

Are Our Cities and Towns Financially Healthy?

On Thursday, October 20 Charles Marohn will be in Bellingham, talking about the financial health of American cities:

- Why are our cities and towns so short of resources despite decades of robust growth?
- Why do we struggle at the local level to maintain our basic infrastructure?
- How can we become more resilient in changing times?

The current path that many American cities are pursuing is not financially stable. Strong Towns ideas can help us choose a different path. Come and listen to any of the three Curbside Chats, and join in the discussion with your friends and neighbors.

Strong Towns Events on Thursday, October 20

8:15am-9:45am

Charles Marohn's Curbside Chat with local government staff and elected officials
Bellingham City Council Chambers, 210 Lottie Street

10:00am-11:30am

North State Street Revitalization Walking Tour with Charles Marohn, Strong Towns
Tour begins at Bellingham City Hall

2:30pm-4:00pm

Charles Marohn's Curbside Chat with students and the campus community
Miller Hall 138 Western Washington University

4:00pm-5:00pm

Ted Carlson, City of Bellingham Public Works Director talks about Bellingham's Transportation Successes and Challenges
Miller Hall 138 Western Washington University

5:00pm-5:30pm

Public Reception with Charles Marohn
Leopold Crystal Ballroom, 1224 Cornwall Avenue

5:30pm-7:00pm

Charles Marohn's Curbside Chat with the downtown community and the general public
Leopold Crystal Ballroom, 1224 Cornwall Avenue



Chuck Marohn is a former planner and engineer from a small city in Minnesota. About eight years ago, he began to wonder how his city could possibly afford to maintain all the local public infrastructure that was being built, courtesy of state and federal money and private developers. He did a little easy math and was very troubled by what he learned. He started a blog, writing about his concerns and attracted the attention of people all over the country. That blog grew into the membership organization, Strong Towns, which now has more than a thousand members. Marohn travels to cities of all sizes, presenting what he has learned in Curbside Chats.

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