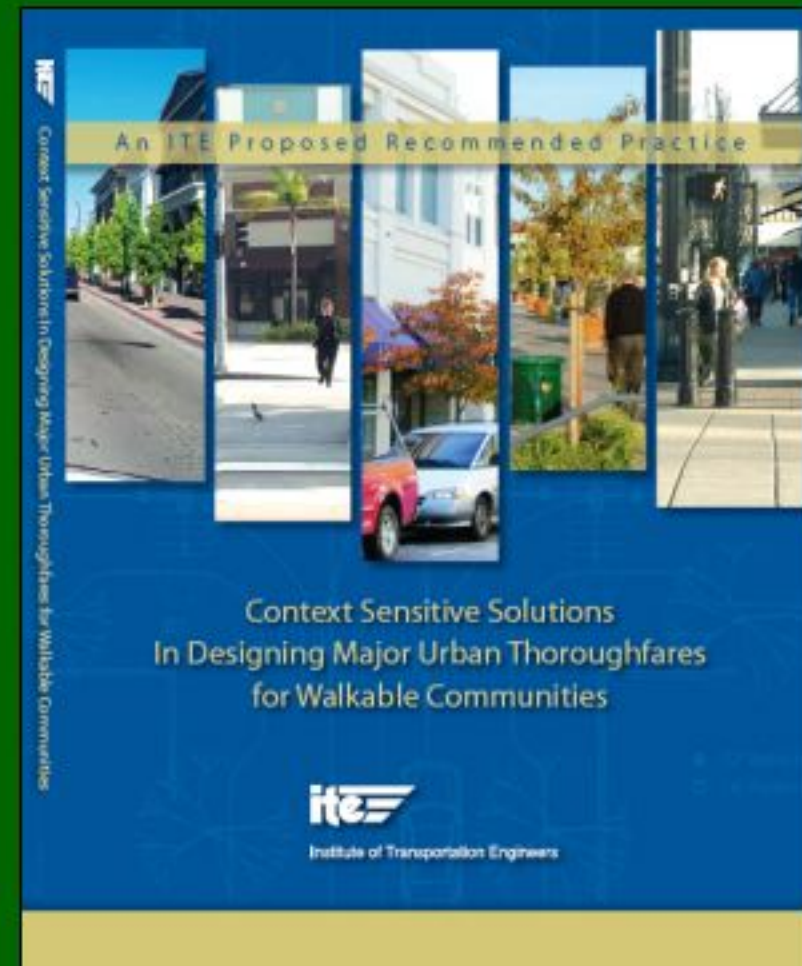


DISCUSSION AND SUGGESTIONS

Context Sensitive Solutions in Designing Major Urban Thoroughfares for Walkable Communities

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Questions about CSS Implementation

- What are the barriers to implementing CSS?
 - Agency perspective
 - Consultant perspective
- What is the engineering perspective of CSS in design?
- What about level of service objectives?
- Is the CSS process more expensive?
- Is the liability concern a myth or excuse?

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Agreement To Publish

- Meeting diverse objectives is necessary
- Most met in some reasonable way
- User input needed to complete RP
 - Now 80%_85%
 - Constructive user feedback needed
 - Technical
 - Presentation
 - Experience

Questions To Consider

- Topics missing from report
- Guidance you need most
- Thoroughfare design exceptions most often requested
- Additional information to support most needed design exceptions
- *Site* design to make an area walkable
- Thoroughfare characteristics for areas not intended to be walkable

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Areas of Controversy

- Design speed vs. target speed
- Appropriate target speeds
- Retention of functional classification vs. new classification system
- Chapter 11
- Maximum number of moving lanes
- Appropriate lane widths
- Design vehicle
- Role of level of service
- Mid-block crosswalks
- Extensive use of bike lanes
- Clear zones/street trees in urban areas



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Implementation

- FHWA
- Professional associations (ITE, AASHTO, APWA)
- Local public works/transportation agencies
- State DOTs
- Consultants
- Developers

Implementation Challenges

- Resistance to change
- Perceived higher cost
- Need for clear understanding of CSS
 - What is a CSS project?
 - How to measure success?
- Liability concerns



CSS Strategies for Implementation

- At the high level agency
 - Strategic initiatives/mandates & policies
 - Stakeholder involvement program
 - Shift in way agencies do business (philosophy)
- Project development level
 - Design flexibility
 - Liability training
 - Multi-disciplinary teams
 - Standards and guidelines