

Public Spaces



1. Accessible

Easy for many people to get there (think about children and the elderly)

1. Can people use a variety of transportation options.

Underground transportation

Walking (do they have to dart between moving cars?)

Electric Bikes/Regular Bikes

Public Transportation

Trolleys

2. Many paths/sidewalks to use

3. Does the space function for people with special needs

2. People are Engaged in Activities

- Are there things to do in this public space?
- Are there a variety of things to do for a variety of people?
- Different ages are using the space children to the elderly.
- The space is used all day long and into the evening.
- Are there activities for groups and individuals?
- Which parts of the space are used and which are not?
- Who is in charge of the space.

3. The Space is Comfortable

- Safe – well lit in the evening/security presence? When and where and how many?
- Clean free of litter? Who keeps the place clean and when?
- Places to sit (lots of seating) Sun and shade?
- Is it aesthetically pleasing (Good looking/pretty)?
- Are there many photo opportunities. Is it a place to make memories? That makes people happy!
- Do vehicles dominate pedestrians?

4. A Sociable Place

This is important! When people can interact with friends and strangers and enjoy themselves it builds a stronger sense of community.

1. Would you choose to meet your friends here? Are others doing the same?
2. Are people in groups and talking to one another?
3. Do they have pride in this place and take their friends and relatives from out of town here?
4. Do people make eye contact and smile at each other?
5. Is there a mix of ages and ethnic groups?
6. Do people clean up after themselves and others? Do they take pride in this place?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7fRIGphgtk>