

PEDESTRIAN PLANNING



Whether the task is a citywide plan, a multimodal neighborhood plan, or a specific intersection design, Nelson\Nygaard maximizes the attractiveness and safety of walking. We develop design requirements, quantify pedestrian levels of service and, most importantly, balance the inevitable tradeoffs between walking, automobiles and other modes.

Master Plans

Working with cities, neighborhoods, and public parks, we identify pedestrian investments that improve public safety and serve larger goals of economic development, social equity, and natural resource preservation.

Traffic Calming and Street Design

Street redesign demands a blend of technical rigor and political sensitivity. Nelson\Nygaard has successfully mediated projects where improvements stalled over competing interests, antiquated regulations, and inaccurate technical information. Using education, consensus building, and phased approaches to implementation, we have moved plans from dissension to adoption and execution.

Pedestrian Plans

We help municipalities understand the complex matrix of changes to existing infrastructure, policies, and design guidelines needed for a functional pedestrian network. We document

weak linkages in existing pedestrian networks, prioritize locations for new infrastructure and amenities, and rewrite municipal codes and standards.

Education and Outreach Programs

Nelson\Nygaard has led a broad range of safety education programs including the award-winning Safe Routes to Schools in Marin County and New York City. We also conduct intensive workshops that teach city leaders about the core principles of effective pedestrian planning.

Recent Projects include:

- **Wellesley, Massachusetts** — Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan
- **San Francisco, California** — Citywide Streetscape Master Plan
- **Houston-Galveston Area Council, Texas** — Galveston TX - Pedestrian & Bicycle Conceptual Plan