



MOVE ATLANTA: A Design Manual for Active, Balanced, & Complete Streets

A supplement to the *Connect Atlanta & Cycle Atlanta Plans*

Overview

Move Atlanta is a comprehensive design manual intended to provide a common resource for city departments, partner agencies, developers, and citizens to guide design in the public right-of-way. This design manual is intended for streets with City of Atlanta right-of-ways. Move Atlanta Design Manual provides an opportunity for the City of Atlanta to design its streets for health, safety, livability and sustainability.

A growing number of communities are discovering the value of their streets as important public spaces for many aspects of daily life. Atlantans want streets that are safe to cross or walk along, offer places to meet people, link healthy neighborhoods, and have a vibrant mix of entertainment and retail. Streets can provide valuable space for farmers markets, street festivals, and social gathering places.

Goal: Develop streets that are safe, walkable, and environmentally responsible. Streets that are socially dynamic with a mix of entertainment and retail while support all modes of transportation .

Purpose: Why have a Design Manual?

Municipalities depend upon street design manuals to guide design of their streets, retrofit and modify existing streets for new developments and changes in traffic patterns, and meet the needs of growing populations. Streets are the framework of every city and act as the skeleton that holds city blocks and buildings together, consequently shaping the city's urban form. Street design manuals act as the DNA for well-balanced streets; streets that are conducive to all forms of transportation as well as achieving a balance between the natural and built environment. Broad Street (pictured below) is a fine example of balanced street where pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers all feel comfortable using the street. Broad Street has a dynamic mix of retail, patio dining space, and a dense tree canopy, all contributors to the success of the streets economic stability and livability.



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