Bogotá-reconstructed sidewalks & bus rapid transit

Bogotá-Cyclovia [weekly car-free Sundays]

Who should attend: neighborhood residents, business owners, advocates, policy-makers, students, and anyone else who wants a more livable City! What happens when you give street space back to people ?

Thursday, Feb. 5 @ 6:30pm

Boston Public Library Main Branch / Copley Square 700 Boylston Street / Rabb Lecture Hall Free and open to the public

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Enrique Peñalosa Former Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia

An accomplished public official, economist and administrator, Enrique Peñalosa completed his three-year term as Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia on December 31, 2000. While mayor, Peñalosa was responsible for numerous radical improvements to the city and its citizens. He promoted a city model giving priority to children and public spaces and restricting private car use, building hundreds of kilometers of sidewalks, bicycle paths, pedestrian streets, greenways, and parks. He received the Stockholm Challenge Award for organizing a Car-Free Day in 2000 and a referendum vote then endorsed it annually. As part of the pico y plata license plate restriction program, he removed 40% of cars during peak hours.

Peñalosa also led efforts to improve Bogotá's marginal neighborhoods through citizen involvement; planted more than 100,000 trees; created a new, highly successful busbased transit system; and turned a deteriorated downtown avenue into a dynamic pedestrian public space. He helped transform the city's attitude from one of negative hopelessness to one of pride and hope, developing a model for urban improvement based on the equal rights of all people to transportation, education, and public spaces.

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