

## Our accomplishments

In just a short time we have brought a more open dialogue to city planning, built relationships with stakeholders and informed the community process. Here's some of what we've accomplished so far:

### Commonwealth Avenue reconstruction

We led a coalition of advocacy groups to halt an inequitable transportation design – and created a more “complete street” including safer pedestrian crossings for the BU bridge [one of the City's most dangerous areas for bikes/peds] and bike lanes that connect the BU bridge to Kenmore Square.

### Boston Bike Summit & Report

We helped design and facilitate this groundbreaking event hosted by Mayor Menino—bringing together key players to launch and build capacity for the city's new approach to street design. This led to our hosting the first annual Boston Bikes Progress Report event in 2009.

### Citizens' forum: Rethinking Urban Transportation

Working with Boston's Museum of Science, we designed and facilitated four 3-hour sessions that helped citizens better understand, and be prepared to act upon urban transportation issues.

### Transit advocacy

We connect the MBTA to advocates when considering station upgrades to bike parking, access and security. We fight fare increases and service cuts, while raising awareness of the agency's unjust debt burden.

### Enrique Peñalosa: Urban Happiness

We hosted this world-renowned strategist and former mayor of Bogotá for four days in 2009. Our series of high-profile meetings and events raised awareness of options for improving the quality of life in our cities.

### StreetFilms

We produce film shorts that highlight the varied uses of Boston area streets and encourage action to make them accessible to all users.

### Press

Media writers who cover lifestyle, business, health and environment turn to us as experts to offer quotes, opinions, raise public awareness and articulate a vision on a variety of local and regional urban transportation issues.

## Stay in touch

We're a growing network of professionals, advocates and organizations that believes livable streets are critical to solving the challenges of everyday urban life. Visit [www.livablestreets.info](http://www.livablestreets.info) to sign up and learn more about the ways we reach out to the community:

### StreetHeadlines – headlines/quick links

A weekly email with top headlines and links to stories related to urban transportation.

### StreetLife – events/e-lets

A monthly email with advocacy/project updates and event listings related to urban transportation issues.

### Calendar

The most comprehensive listing of upcoming transportation-related public meetings and events.

## How you can help

### Volunteer

We can't do it without you, so please consider lending a hand. It's a chance to share your ideas and have fun in the process!

### Membership / Support

Grassroots donations allow us to advocate effectively. Donate online or by mail. [We are a tax-deductible 501(c)(3)]

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# LivableStreets

Rethinking urban transportation

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*“LivableStreets Alliance has been working to reshape notions of how cars, people, and public transit should coexist.” Boston Magazine.*



*“If ever a city needed a group like LivableStreets, this is it.” E-Magazine*

## Our mission

LivableStreets Alliance is a non-profit organization that believes urban transportation has the power to make Metro Boston more connected – and more livable. We challenge people to think differently and to demand a system that balances transit, walking, and biking with automobiles. We promote safe, convenient, and affordable transportation for all users in urban Boston. Streets that are enjoyable to use will better support neighborhoods and business districts. We:

**Inspire a vision** by sharing innovative transportation ideas from around the world – encouraging governments, communities, and the public to think about the crucial role that transportation plays in vibrant urban life.

**Build partnerships** with other advocacy groups, providing resources, tools, and support that help them collaborate effectively and speak with a powerful voice.

**Empower communities**, providing practical knowledge that helps them envision better transportation and take charge of their neighborhoods.

**Create change** in the way government approaches projects. We build consensus for balanced transportation plans that have a real impact in making our streets more livable.

**LivableStreets believes that to remain a competitive, world-class city, Boston needs a world-class transportation network – one that makes our city a better place to live, work, and play.**

## What is a livable street?

A livable street supports vibrant public spaces while encouraging personal interaction, physical activity, community and fun. It meets the needs of transit riders, pedestrians, motorist and cyclists and is structured around everyday life. It might include bus and bicycle lanes, pedestrian priority at traffic signals, safer car speeds and wide sidewalks with trees and benches. A livable street encompasses not just the road itself but the sidewalks and buildings around it.

## How we work

We support collaborative efforts around common agendas that embrace walking, bicycling, transit, smart growth, environment, public health and economic development. We broker change by developing relationships and collaborating with government agencies, neighborhood leaders and other advocacy groups. Our board includes citizens, professional engineers, planners and designers, allowing us to make realistic, technically sound recommendations on a broad spectrum of issues. This enables us to energize and inspire a wide range of people committed to progressive transportation reform and deliver meaningful results with limited resources.



*“We’re organized around the principles of public health through active living, economic vitality and quality of life. It’s an innovative approach that encompasses all modes of transportation and seeks a balanced system.”*

Jeff Rosenblum,  
co-founder

## StreetTalks

This monthly discussion series is a chance to learn about important issues, meet other community members, and see our Cambridge office. Past StreetTalks include:

**Using Transportation to Transform Communities: Learning from the 1960’s Anti-Highway Movement** Ken Kruckemeyer and Ann Hershfang

**Bicycle Planning in the Netherlands** Hans Voerknecht, Dutch Bicycle Council International Coordinator

**Transportation Reform for the US: Are Americans Ready?** Gary Toth, NJ DOT and Project for Public Spaces

**Walkable Communities** Dan Burden, Founder and Executive Director of Walkable Communities, Inc.

**Bicycle Planning in Portland, Oregon** Roger Geller, Bicycle Coordinator in Portland, Oregon

**Design for a Livable City: Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning in Cambridge** Cara Seiderman, Transportation Program Manager, City of Cambridge

**Post-Carbon Cities: Planning for Energy and Climate Uncertainty** Daniel Lerch, Post-Carbon Institute

**Night of StreetFilms** Clarence Eckerson, NYC Filmmaker

**Developing a Bicycle Network in Boston** Peter Furth, Prof., Civil Engineering, Northeastern Univ.

**Pandemonium in the Parking Lot: Why our Instincts on Parking are Wrong** Jason Schrieber and Mark Chase, Nelson/Nygaard

**Future: Where Will We Be Going and How Will We Get There?** Robin Chase, Zipcar co-founder

**Urban Health: How Shaping Our Built Environment Shapes Ourselves** Russ Lopez, Prof., Public Health, BU

**Urban Happiness** Enrique Peñalosa, Urban Strategist, former Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia

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