

Quick-Builds vs. Demonstration Projects

As defined in the Statewide Active Transportation Program and most US-based guidebooks/research.

	Quick-Builds	Demonstration Projects
Example Photos		
Cost	Lower in cost than a full capital infrastructure project.	Very low cost compared to infrastructure projects. Tend to be more closely related to public engagement events.
Timeframe	Typically longer-term - Lasts 1 to 5 years.	Short-term - Typically lasts 1 day to 1 month.
Materials	Built with durable, low to moderate cost materials.	Tend to be colorful to capture attention. Materials used are temporary and low-cost.
Project Type	Interim capital infrastructure projects.	Considered to be non-infrastructure.
Purpose	To test project improvements before they are permanently constructed. To gather public feedback. Can be utilized to immediately implement safety needs, allowing a community to benefit quickly from improvements made.	To encourage curiosity and interaction with a potential facility design. Encourages active transportation and enhances public involvement. Often includes signage to highlight planned changes.

Other Examples and Resources:

- Smart Growth America Quick Build and Demonstration Project Examples: <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/quick-build-demonstration-projects/>
- Tactical Urbanist Guides (helpful to understand different types of temporary materials): <https://tacticalurbanismguide.com/guides/tactical-urbanists-guide-to-materials-and-design/>
- Open Streets Guide (helpful for demonstration projects): https://nacto.org/docs/usdg/smaller_open_streets_guide_final_print_alliance_biking_walking.pdf
- Statewide ATP Quick-Build Supplemental Guidance: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/atp/cy6/cy-6-finalquickbuild-supplementalguidance-v2.pdf>

Questions? Contact Summer Lopez at slopez@sacog.org