



# Walk Bike & Roll Meeting 1 Project Overview & Activity

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## Meeting Setup

- 1 Map & 1-2 Facilitators per table
- Begin Facilitation when table is full (6-8 people),
- Start with introductions: Name, where you live, and why you came

## Today's Activity Goals:

- **Share information** about complete streets and the safety and health benefits of traffic calming, increased mode choice (walking, biking, taking transit)
- **Learn from participants** about traffic safety challenges
- **Identify destinations & routes** in YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD you want to be accessible via multi-modal transportation options
- **Identify areas of high and low-traffic stress**, where traffic calming & neighborhood bikeway treatments are wanted





## 35 Minute Activity Agenda:

- A. Brief Overview – 5 min
  1. What is a Complete Streets Network?
  2. Why are we doing this project?
  3. Project Schedule & How to Participate
  4. Brief Activity Overview
- B. Activity and Q&A – 30 min



# A. OVERVIEW (5 MIN)





# 1. What is a Complete Streets Network?

- **Our street network is for everyone:** people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving.
- Not every street has space for everything, so **some streets prioritize different modes of travel and work together to make a complete network.**
- Complete streets network = **no matter how you choose to travel, there is a network of streets you can use to get safely and directly where you need to go.**





## 2. Why are we doing this project?

- Residents in this neighborhood have been asking for **traffic calming** and are **concerned about car crashes and safety**
- The **City wants to understand your traffic safety concerns** in the neighborhood
- **We need your help to identify potential locations for traffic calming**, including for Neighborhood Bikeways, which will help **calm traffic and address Complete Streets network needs**



### 3. Project Schedule & How to Participate

1. **This is the first of 3 meetings** – we need your feedback!
2. Meeting #1 – today! – share information and learn about vision for the future
3. Meeting #2 early Fall 2023– reporting back what we heard from SM neighbors, share draft ideas for traffic calming & safety projects, including Neighborhood Bikeways.
4. Meeting #3 later Fall 2023 – share designs & locations for traffic calming & safety projects, including more info about Neighborhood Bikeways
5. Final concept report – Winter 2023, publication of a report will allow the City to seek funding to build improvements
6. **Reach out anytime at [otis@phila.gov](mailto:otis@phila.gov)**



## 4. Brief Activity Overview:

**Mapping Activity:** Imagine you have guests visiting your neighborhood for the first time – *Where would you take them in your neighborhood and how would you get there?*

Respond to a series of 5 questions and use colored markers and stickers to add your comments to the map!

**We will go through the 5 steps one by one together in the next part of the activity.**





# B. ACTIVITY AND Q&A





Any Questions before we begin?





## 25-minute Five-Step Mapping Activity:

Imagine a family with young children is visiting your neighborhood for the first time.

Plan a day for them to see important sites NOT using a car. Include errands or lunch along the way for the visit.

What routes would you use to get there by walking, by bike, or using transit/SEPTA?



## Exercise - STEP 1 of 5 *five minutes*

- Using a **Purple** marker, **circle neighborhoods gateways/entrance points**
- **Place a circle sticker on community landmarks and destinations** you would take visitors to see.  
*(Facilitators & participants- make note of the names of the landmarks if not labeled on map)*
- *Discussion questions:*
  - *What are the major thoroughfares in the neighborhood?*
  - *Where do people gather in the neighborhood (e.g. playgrounds, parks, popular businesses, etc.)*
  - *What are the places you would like to walk or bike to?*



## Exercise - STEP 2 of 5 *five minutes*

- Using the **red** marker, highlight challenges in the street network you would try to avoid or limit your time on with visitors. **Circle** tough intersections  
*(Facilitators & participants - add notes or post-its on the map with descriptions)*
- *Discussion Questions:*
  - Are there area streets where you are uncomfortable walking/biking or waiting for transit?
  - What intersections feel unsafe or where you noticed crashes?
  - Where do you notice risky driving behaviors (speeding, fast turns, rolling through stop signs)



## Exercise- STEP 3 of 5 *five minutes*

- Using the **Yellow** marker, draw routes that ***work well today*** and you would feel safe taking visitors along (walking, biking, or taking transit).

*(Facilitators & participants- add notes or post-its on the map with descriptions)*

- *Discussion questions:*
  - What is a street that works well today (in your neighborhood or another)
  - Where are you most comfortable walking/biking/taking transit in your neighborhood?
  - Are there routes you would recommend to a new cyclist, or streets you feel more comfortable biking with children?



## Exercise- STEP 4 of 5 *five minutes*

- Using the **Blue** marker, draw what *routes you would like to see improved for walking in the future* in your neighborhood  
*(Facilitators & participants- add notes or post-its on the map with descriptions)*
- *Discussion Questions:*
  - What landmarks would you like connected by a safe walking route?
  - What makes this a good walking route? (E.g. smaller street, less traffic, shaded by trees, adding traffic calming, etc.)



## Exercise- STEP 5 of 5 (Final Step)

- Using the **Green** marker, draw **zig-zag** lines where you would take visitors on a bike today, or where you would like to feel safe taking them on a bike  
*(Facilitators & participants- add notes in pen on the map or post-its with descriptions)*
- *Discussion questions:*
  - How/where can this new biking route connect people to landmarks?
  - What would make this a good biking route? (E.g. less vehicle traffic, more speed cushions/traffic calming, shaded by trees, etc.)





Activity end. Thank you!

