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PPS approaches improvement of streets holistically, working to integrate the many elements within street environments to create places where people not only feel safe and comfortable, but also experience a sense of ownership and community.








To achieve such livable street environments, PPS focuses on achieving an equitable balance among pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle and other uses, while developing a mix of amenities and activities that contribute to pedestrian convenience and enjoyment. Traffic calming strategies, such as sidewalk extensions, traffic signal and parking changes, are applied to create more pedestrian-friendly streets and sidewalks. At the same time, PPS works to simplify the perceived circulation system for both motorists and pedestrians, as well as to improve transit access and use.

PPS's street improvement projects have included simple streetscape improvements, analysis of complex intersections and major thoroughfares, removal of pedestrian malls; light rail corridors, mixed vehicle/transit streets, bridge approaches, as well as plans for the street environments of entire downtowns and commercial districts. In all of these projects, PPS concentrates on responding to the needs of users, employing special study tools to determine the kinds of street improvements people actually require and want. These tools include time-lapse and documentary photography, systematic on-site observations, customized interviews and surveys and community envisioning workshops.

After decades of battling with traffic engineers over the fate of communities, PPS has begun a training program in Context Sensitive Design in the state of New Jersey.

A good city street neighborhood achieves a marvel of balance between its people's determination to have essential privacy and their simultaneous wishes for differing degrees of contact, enjoyment, or help from the people around. - Jane Jacob

People have always lived on streets. They have been the places where children first learned about the world, where neighbors met, the social centers of towns and cities, the rallying points for revolts, the scenes of repression... The street has always been the scene of the conflict, between living and access, between resident and traveler, between street life and the threat of death. - Donald Appleyard

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