

Complete Streets

Complete Streets is a flexible street design approach that promotes functional, safe, and accessible streets for all people and transportation modes. The approach encourages jurisdictions to adopt designs that respond to local conditions. While each community will have distinct needs, Complete Streets should strive to be *multi-modal* – accommodating pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, ride share services, and public transit users, where transit is provided.

Expanding street accommodations for users other than drivers is particularly beneficial for people who don't own a car and those who are unable or choose not to drive. Streets should be hospitable to users of all ages and abilities, which includes providing seating and shade. Street redesign also presents opportunities for greening, which beautifies and ecologically benefits the area.

Complete Streets decrease pedestrian and bicyclist accidents through safer design, facilitate more active lifestyles, and increase street activity which benefits nearby businesses. The positive impact of Complete Streets on road safety can be furthered through traffic calming measures, which are also discussed in this chapter.

ELEMENTS OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

VISION AND INTENT
DIVERSE USERS
COMMITMENT IN ALL PROJECTS & PHASES
CLEAR, ACCOUNTABLE EXCEPTIONS
JURISDICTION
LOW IMPACT DESIGN
LAND USE AND CONTEXT SENSITIVITY
PERFORMANCE MEASURES
PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA
IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

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