

# 2020 Great Places Awards

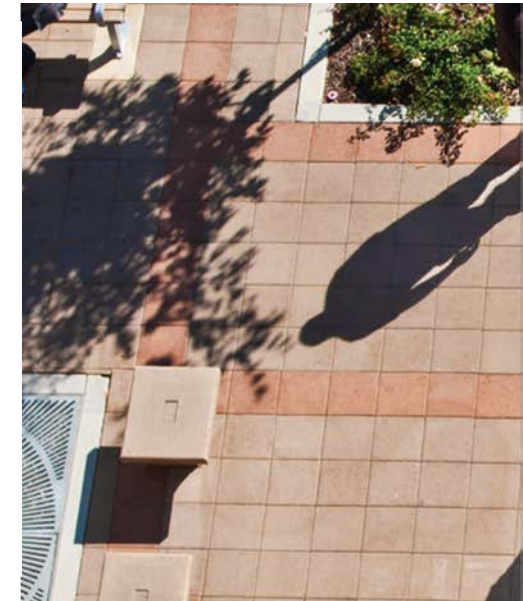
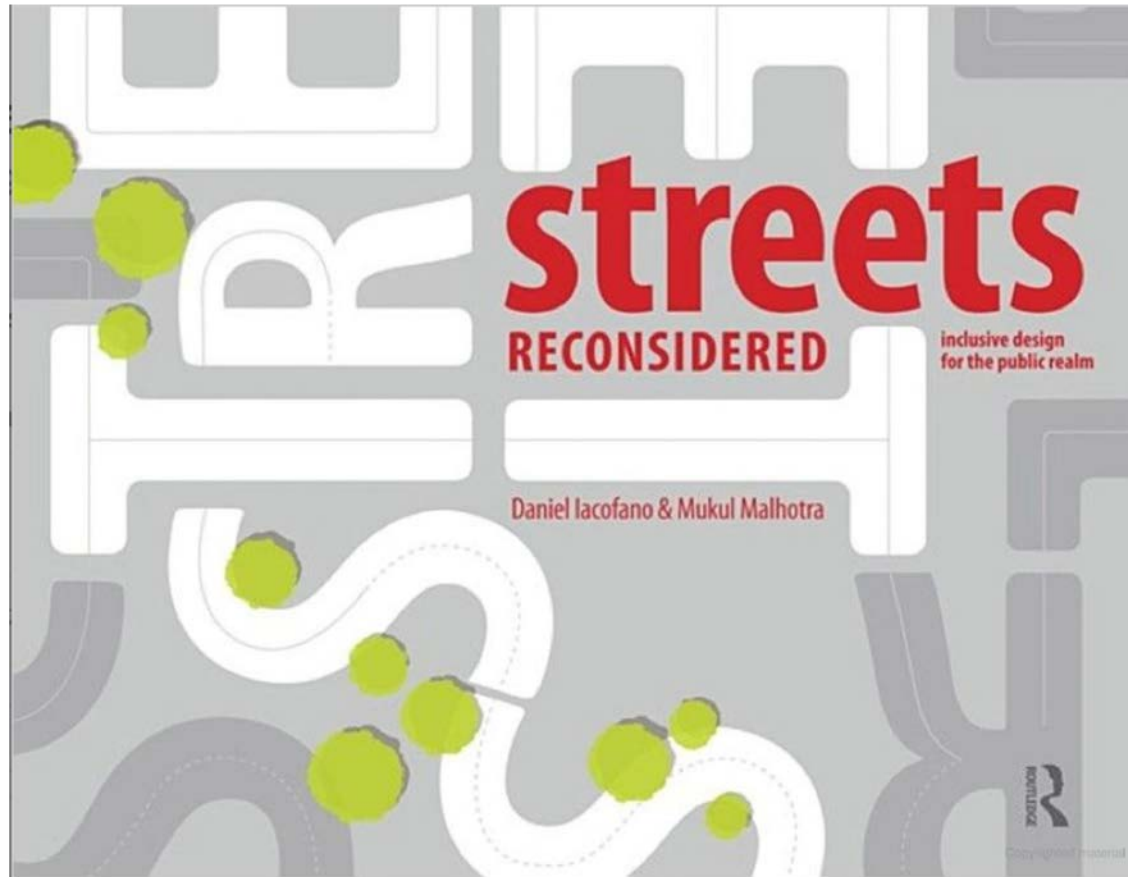


## Book Honorable Mention

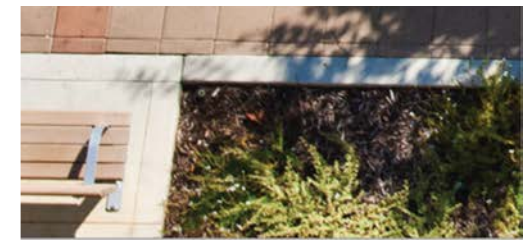
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BEST PRACTICES



## Design for gathering and human interaction

- 1 Provide outdoor living rooms to accommodate groups of various sizes and ages.
- 2 Provide seating at regular intervals on the street. Seating should include benches, chairs, seatwalls, or a variety of other “perches.”
- 3 Offer movable seating that allows people to create their own outdoor living rooms.
- 4 Provide comfort that responds to climatic conditions and provides shelter from elements including wind and rain.
- 5 Provide quiet places to gather, such as street gardens with plantings and benches set back from the roadway.
- 6 Install shared community resources such as libraries and community notice boards for announcements of community events and services.
- 7 Provide idea walls for people to share art, poetry and stories.
- 8 Set up speaker corners that encourage public speaking, debate and discussion.
- 9 Provide opportunities for play for all ages such as chess boards and musical instruments (see Chapter 6, Play Streets).
- 10 In addition to well-tested design concepts, test new ideas such as pianos, book clubs, etc., to encourage serendipitous gathering.

## STREET DESIGN PRINCIPLES

STREETS RECONSIDERED

## 7 Context Sensitivity: Physical Surroundings

Streets should respond to their physical context—whether the main uses are commercial, industrial, institutional or residential—and to the needs of the people inside the buildings. Street design should connect the two sides of the street, so people walking on one side can relate to and easily cross over to the other side. Pedestrians don't respond well to very wide streets. That might mean, for example, reducing the width of travel lanes, converting travel lanes to bike paths and medians, adding bulb outs at corners, and ensuring that landscaping doesn't inhibit the visibility of retail frontages.

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