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# Early Action Project Toolbox

# Goals of Early Action Project

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- **Engage community and encourage conversation about transportation**
  - Share “toolbox” of potential street design options
  - Use community input to prioritize possible locations
  - Show what we could do in the long-term for the street
- **Create temporary small-scale changes to the street**
- **Evaluate the project and gather feedback**



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# Toolbox Criteria

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- Street design connection: increase street safety or improve public spaces (e.g. more greenery, public space)
- Fun component: provide fun ways for community members to get involved (e.g. art project)
- Easy to install: it is easy to design, and it does not require a long approval process
- Location(s) must balance many needs (i.e. address safety concerns, support events, is feasible)
- There is \$100,000 budget for completing this project by October.



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# Toolbox of Interventions

# Clear corner/Curb extension

Clearing space ahead of a crosswalk or an intersection to make it easier for drivers to see people walking. This can also help shorten crossing distance.



Art inside a clear corner!

*Mid-block curb extension; Seattle, WA*



Art inside a clear corner!

*Mid-block curb extension; Egleston Boston, MA*

## Criteria Met:

- Street design connection
- Fun component
- Easy to install

## Applications:

- At intersections or crosswalks next to parking



# Reduce Curb Radii

Reduce the radius of the curb at intersection corners to reduce drivers' speed as they turn. It can also shorten crossing distance.



Rubber turn wedge

*Reducing curb radii with a "turn wedge", NYC, NY*



*Corner curb extension; Memphis, TN*

## Criteria Met:

- Street design connection
- Fun component
- Easy to install

## Applications:

- Useful at intersection corners where 1) curb radius is wide and 2) driver turning speed is high

# Painted Median Island

A painted median in the middle of a crosswalk provides space for people to pause while crossing multi-lane streets. It can also reduce driving speed by narrowing the travel lane and shifting drivers' path.



*Painted median island with posts on Walter St, Roslindale, MA*

## Criteria Met:

- Street design connection

## Applications:

- Where ex median can be extended
- Could also be done in existing raised median (center island in the street)



# Traffic Signal Box Art

Traffic signal box art can help make the street look more appealing.



*Traffic Signal Box Art at various Boston neighborhoods*

## Criteria Met:

- Fun component

## Applications:

- At existing traffic signal boxes
- Build to city's "PaintBox" program

# Parklet

Extend the sidewalk into on-street parking spaces to create a new community space. The space can include seating, plants, and other things that make it feel inviting to use.

## Criteria Met:

- Street design connection
- Fun component

## Applications:

- Locations with on-street parking or extra space to fit a parklet

Planters



*Parklet, Inman Square*

Seating +  
games/play  
equipment



*Parklet, San Francisco, CA*

# Temporary Plaza

Temporary plazas take existing road space and turn it into a new community space. It can increase safety by narrowing the roadway and, encouraging slower driving speeds.



*Creative planters, built by the community, add a touch of green and safety to this pedestrian plaza in Memphis, TN*

## Criteria Met:

- Street design connection
- Fun component

## Applications:

- Where there is an existing plaza that can be extended
- Where people are already gathering but there is a lack of space

# Interventions Summary

Intervention type	Parameters			Community activated
	Street design connection	Has a fun component	Easy to install	
Clear corners/curb extension	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reduce curb radii	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Painted median island	Yes	No	No	No
Traffic signal box art	No	Yes	No	Yes
Parklet	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Temporary Plaza	Yes	Yes	No	Yes