

The Battle over the Public Realm

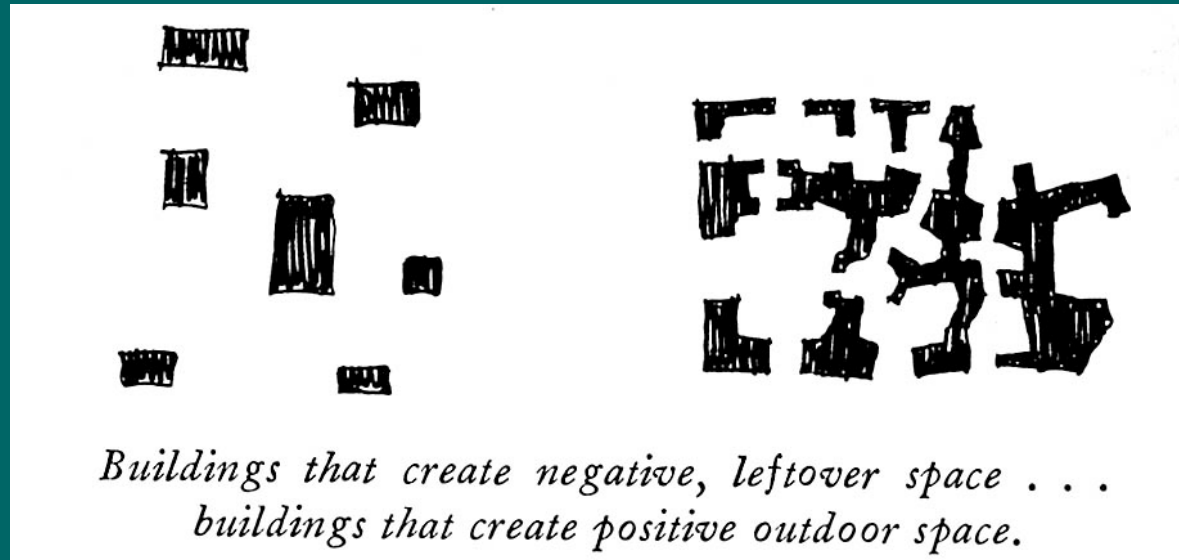


Berkeley Free Speech Movement - 1964



Fighting for the right to free speech on college campuses

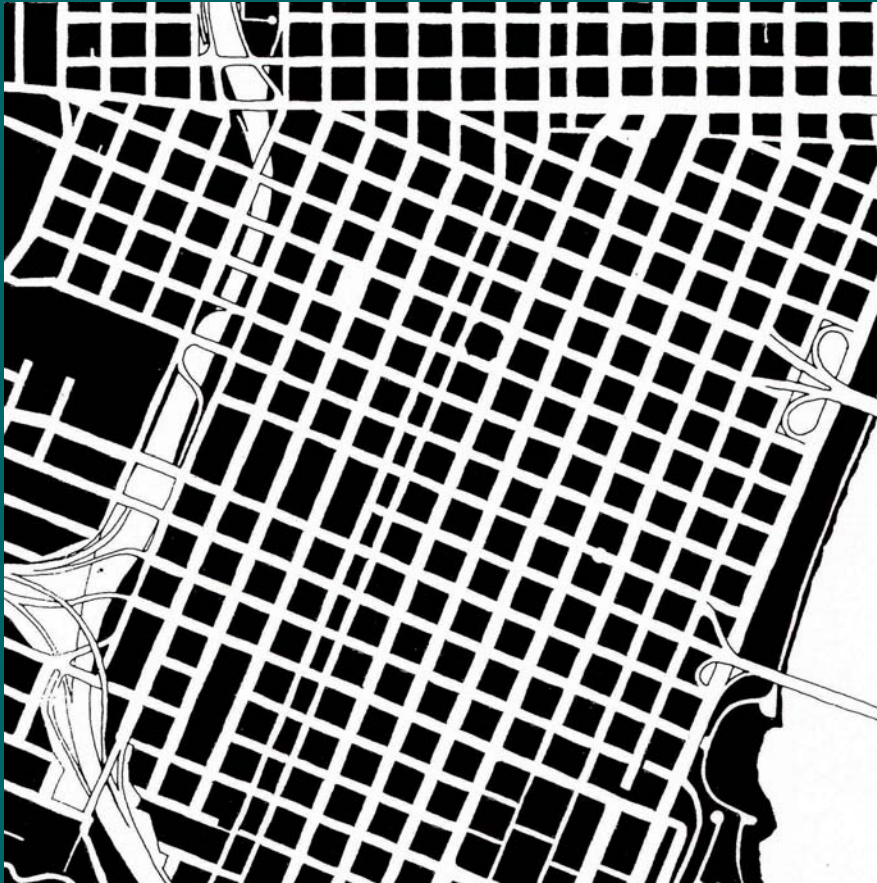
Open space becoming private



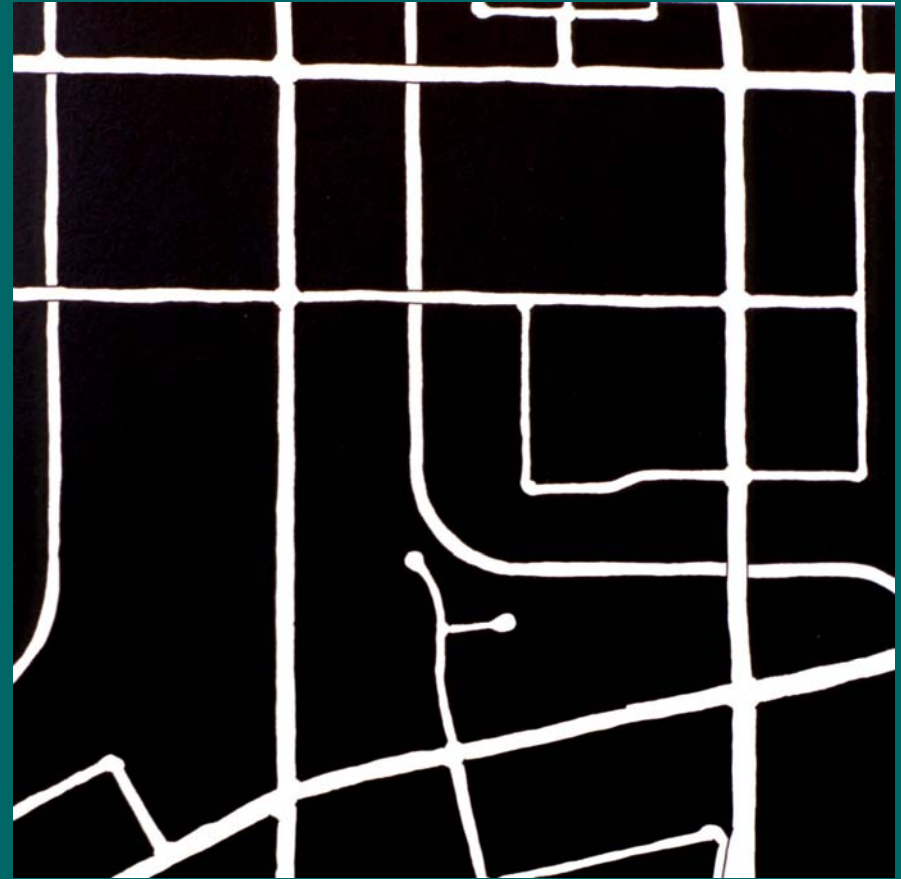
[A Pattern Language](#) Alexander et al



Shrinking Public Realm



Great Streets, Allen Jacobs



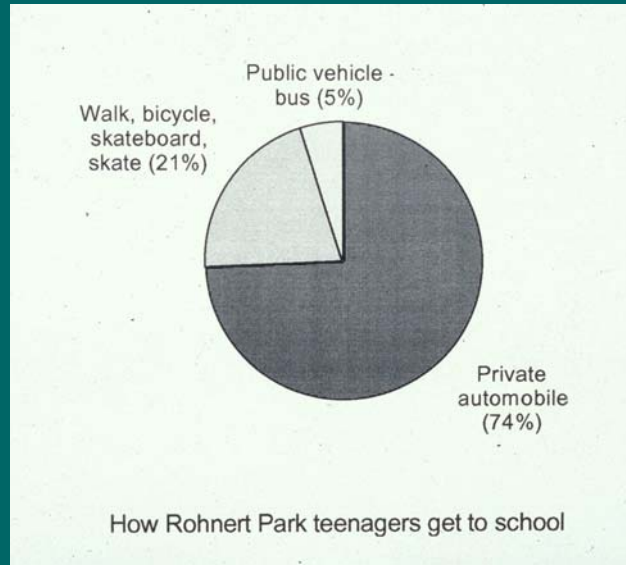
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Teenagers and the public realm



Research shows that teenagers want to be in adult settings where the power of authority is weak – the public realm.

But where are teenagers in suburbia?



In shopping malls (private)



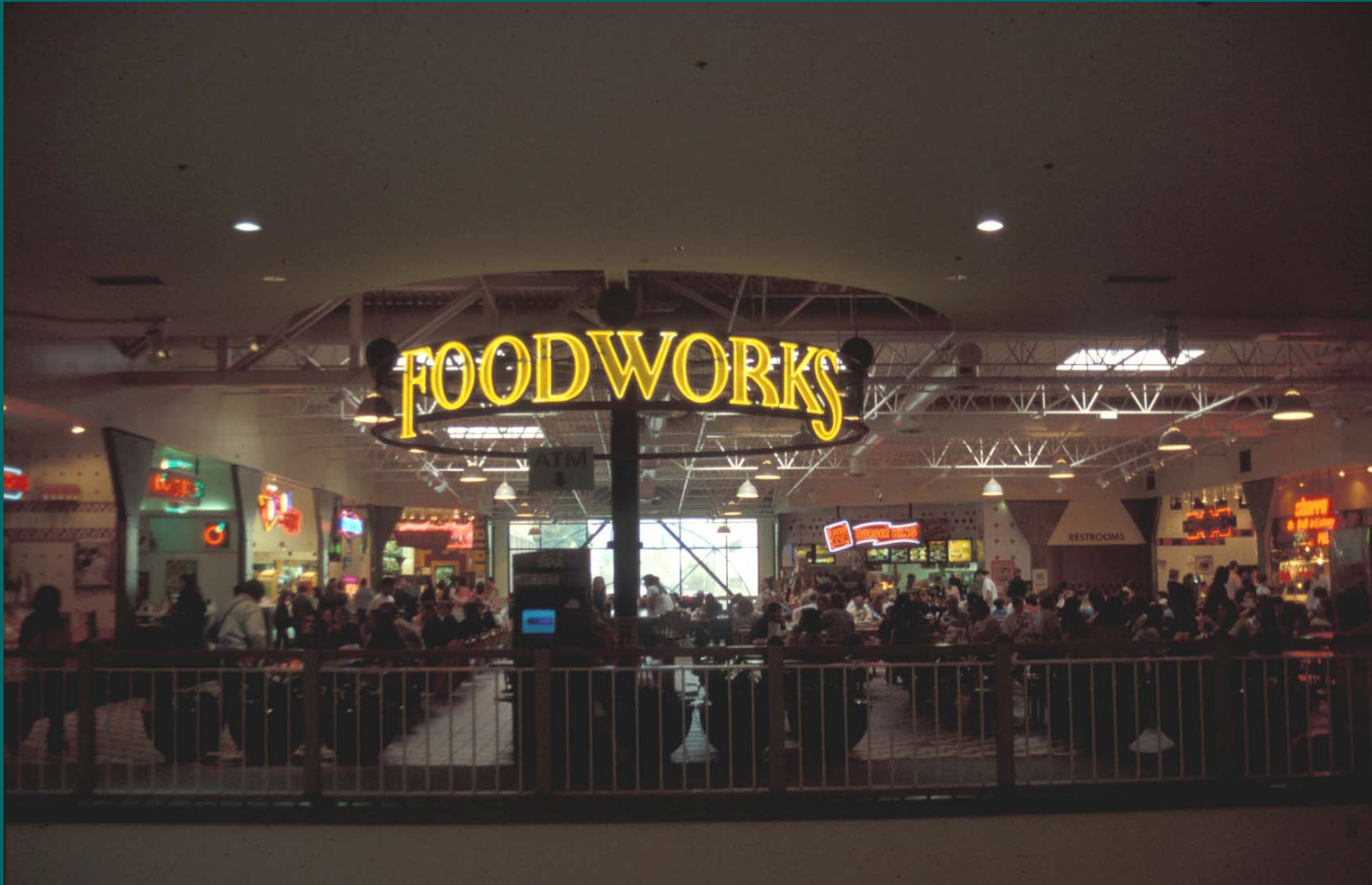
Power of authority is strong here.

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Video arcades (private)



Power of authority is strong here.

The power of authority



The rise of private “towns”



Bay Street “downtown,” Emeryville, CA



Atlantic Station, Atlanta (no hand-billing)



Ashburn Village, Virginia



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Las Vegas



“Two Las Vegas ordinances designed to protect Fremont Street Experience tourists from solicitors unconstitutionally restrict free speech, according to a ruling handed down Friday by the U.S. Ninth District Court of Appeals.” Las Vegas Review-Journal (Oct. 2006)

Santana Row, San Jose, California



Prohibited behavior in Santana Row



Protesters in Santana Row

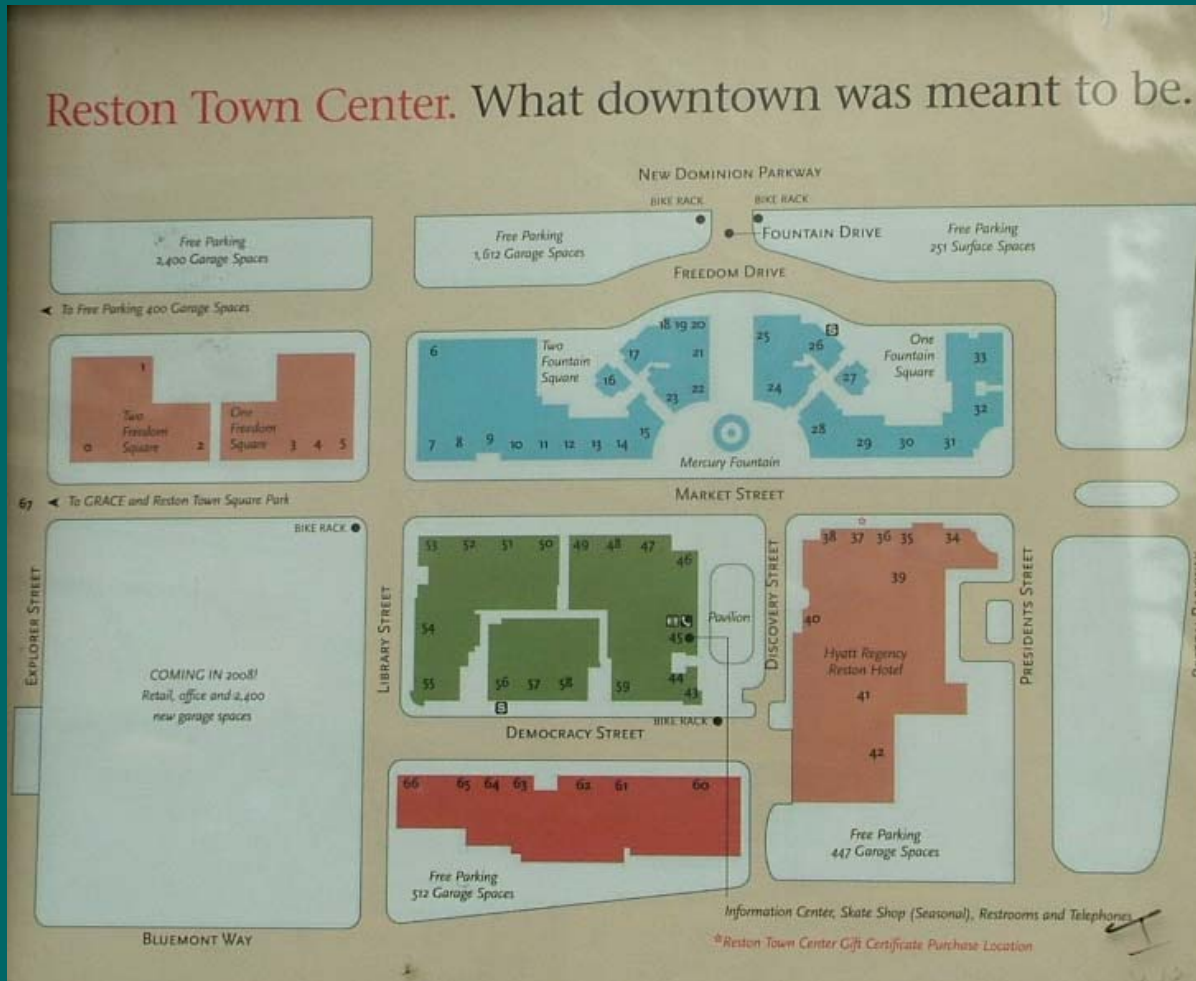


Under the California Constitution, individuals may peacefully exercise their right to free speech in parts of private shopping centers regularly held open to the public. But there is a part that implies that permission must be asked first.

Reston Town Center



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Terminated Vistas



Reston condos (private)



Philadelphia City Hall (public)

“POPOS” in San Francisco

Privately-owned public open spaces

- 14 POPOS in SF since 1985
- Higher densities allowed if open spaces are provided.



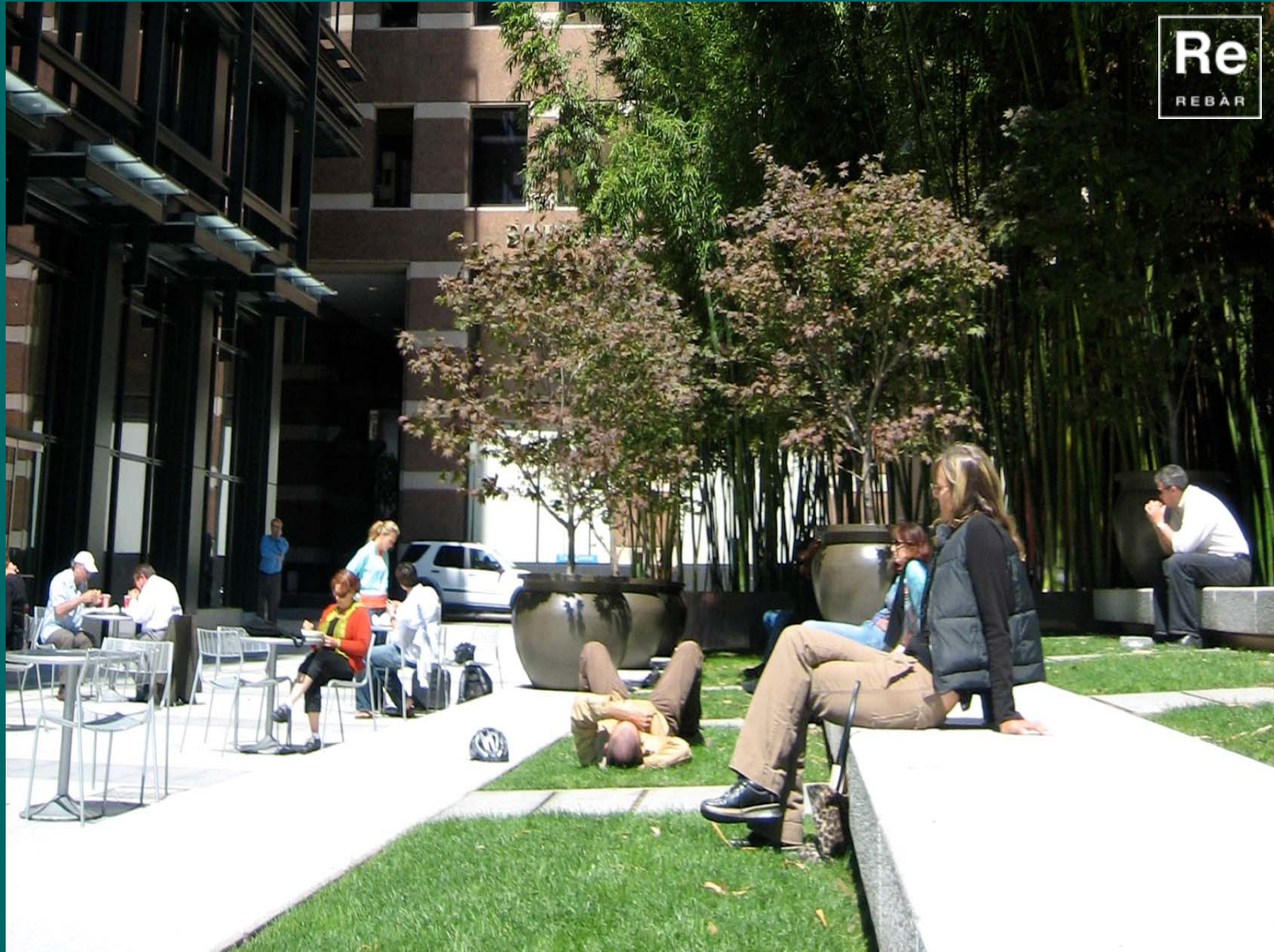
Required Plaques in POPOS

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

The Art Pavilion is a
Dedicated Open Space.

It is open to the public
Monday through Friday
8:00 am – 6:00 pm

POPOS: Courtyards



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POPOS: Plazas



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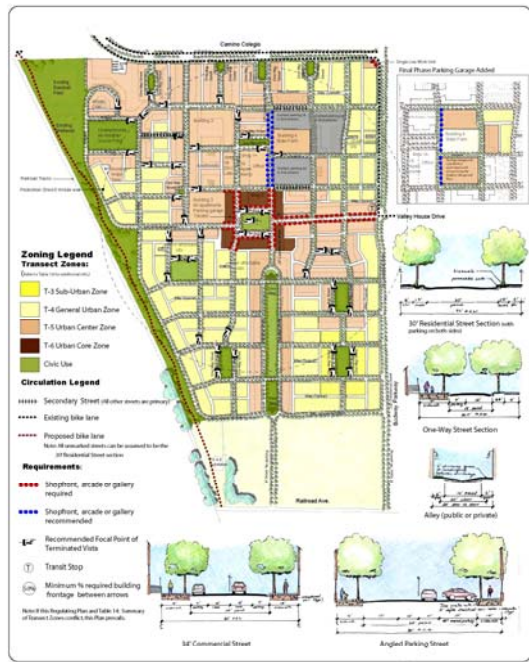
REBAR performance artists

POPOS: Eating areas



REBAR performance artists

New projects: Sonoma Mountain Village



Turning private realm into public realm

The unfortunate choice: Private, narrow streets or public, wide streets?



Why do we need public space?



Community celebrations



Windsor, California

Community grieving



After 2004 Madrid bombings

Places for the next generation of citizens

