

Dan Burden is the nation's most recognized authority on walkability, bicycle & pedestrian programs, street corridor & intersection design, traffic flow & calming, road diets, and other planning elements that affect roadway environments. Dan is also sought after by the health community, promoting neighborhoods, villages, and cities that are designed for more active, interactive, and healthy living. Dan has 37 years of experience in developing, promoting and evaluating alternative transportation facilities, traffic calming practices and sustainable community design.



## history

Employed by Florida DOT in 1980 as the first Bicycle Coordinator, Dan returned from an inspiring trip to Australia, changed his job title and became the nation's first full time State Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator in 1981. Then in 1996, with many requests to help others, Dan and his wife Lys founded Walkable Communities, Inc., a non-profit corporation helping North America develop walkability programs and walkable communities. In 2005, Dan joined Glattig Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc. and became a Senior Urban Designer, Principal, and Shareholder. Although Dan is contracted and paid through Glattig Jackson, he and his staff maintain and promote walkability information and knowledge through Walkable Communities, Inc.

## teaching

There are few people in the country who know more about traffic calming practices, access management, building streets for emergency responders, intersection design, and other

strategies for creating pedestrian and bicycle friendly communities than Dan Burden. He has taught bicycle and pedestrian facility design courses, livability, Smart Growth, and Sustainable Transportation in hundreds of different communities throughout North America.

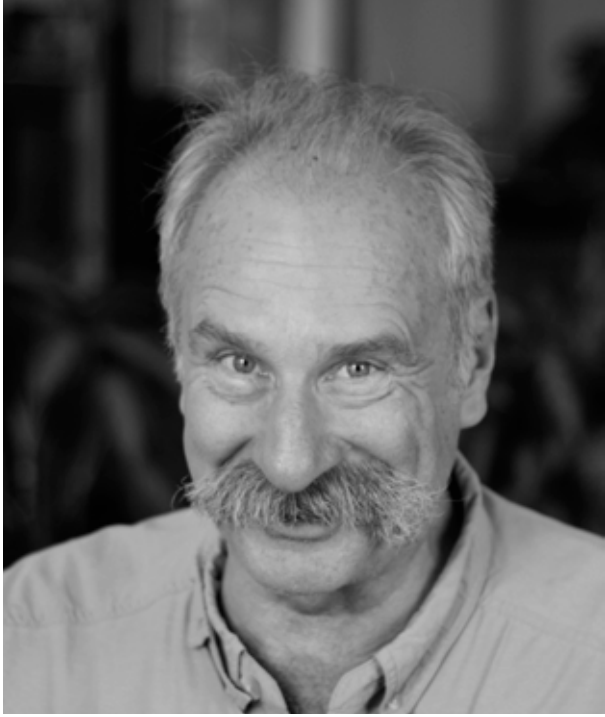
## experience

Dan has personally photographed and examined walking, bicycling, placemaking, and town center conditions in over 2500 cities in the U.S. and abroad. He worked as a bicycle consultant in China for the United Nations in 1994, and he has been to Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and many European countries to photograph their great cities. His pictures have been published in the New York Times, National Geographic, Better Homes and Gardens, Sierra Club calendars, and Weekly Reader. Presentations are always richly illustrated with examples from near and far.

## accolades

- Time Magazine recently listed Dan as “one of the six most important civic innovators in the world.”
- The Transportation Research Board (National Academy of Sciences) honored Dan by making him their Distinguished Lecturer in 2001.
- In 2007 EPA's New Partners for Smart Growth gave Dan its first “Lifetime Achievement Award.”
- In 2000, The Association of Pedestrian and Bicyclists Professionals (APBP) honored Dan with its first “Lifetime Achievement Award.”
- The League of American Bicyclists lists Dan as “one of the 25 most significant leaders in bicycling for the past 100 years.”

- Project for Public Places (PPS) profiles Dan as it highlights those individuals who have captured our imagination about the need to create great places in every community.



## range

Dan served on the Florida DOT "Greenbook" Committee to help draft standards for streets and traffic calming. He has been instrumental in developing diverse programs in walkability, bicycling facilities, traffic calming, and sustainable transportation programs in scores of cities, large and small. These principles work in towns of only 600 people, as well as those having 600,000 or 6,000,000. The cities Dan has worked in include: Bradenton Beach, Satellite Beach, Ormond Beach, Key Largo, West Palm Beach, South Miami Beach, Orlando, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach and downtown Venice in Florida; Lacey, Bellevue, Mercer Island, University Place, Maple Valley, Shoreline, Seattle, Port Townsend, Bellingham and Colville, Washington; Austin and Round Rock, Texas; Arcata, San Diego, Sacramento, St Helena, West Hollywood, Claremont, Encinitas and Santa Monica, California; Eugene, Corvallis, Portland, Oregon; Asheville, Waynesville and Charlotte, North Carolina; Lansing, Traverse City, Kalamazoo, Brighton, Howell, Michigan; Grand Junction, Bayfield, Boulder, Denver, Greeley, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, Colorado; Las Vegas, Nevada; Hartford and Stamford, Connecticut, Columbus, Ohio and Honolulu, Hawaii, among many others.

## process

Dan Burden is the inventor of the walking audit. He often serves as the key facilitator for highly interactive 2-5 day public involvement planning processes, known as a charrette. The charrette process includes focus group sessions, walking audits, brainstorming sessions, prioritization, and citizen-driven "design table" workshops in which local residents help with a "hands-on" approach for design solutions to neighborhood traffic problems. As part of each charrette Dan makes a 20-40 minute presentation on walkability or traffic calming practices, based on his experience with similar programs in more than 2,500 cities nationwide.

## keynote presentations

Dan has given keynotes in many states, regions, national, and international conferences, ranging from 60 people to 16,000. Presentations at state, national, and international levels have been delivered to specific audiences as broad and diverse as world health, American Public Works, transportation engineering, traffic calming, diet and nutrition conferences, architecture, active living, aging, planning, landscape architecture, Smart Growth, Sustainability, emergency response, city and national beautification, main street, and child safety.

"Having attended many of Dan Burden's presentations, and having collaborated with him on several, I can vouch for his greatest talent: getting people with different viewpoints to agree on a vision for their community, by showing them the untapped beauty and potential they have in their greatest commonly-owned asset - their public streets. Dan can actually get Americans to care about cities again. And he does it by getting the traffic engineers on board, not by vilifying them, but by making them excited about being involved in change."

— Michael Ronkin, Former Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager,  
Oregon Department of Transportation