

# Urban Design



*According to [www.urbandesign.org](http://www.urbandesign.org), urban design involves the arrangement and design of buildings, public spaces, transport systems, services and amenities. Urban design is the process of giving form, shape and character to groups of buildings, to whole neighborhoods and the city. It is a framework that orders the elements into a network of streets, squares and blocks.*

*Urban design blends architecture, landscape architecture and city planning together to make urban areas functional and attractive. Urban design is about making connections between people and places, movement and urban form, nature and the built fabric. Urban design draws together the many strands of place-making, environmental stewardship, social equity and economic viability into the creation of places with distinct beauty and identity.*

*Urban design is derived from but transcends planning and transportation policy, architectural design, development economics, engineering and landscape. It draws these and other strands together creating a vision for an area and then deploying the resources and skills needed to bring the vision to life. To learn more about the above information, go to [www.urbandesign.org](http://www.urbandesign.org).*

## **WHAT IS URBAN DESIGN'S ROLE IN THIS PROJECT?**

The Urban Design team works with the architecture, landscape architecture, civil/road engineers, as well as other associated disciplines to define pedestrian/bicycle connections, coordinate connections with existing transit, enhance the pedestrian environment, and design the areas immediately surrounding the transit stations in order to maximize the potential of the system.

## **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN URBAN DESIGN?**

Safety and Sustainability are integral parts of Urban Design; at times inherently and at times explicitly. In creating better pedestrian environments that maximize the use of the transit system, Urban Design promotes the use of sustainable transportation and brings more people and eyes to the street. By taking such steps as adding pedestrian lighting, enhancing pedestrian crosswalks, incorporating environmental site design and deploying sustainable technologies, Urban Design makes a safer and greener public realm.

For more information on the Corridor Cities Transitway, please visit our website: [www.mta.maryland.gov/cct](http://www.mta.maryland.gov/cct)

