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LADOT's People St Wins National Planning Achievement Award

The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is pleased to announce that People St, a program of LADOT, has received a **National Planning Achievement Award for Best Practice** from the American Planning Association (APA) as part of the 2016 National Planning Awards.

Each year, APA recognizes outstanding efforts in planning and planning leadership across the country. The award for Best Practice recognizes planning programs, tools, and processes that emphasize results and demonstrate how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help to create communities of lasting value. Award recipients are recognized collectively at an awards luncheon held during APA's National Planning Conference, which will bring planning and design practitioners from across the nation together this April in Phoenix, Arizona.

People St is a program from the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation that empowers communities to transform underused areas of city streets. Community partners can apply to create new plazas or parklets. The application process expedites project development and implementation. The Kit of Parts contains packaged, preapproved design elements to simplify the design review process; allow individual neighborhood customization; and hasten installation. Costs are shared between the city and an approved community partner. The streamlined process includes open source documents so the program is easily replicable in other communities. The program solicits ideas from those who know their neighborhood best and transforms neighborhoods into places that balance the needs of all road users.

"We are so proud to have won this prestigious award from APA," said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. "People St represents a collective and collaborative lift from the City staff and consultants who worked tirelessly to create this innovative program, to our community partners who rally their expertise and resources to partner with the City to bring the projects to life. This recognition is a testament to the power of working hand-in-hand with communities to unlock the potential of their streets."

LADOT would like to recognize the very first community partners who partnered with the City of Los Angeles through People St to bring Plazas and Parklets to their neighborhoods:

Pacoima Beautiful - *Bradley Avenue Plaza, Pacoima*

Institute for Maximum Human Potential; KAOS Network- *Leimert Park Village Plaza, South Los Angeles*

North Hollywood Business Improvement District - *NoHo Plaza*

South Park Business Improvement District - *Hope Street Parklet, Downtown Los Angeles*

Motor Avenue Improvement Association - *Motor Avenue Parklets, Palms*

For more information on People St, visit peoplest.lacity.org
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