Changing the DNA of City Streets

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3:00pm to 4:30pm

Please join us in Schwada Building (SCOB) room 101

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In an age when the global urban population is growing exponentially, streets serve a more crucial and central purpose than ever before in human history. Parklets, bike corrals, bioswales, and public plazas are now becoming familiar fixtures on streets transforming how we use, conceive, and design our streets. In 2013, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) published the Urban Street Design Guide which codifies the people-oriented approach to street design. City leaders are seizing these principles and tools to reshape the urban public realm and dramatically improve urban quality of life. With streets comprising of 80 percent of a city’s public space, they are not only essential for commerce and industry, but serve a playgrounds, eating areas, and the meeting place for your neighborhood. The NACTO Urban Street Design Guide allows practitioners and city leadership to reimagine their streets to achieve objectives for healthier, more sustainable, equitable and efficient cities of tomorrow.

Street transformations from New York to Phoenix will be presented to discuss new techniques for streamlining costs and project schedules, creating space for all modes of travel within existing corridors, and innovative materials redefining project construction. An overview of the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide will outline the tools and strategies now available to design streets for people.

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