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Ideas for revitalizing central cities are provided in a new publication of the U.S. Department of Transportation entitled People Movement for Downtown Improvement.

The brochure, put out by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), discusses the decline and renaissance of American cities' central business districts.

It suggests that revitalizing downtown areas requires improvement in the movement of both people and vehicles.

Focusing on the roles of downtown business people and civic leaders, the brochure highlights typical downtown resources and opportunities, some successful downtown improvements, and components for improved people movement. Projects range from the inexpensive - converting an existing street into a temporary pedestrian way, to the very expensive--skyway and tunnel systems, and Downtown People Movers (DPM).

To revitalize downtown, the movement of people goes hand-in-hand with downtown transportation improvement, the brochure points out to the business community.

The publication, prepared by UMTA's Office of Service and Methods Demonstration, lists 14 components for improving

downtown mobility for people and vehicles. The components are: temporary street closing, conventional sidewalk widening, pedestrian and transit shelters, pedestrian malls, escalators, skyway and tunnel system, moving walkway, transit mall, exclusive bus lanes, minibuses, conventional transit buses, light rail transit, people movers, and park-and-ride facilities.

People Movement for Downtown Improvement is available without charge by writing to:

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