Homezones go Downtown
The Evolution of Shared Spaces in Switzerland

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First Generation
Conventional street with pedestrian priority

Aarau AG
Change from homezone to „pedestrian priority zone“
Switzerland 2002

Second Generation
A street becomes a continuous surface from wall to wall.

Romanshorn TG
Third Generation

Urban square turned into plaza

Biel/Bienne
before... …and after

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Fourth Generation

Pedestrian priority zone solves complex traffic problems

railway station and light rail hub

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Baar ZG
railway station plaza liberated

Männedorf ZH
small is beautiful

Fifth Generation
St. Gallen SG,
a conservative city...

Project „Lobby“
Knatsch um Lounge: Ist sie nun öffentlich oder nicht?

public or private?
Thank you for your attention.

You find this PowerPoint-Presentation on the Website of the International Federation of Pedestrians (IFP):

www.pedestrians-int.org

More on Pedestrians and Urbanism:

www.begegnungszonen.ch
(in German, with many pictures)

More information of pedestrian Priority Zones in Switzerland you find in a growing data bank here:

www.begegnungszonen.ch

More on Pedestrians in Switzerland:

www.fussverkehr.ch

More Information about the "urban lounge" in St. Gallen:

www.stadtlounge.ch


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