

ANNOUNCING THE Re:STREETS CONFERENCE

Streets Reconsidered: Inclusive Design for the Public Realm

July 21-23, 2011



In partnership with **The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)**, the **National Complete Streets Coalition**, **America Walks**, **Smart Growth America** and the urban planning and design firm of **MIG, Inc.**, PLAE, Inc. announces the Re:STREETS Conference.

Streets occupy more than thirty percent of all public land and open spaces in cities and in the coming decades, billions of dollars will be spent to reconfigure and renew these streets. The goal of the Re: STREETS project is to provide clear design ideas for cities to revitalize American streets to accommodate people of all ages and abilities, and to serve a wide range of purposes, including transportation, commerce, education, recreation and ecological services.

Street design solutions will be developed by a collaborative group of professionals from both the public and private sector. The group will take part in a working conference and design charrette to be held at UC Berkeley, July 21-23, 2011. In advance of the conference participants will receive a technical manual and a working group assignment. During the conference attendees will be tasked with developing the best design options for specific problems. Topics include:

- Refining Success: Changing Street Design Priorities
- Ecological Services and Green Infrastructure
- Crossings, Intersections and Curbs
- Smart Streets: Incorporating Emerging Technologies
- Safety and Designing for Flexibility
- Street Design for Livability
- Events and Programming for Streets
- Reallocating the Right-of-Way
- Network Design: Rethinking Hierarchical Systems
- The Future of Signage, Wayfinding and Interpretation

The project will culminate with a traditional book publication as well as an interactive e-book demonstrating designs that build streets which promote healthy urban living, social interaction, business, and the movement of people and goods, while regenerating the ecosystem.

The publication will be a tool for implementing Complete Streets policies that are being adopted throughout the United States.

Interested professionals from a wide range of disciplines are encouraged to participate, including urban planning and design, landscape architecture, architecture, civil engineering, traffic engineering, disability advocacy, public health, pedestrian advocacy, bicycle advocacy, transit, housing, economics, ecological sustainability, parks and recreation, maintenance, social services, materials manufacturers, and fire, police and safety.

Conference applications will be available January.

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About Project Partners

The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency supporting artists and arts organizations and bringing the arts to all Americans. (www.nea.gov)

The National Complete Streets Coalition seeks to fundamentally transform the look, feel and function of roads and streets in the United States. (www.completestreets.org)

Smart Growth America is a coalition of national, state and local organizations working to improve the ways we plan and build the towns, cities and metro areas we call home. (www.smartgrowthamerica.org)

America Walks is a national resource which fosters walkable communities by engaging, educating, and connecting walking advocates. (www.americawalks.org)

MIG, Inc works with clients, citizen's groups and public and private agencies on planning and design of inclusive environments. (www.migcom.com)

PLAE, Inc. was founded to promote research design and development of inclusive communities.