

Tactical Urbanism: Pop-Up Projects

Subject Areas: Science & Technology, Problem Solving,

Associated Unit: Tactical Urbanism – Pop-Up Street Projects

Lesson Title: Pop-Up Projects

Header



Image 1-A

Image file: http://wrtwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Temporary_Traffic_Circle-1.jpg

ADA Description: Temporary traffic circle in an intersection made from 4 posts, a standing flower pot and a painted circle

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Caption: Pop-Up Traffic Circle Used For Traffic Calming

Grade Level: Middle School (6th – 8th)

Lesson # 1 of 3

Lesson Dependency : The following interconnected lessons can be used independently or as a series:

(1 of 3) Tactical Urbanism: Pop-Up Projects (This Lesson)

(2 of 3) Tactical Urbanism: Mock-Up Pop-Up

(3 of 3) Tactical Urbanism: Pop-Up Data Crunch

Time Required: 45-60 minutes

Summary: Students will learn the definition of tactical urbanism as well as several strategies used in tactical urbanism. Students will be given a scenario which they will have to use their understanding of tactical urbanism to address the neighborhood issue. Students will draw out their plan to scale and describe the changes made as well as the expected impact in the given scenario.

Engineering Connection: Tactical urbanism is a city and/or citizen-led approach to neighborhood using short-term, low-cost and scalable interventions to catalyze long term change. City engineers may use these temporary approaches to traffic calming before committing to more costly, permanent approaches. Like city engineers, students will be expected to *draft* temporary solutions to be scaled to a specific scenario

Engineering Category: Engineering design process

Keywords: Tactical Urbanism, Pop Up Street Projects, Mock Up, Street Design, Traffic Calming

Educational Standards

[State STEM Standards](#)

Montana K-12 Science Standards – Standard 5

Description: Students, through the inquiry process, understand how scientific knowledge and technological developments impact communities, cultures and societies.

Education Level: Grades K – 12

Subject: Science

[International Technology and Engineering Educator Association \(ITEEA\) Standards](#)

Standards for Technological Literacy: Content for the Study of Technology – The Designed World 18

Description: Students will develop an understanding of and be able to select and use transportation technologies.

Education Level: Grades K – 12

Subject: Technology

[Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\)](#)

Engineering Design: MS-ETS1-1

Description: Students who demonstrate understanding can: Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, taking into account relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.

Education Level: Grades 6 – 8

Subject: Science

Engineering Design: MS-ETS1-2

Description: Students who demonstrate understanding can: Evaluate competing design solutions using a systematic process to determine how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.

Education Level: Grades 6 - 8

Subject: Science

[Common Core State Standards \(CCSS\)](#)

Statement Notation: CCSS.Math.Practice.MP1

Alt. Statement Notation: MP.1

Description: Standards for Mathematical Practice – Standard 1

Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

Level: Grades K – 12

Subject: Math

Pre-Requisite Knowledge

None: Entry Level Activity

Learning Objectives

After this lesson, students should be able to:

- Define *tactical urbanism*.
- Identify and describe the use of *traffic calming* strategies including *traffic circles*, *curb extensions*, *pedestrian crossings*, *creative use of space*, *dedicated bike paths* and *bulb outs*.
- Design a traffic calming strategy to address the needs of a specific given traffic-related scenario.

Introduction / Motivation

Traffic calming uses physical design and other measures to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. It aims to encourage safer, more responsible driving and potentially reduce traffic flow. Urban planners and traffic engineers have many strategies for traffic calming, including *traffic circles*, *curb extensions*, *pedestrian crossings*, *creative use of space*, *dedicated bike paths* and *bulb outs*.

[Video Introduction for Traffic Calming – News station report on Bozeman Art Installations](#)

Lesson Background & Concepts for Teachers

This lesson has been designed as an introduction to traffic calming as well as some of the strategies used in traffic calming. The hope is for students to become familiar with many of the tactics used in tactical urbanism; specifically related to traffic calming.

The reason these low-cost, temporary interventions are used is to test the efficiency of designs and use summary statistics to determine if more permanent measures are worth the investment.

Image



Figure 1-B

Image file:

http://wrtwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Curb_Extension-1.jpg

ADA Description: A temporary curb extension is shown extending six feet out into the crosswalk.

The extension has been painted blue and posts have been added to increase visibility.

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Caption: Pop-Up Curb Extension Used For Traffic Calming

Vocabulary / Definitions

Word	Definition
Tactical Urbanism	A city and/or citizen-led approach to neighborhood using short-term, low-cost and scalable interventions to catalyze long term change.
Traffic Calming	A full range of methods to slow cars, but not necessarily ban them, as they move through commercial and residential neighborhoods.
Traffic Circle	A road junction at which traffic moves in one direction round a central island to reach one of the roads converging on it.
Curb Extension	Used to extend the sidewalk, reducing the crossing distance and allowing pedestrians about to cross and approaching vehicle drivers to see each other when vehicles parked in a parking lane would otherwise block visibility.
Pedestrian Crossing	(aka: crosswalk) A marked part of a road where pedestrians have right of way to cross.
Creative Use of Space	Reimagining of excess roadway space or space next to roadways in an effort to increase functionality of that space, increase the visibility of pedestrians and reduce the speed of vehicle travel.
Dedicated Bike Path	A pathway separated from motorized traffic and dedicated to cycling or shared with pedestrians or other non-motorized users.

Associated Activities

- 1) Split into groups of 3-4.
- 2) Start [TACTICAL URBANISM POWERPOINT](#) (link will download PPT)¹ having groups come up with own definition of “*Tactical Urbanism.*” (Slide 1 Only)
- 3) Class discussion of “*Tactical Urbanism.*” (Slides 2-3)
- 4) Pre-Lesson Assessment: Use [TACTICAL URBANISM POWERPOINT](#) to gauge student knowledge of vocabulary associated with traffic calming. (Slides 4-9)
- 5) Post-Introduction Assessment: Use [TACTICAL URBANISM POWERPOINT](#) to have groups decide which strategy is being shown. Slides (10-37)
- 6) Using [ROADWAY PROBLEM SCENARIOS](#) (link will download document)², have students discuss which strategy/strategies they think are appropriate to address the issues posed in their scenarios.
- 7) Lesson Summary Assessment: Students will draw a design showing where and how they will implement strategies to address the issues posed in their [ROADWAY PROBLEM SCENARIOS](#).

Lesson Closure

¹ The “Tactical Urbanism Powerpoint” cited throughout this lesson plan is the same document. While the link is provided whenever it is mentioned, it is only necessary to download it once.

² The “Roadway Problem Scenarios” cited throughout this lesson plan is the same document. While the link is provided whenever it is mentioned, it is only necessary to download it once.

- 8) Share Out: Groups will share their [ROADWAY PROBLEM SCENARIOS](#) as well as what they designed to address the issues posed in their [ROADWAY PROBLEM SCENARIOS](#).
- 9) Homework (Optional): Students will research examples of tactical urbanism or traffic calming efforts in their local area.

Assessment

Pre-Lesson Assessment: *Descriptive Title:* What is Traffic Calming and How Do You Do It?
Use [TACTICAL URBANISM POWERPOINT](#) to gauge student knowledge of vocabulary associated with traffic calming. (Slides 1-9)

Post-Introduction Assessment: *Descriptive Title:* Which One Is It?
Use [TACTICAL URBANISM POWERPOINT](#) to have groups decide which strategy is being shown. (Slides 10-37)

Lesson Summary Assessment

Descriptive Title: Map It Out

Students will draw a design showing where and how they will implement strategies to address the issues posed in their [ROADWAY PROBLEM SCENARIOS](#).

Homework

Descriptive Title: Tactical Urbanism in My Town

Students will research examples of tactical urbanism or traffic calming efforts in their local area.

Lesson Extension Activities:

- There are five [ROADWAY PROBLEM SCENARIOS](#). Groups can draw out plans to address any number of these scenarios.
- Students could think of an area in their own neighborhood or around school campus, map it out and implement an appropriate strategy to calm traffic.

Additional Multimedia Support

[NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON TRAFFIC CALMING ART IN BOZEMAN](#)
[NEWS STATION SEGMENT ON BOZEMAN ART INSTALLATIONS](#)

References

N/A

Attachments

[TACTICAL URBANISM POWERPOINT](#) for lesson.

[ROADWAY PROBLEM SCENARIOS](#) page for lesson.

Other

N/A

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