



*Media Literacy  
in Action:  
The Community  
Planning  
Project*

Episode 2  
Transportation

# What is a community?

People living in the same geographic place.



# What makes a livable community?

People have many needs and wants in the community in which they live. They want to feel safe and enjoy the place where they live.

People want to live in neighborhoods where they know their neighbors. They want to shop where they can buy the things they need and want.

People want public services that meet their everyday needs, like water and electricity, and fire and police departments that can send responders when there is an emergency.

Transportation is important in communities, whether it means sidewalks or forms of transportation that make it easy to get from place to place.



Schools and other learning centers are important too. Libraries, museums, and historical sites also provide places for learning.

Parks and recreation areas encourage people to enjoy the outdoors and exercise.

Art is important too, as are public spaces where people can gather for special events, which creates a sense of belonging and pride in the community.

# Why is good transportation important to communities?

In a livable community, people want to be able to choose different kinds of transportation.

Some people like to walk, but without sidewalks, it is not safe. It is important that communities have sidewalks so people can walk in their community.

Some people like to ride a bike from place to place. If there are bike lanes, it is safer for everyone.

Public transportation is important to communities. Buses and trains can provide important transportation for people to move from place to place.

Some people like to drive their own cars or share rides with others.

What kinds of transportation do you think you should have in your community?

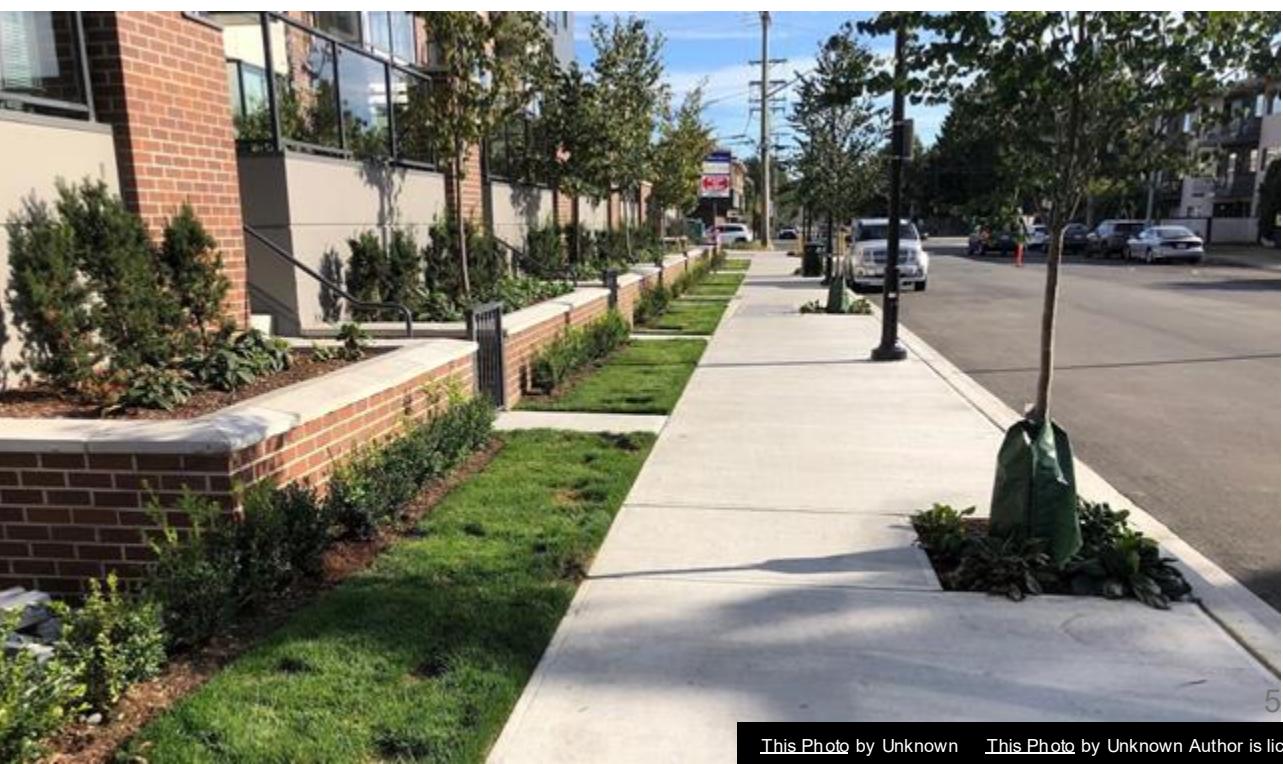




Why is it important to have  
sidewalks in a livable community?

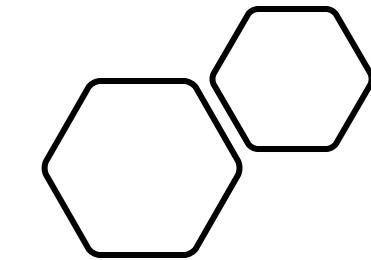


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## Why are bike lanes important to communities?

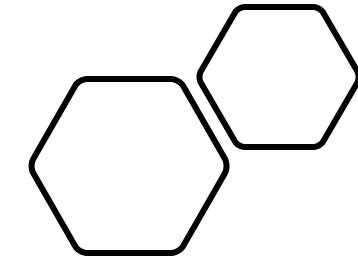




How do buses help people get around in a community?



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How does light rail help people get around in a community?



People need cars to get from place to place. People complain about the traffic—too many cars on the road.

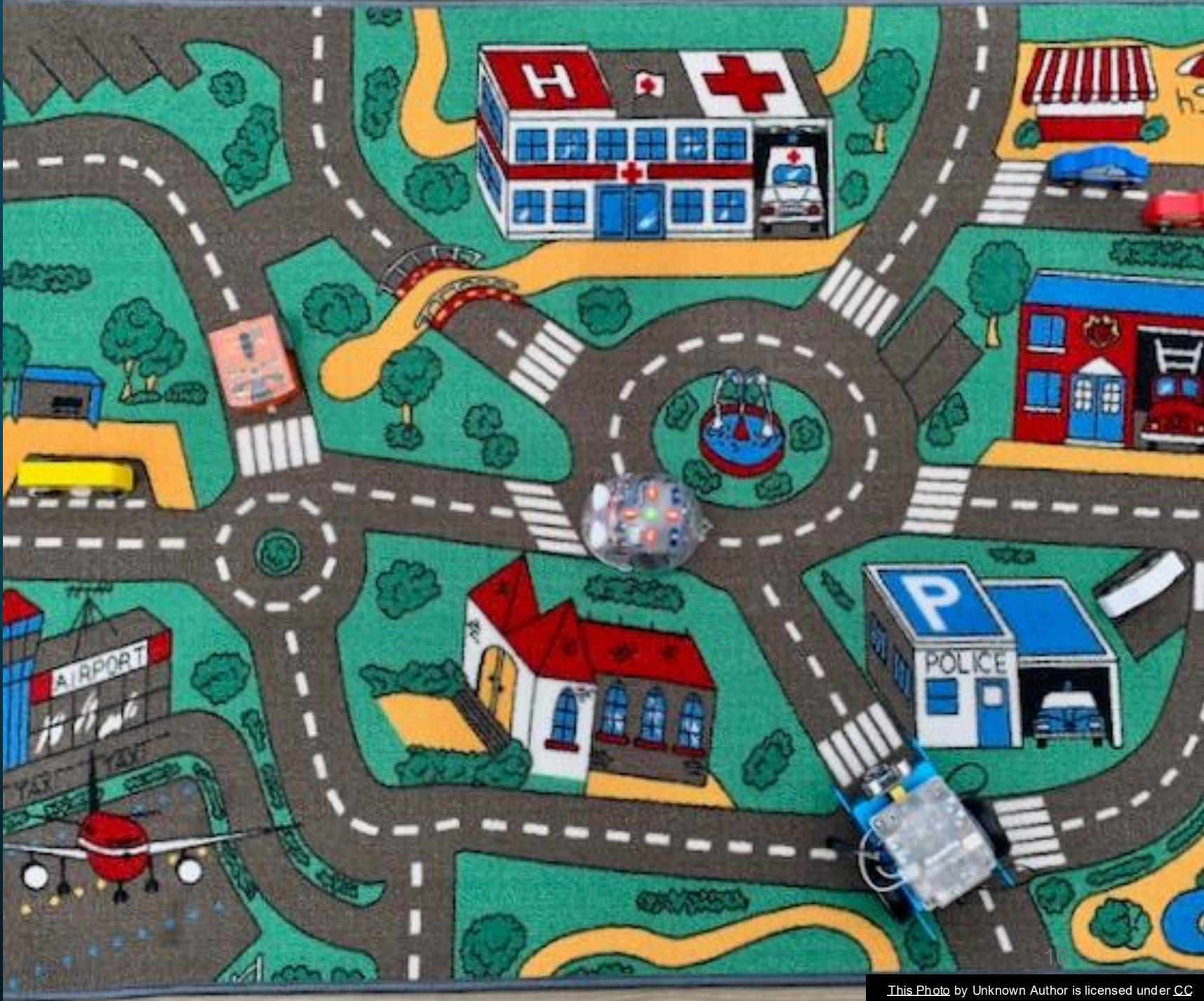
People complain that there are not enough parking places.

What are your ideas about cars in our livable community?



What kinds of transportation should we have in our community?

Where should the roads be?



# Choices & Decisions

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How will we organize our community to provide transportation for everyone?

