomery. Specific comments included:
 - "No change. Support the concepts presented."
 - "I agree with the speaker"
 - "No change – validation."

- Housing was mentioned multiple times including the need to address the issue of affordable housing.
- Other new concepts mentioned included
 - Redesign the front of Civic Arts Plaza and parking in front of The Lakes shopping center.
 - Thousand Oaks is for everyone/all kinds of people.
 - Build connections and ways to be involved in the community.
 - Involve children in the visioning process.
 - Do not give up any parks or open spaces.

APPENDIX A: FORUM #1

QUESTIONS + WORKSHEET RESPONSES

Community Forum Question Card

Name: [REDACTED]

Address:

Email: [REDACTED]

Questions

- 1) who started the discussion to form T02045 plan?
- 2) when was it officially launched?
- 3) why were business leaders consulted first?
- 4) why update now - is it a reaction to WC2035?



Community Forum Question Card

Name:

[REDACTED]

Address:

WLV⁰

Email:

[REDACTED]

Question:

How would you address the growing homelessness issue in cities like ours?



Community Forum Question Card

Name:



Address:

Email:



Question: Will part of the new general plan include provision for 5-10% of all developments to be designated for affordable housing for seniors, families, teachers, young professionals, etc?



Community Forum Question Card

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Question: I have a 28, 18, 14 and 4 year old. What are the plans to include their (children) contribution to the general plan for this city? Tell me to bring them to the next forum, and I will. Thank you



Community Forum Question Card

Name:



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Question: Will more affordable housing be built so our children can live in the City they were born in?



Community Forum Question Card

WHAT TYPE OF DENSITY IS BEING
PROPOSED FOR THE ROYAL OAKS
NEIGHBORHOOD? (SOUTHWEST CORNER OF
HAMPSHIRE/T0 BLVD)



Community Forum Question Card

Name: [REDACTED]

Address:

Email: [REDACTED]

Question: ^{#1} Since there are about 40 empty stores in the Oaks Mall what kind of plans are being made for it?
(over)



Community Forum Question Card

#2 Can affordable housing be spread over different developments rather than being all in one location?

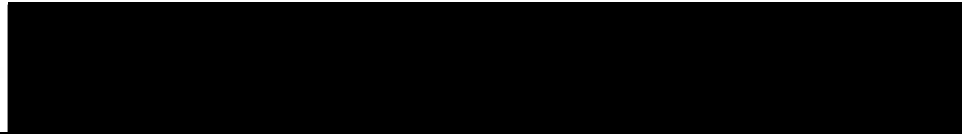


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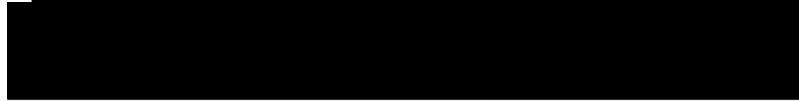
Name:



Address:



Email:



Question:

ON BACK!



Community Forum Question Card

How do you plan for the next generation of taxpayers / potential residents (Millennials in our case), when the current population is largely 50+ and in a much higher income bracket?



Community Forum Question Card

Name:



Address:

Email:

Question:

What future do you see for shopping malls?



Community Forum Question Card

Name:



Address:



Email:



Question:

How important is it to approach city design as an economic ecosystem, giving every stakeholder a role and reason to collaborate and support one another and the health of the community?



Community Forum Question Card

How can we support that goal?

How important is it to first define the purpose of each goal and strategy?

How often should we ask, "how does this support our purpose?"

How important is it to create a city that supports residents working where they live?

How much impact does that have on traffic?

THOUSAND OAKS
GENERAL PLAN 2045

- rooted in community -

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Higher-density, walkable, welcoming cities
Protected bike lanes, promotion of bike traffic!

Slowing traffic speed in highly-traveled areas.
Adding non-residential islands in the middle of
the residential street.

More pedestrian crossings! Narrower car lanes.

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It made me less interested in public transportation relative to walking/biking. (I still like both, but the balance has shifted.)

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Word of Mouth

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Villages concept - pull things together.
Safe walking!! Many of us walk only
in the Oaks Mall to be safe.

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n/a

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

No change. Long held and supported
concepts learned through Conejo Future
Foundation Vision 2020 project and
speaker Andre Duany at project final
program.

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Mixed use on Downtown TO Blvd.
We need more bike lanes & more pedestrian crossings
working on Town Marketplace to bring it back to life.
Pay attention to dead streets

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Towers

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

I agree with the speaker.
I do see Thousand Oaks as a place where people ~~was~~ are happy.
We must address the issue of affordable housing.

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- reducing isolation
- bringing people together
- more crosswalks

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Higher density \rightarrow increase in traffic, Over 3-story structures
NO

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

Some combination of residential/retail/commercial that does not increase density and ^{not} over 3 stories!

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more pedestrian-only streets
in the new city center

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

increased housing density
we have enough people living
here already.

I have lived here 50+ years. I
stay because it is a warm, friendly
community - a real

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suburbs.
Not a high
rise city.

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YAY TRUST!

- ☆ - Bringing us together as a city to accomplish this
- ☆ - Building on the great work that we've done to date
 - The Arts & Culture
 - Tourism & Cultural Tourism
 - Gathering spaces & Zoning Changes & multi use bldgs,

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

- I'm not sure that the advisory group is representative of our community - but it's an impossible task.
- Enough of the bike lanes - commuters don't use them. Only people with logos & emblems on their butts.
- Affordable Housing - we're out of Room, sorry. and it's not our job,

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We need to Redesign the Front of this Building
We should remove the parking in front of the Lakes
& add street side seating & activities.

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I've done this before
So you may not wish to
count me again,

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on that good news I'm still young!

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COMMUNICATION ABOUT LOW INCOME HOUSING, VERSUS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOW NIMBY CONTRIBUTES WAS EYE OPENING TO ME.

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↳ missing middle // ~ higher density by 3-5 floor above commercial

↳

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BIKE & PED FRIENDLY

PUBLIC BATHERING SPACE

REDUCE PARKING TO ENCOURAGE TRANSIT,
BICYCLE & WALKING

MORE MIXED USE & HIGHER DENSITY

MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING & APARTMENTS

NARROW LANES + MORE ~~PIED.~~ CROSSWALKS

MAKE VILLAGES FROM MALLS & PARKING LOTS

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks? NOTHING

KEEP ALL OPEN SPACE - ONLY INFILL

MAKE T.O. FOSSIL FREE BY 2030

INVOLVE CHILDREN IN PLANNING

MIX AFFORDABLE & LUXURY HOUSING

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T.O. IS FOR EVERYONE / ALL KINDS
OF PEOPLE

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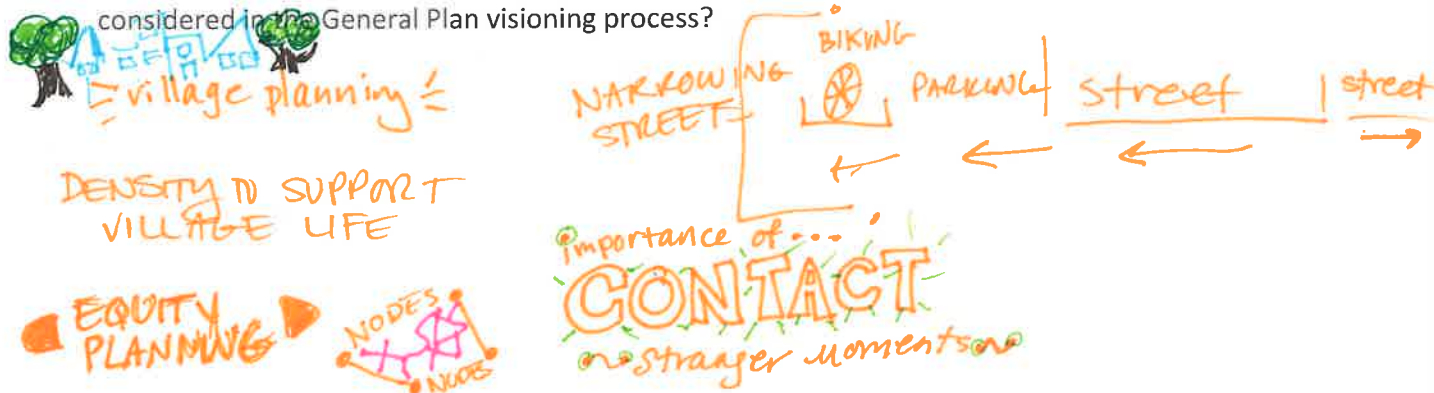
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village planning

DENSITY TO SUPPORT VILLAGE LIFE

EQUITY PLANNING

NODES

Importance of... CONTACT or stranger moments

Narrowing Street

Biking

Parking

street

street

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I'm very concerned that the civic engagement process will not consciously, creatively and effectively counter the dominant white influence

h a o w
t e m p

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Relieved to hear there are models to draw from to reduce auto-dependence-syndrome

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Keep open space
Environmental justice - happiness for ALL residents design for all generations + income levels.
Climate change
Affordable housing / mixed use 3 to 4-story apts.
redesign roads for slow down areas
Safe walking / biking spaces
Modular housing encourage exercise pedestrian crossings
Narrow lanes to get more use out of roads - bikes/walking/transit cars

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

Skyl towers for housing

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build connections + ways to be involved
find ways to insert hubs in neighborhoods
business + housing core can help tax base + reduce traffic
invest in the "broken teeth" in the center
reach out to include children in visions
(Thousand Oaks named by a teenager)

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- Updated bike lanes - swap parking/bike lanes to have parked cars protect bike lanes
- A central core or heart of town being created/being an important part of community
- More pedestrian-friendly streets & crosswalks

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The importance of mixed use building to build community.

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*Soft, social edges on sidewalks in commercial/residential areas
Encouraging walking, biking, public transportation usage*

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I'm more open to 3-5 story mixed use (business + residential) buildings

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TRAFFIC CALMING TO HELP PEDESTRIAN SAFETY; BUILDING NEW, AFFORDABLE HOMES IN THIS TOWN FOR LOCALS; MORE SOCIAL ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITIES (ESP. LATER IN DAY); EXPANDING OPEN SPACE.

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

N/A - GOOD DISCUSSION WITH POSITIVE IDEAS - WHAT'S INAPPROPRIATE ABOUT THAT?

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REINFORCED THE WALKABILITY GOALS OF DESIGN THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH.

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Gathering places, Encouraging cycling,
"Friendly streets"
Values to determine solutions
Kids want to walk + bike to school.

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

Perhaps too much density without
enough traffic flow

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

Lane diet good slow down traffic but
TO needs smoother traffic flow.
More crosswalks.

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Surrounded by the InDewlo my Park

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BIKE LANE
PARKING
TRAFFIC
Switch the bike lane and parked cars so the parked cars protect the bike riders.

Perhaps some of the multi use housing on the boulevard should include housing for our elderly.

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

Since our Ventura County fire trucks in T.O. can only reach 3 stories for the safety of people we should not allow anything higher than 3 stories!

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

Perhaps the boulevard is appropriate to build multi use buildings, but we should not give up any of our parks or open space because that's where you can actually decompress and it does make you happier!

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Bike lanes inside parked cars.
Slow down traffic in walking
areas.

More crosswalks
Village housing in underperforming sloping areas.

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

Planning for a less auto-centric city
~~affordable housing should be a~~
~~percentage of new developments.~~
Emphasis on condos rather than apartments

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Thousand Oaks General Plan Update



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① Build residential housing on top of retail establishments. ② Have more crosswalks/ flashing yellow lights on major streets

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

Perhaps some open space should be rezoned for low/moderate income residents

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I love reversing bike lane and street parking
to create safe lanes for cyclists.
Creating walkable happy streets and
recessing parking is greater
mixed use and concentrating on TO Blvd

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

This has reinforced and further
expanded my perspective and I feel
better informed on the topic.
I look forward on reading the book.

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*Plan for more mixed use
community development that
could result in more trust
w/ the community*

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

*Having grown-up on a 400 acre
farm in the midwest, this concept
of urban land use is a new
approach to development for me to
consider.*

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ALL of them!

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

Nothing!

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

No change. Validation!

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Increased density Move walkability

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

Walkability may be only sparsely applicable

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SLOWER is better?
Walkability + bike-friendly = CONNECTIVITY, a sense of "healthy, happy, thriving for everyone"
Promotes TRUST in community, which improves relationship with local government. Everybody's happy.

2. What ideas or concepts did you hear that you feel ^{might not be} are not appropriate for the City of Thousand Oaks?

"URBANIZATION" in general. Especially if it's designed to Accomodate many people who can't afford T.O.'s costlier housing/living. Building individual "pods" for our homeless population. Expecting people to walk & bike to where they need to go (It's often too hot outside). Embracing DIVERSITY, suddenly, ^{will} meet fierce opposition.

3. In what ways, if any, did the concepts presented change your views about land use, transportation or other planning-related topics?

How "speed kills" -- pedestrians as well as opportunity for connectivity, which is what fosters a sense of community.

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