

RETHINKING PUBLIC SPACE IN TIMES OF COVID-19: POP-UP INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ACTIVE MOBILITY IN BERLIN

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Background:

- Spring 2020: Covid-19 pandemic requires social distancing and the redistribution of public space in favour of active mobility
- First city: Bogota - one of the first adapters: Berlin
- First pop-up bike lanes in Berlin highly discussed politically and societal
- Target EXPERI: creating knowledge exchange + learn how people perceive this redistribution of space
- **Question: how to reach a wide public audience fast to create awareness + to inform about our survey?**

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Solution: Story Map Website about Pop-up Infrastructure in Berlin incl. the following topics:

- Pop-up bike lanes
- Pop-up (temporary) town-squares
- Pop-up play streets
- Links to surveys about pop-up infrastructure
- World map of pop-up infrastructure
- Non-infrastructure projects
- Guidelines for the creation of pop-up transport infrastructure
- Website based on ESRI Story Map:

Pop-up infrastructure for active mobility in Berlin

COVID-19 demands urgent changes to public spaces to enable safe mobility. The story map shows examples from Berlin and other cities.

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[Pop-up infrastructure for active mobility in Berlin \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com)

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Outcome:

- Created: Apr 7, 2020 Last updated: Oct 7, 2020
- Support for our survey: reactions on pop-up infrastructure (>2,500 participants)
- View Count: 16,693

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STATUS TODAY: FROM POP-UP TO PERMANENT REDISTRIBUTION OF SPACE: EXAMPLE KOTTBUSSE D.



- Studies proofed that pop-up cycle lanes increase sense of security (Götting, Becker, 2020)
- Cycling numbers went up: e.g. Kottbusser Damm: +73% (Strava, 2020)
- Better air quality: -22% Nitrogen dioxide (Becker et al. 2022)
- Decision: permanent implementation
- Pop-up play streets still exist, pop-up town squares partly removed

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR QUESTIONS!



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