



## John Bela

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### EDUCATION

Masters of Landscape  
Architecture & Environmental  
Planning University of  
California, Berkeley, 2005

Bachelor of Science Biology  
and Biochemistry, Cum  
Laude, Sigma Xi University of  
Massachusetts, Amherst, 1995

Sculpture, Performance  
The School of the Art Institute  
of Chicago, IL, 1994

### CERTIFICATIONS

John is a Registered  
Landscape  
Architect with the State of  
California,  
US. License No. 5678

### ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of  
Landscape Architects  
Urban Land Institute, Associate  
Member  
SPUR Member

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

'Pandemic-era Street Spaces:  
Parklets, Patios, and the Future  
of the Public Realm'  
ArchDaily, 9/29/2021  
'Learning from Copenhagen:  
A Focus on Everyday Life',  
ArchDaily, 12/15/2021  
'San Francisco Bicycle Culture,  
Transforming Market Street'  
Bicycle Urbanism. Re-mobility  
and Transforming cities. a+u:  
Architecture and Urbanism  
2021:01

John is an urban designer and landscape architect with two decades of experience leading multidisciplinary teams to design and deliver complex masterplan frameworks, award-winning public realm strategy, and innovative streetscapes and public spaces. A former Partner at Gehl and co-founder of Rebar, he works with communities, municipalities, and private sector partners to create diverse, equitable, and resilient places. John is skilled at leading user experience and ethnographic research and applying research insights and spatial data to inform strategic planning and innovative design. John possesses excellent design, leadership, facilitation, collaboration, and public speaking skills.

### SELECT PROJECTS

SF Downtown Public Realm Action Plan, San Francisco, CA  
North Bayshore Neighborhood Masterplan, Mountain View, CA  
Castro Street Plaza and strEATs pilot, Mountain View, CA  
Rivian Normal Campus Masterplan, Normal, IL  
UCSD Southern Gateway Masterplan, San Diego, CA  
The Future of Stephen Avenue, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
Places for People Downtown Public Realm Strategy, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
Civic Center Public Realm Strategy + Public Space Plan San Francisco, CA  
Re-imagine 9th Street, Louisville, KY  
Pittsburgh Public Realm Action Plan, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Monon Boulevard Urban Strategy and Public Realm Design, Carmel, Indiana  
India Basin Masterplan, San Francisco, CA  
La Placita, Mission District, San Francisco

### TEACHING

Understanding the human scale through seating design and fabrication, Spring 2022, UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design  
Distrito Purisima-Alameda, Monterrey, Mexico, UD Studio, UT Austin, 2016  
Wynwood Miami, Urban Design Studio, University of Arkansas, 2014  
Landscape Architecture Final Studio, UC Berkeley, 2013

### PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Monon Boulevard, 2022 ULI Americas Award for Excellence Finalist  
The Future of Stephen Avenue, Award of Excellence, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)  
India Basin, 2017 Best of Design Award for Urban Design, The Architects Newspaper  
India Basin, Award of Merit in the Urban Design category, AIA California Council Design Awards

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Executive Director, Park(ing) Day Network  
Co-founder of Rebar Art and Design Studio, the creators of Park(ing) Day