

Creating Livable Communities Through Public Involvement (one-day workshop)

This one-day course is designed to help government-sponsored boards and commissions, advocacy, business, and neighborhood-based groups and individuals work collaboratively to create great communities through public involvement. Participants will learn organizational models and strategies for working together on pedestrian and bicycle transportation projects and safety programs. The intent is to achieve better outcomes that have community buy-in and support.

As a result of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify the “ingredients” of what makes a “livable community.”
- Identify the type of public involvement groups, their roles and responsibilities, and their relationships to government and other stakeholders.
- Understand current structures and opportunities for public involvement in order to identify what is missing and what could be improved.
- Create publicly-supported and trusted policies, programs, and projects.
- Articulate how 25 people can create positive change.
- List specific examples of what has worked in other communities.
- Clearly identify priorities, next steps, and a clear vision of the future.

The course is appropriate for citizens, business leaders, engineers, planners, traffic safety and enforcement professionals, public health and injury prevention professionals, and decision-makers who have the responsibility of implementing pedestrian and bicycle projects and programs at the state or local level.



Participants will receive materials that include a comprehensive list of tools and resources, case studies and examples from other communities, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and organizations to contact for more information. Additionally, the FHWA *Resident's Guide for Creating Safe and Walkable Communities* may be useful. It can be found online at:

<http://www.walkinginfo.org/library/details.cfm?id=4163>



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For details about the course, instructors, success stories, and other materials, visit: <http://www.walkinginfo.org/training/pdps/>