

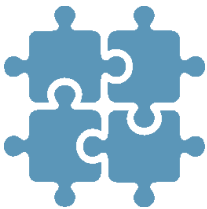


Strategies for Completing Your Streets: *Best Practices That Pave the Way*

Complete Streets are streets designed to accommodate all types of people—bicyclists, drivers, transit riders and pedestrians of all ages, income levels and abilities. Typical characteristics of Complete Streets include traffic calming to reduce speeds, urban greening, and bicyclist and pedestrian-oriented infrastructure. When cities promote safe and active transportation, residents are more active and all around more physically and mentally healthy.

Are your streets complete?

Follow these 5 steps to effectively implement Complete Streets in your city:



1) ASSEMBLE YOUR COMMITTEE

Establish a diverse and collaborative team to support implementation of your Complete Streets.

A committee should involve all departments and agencies that make decisions about city streets.

2) ASSESS YOUR COMMUNITY'S POLICY AND PHYSICAL LANDSCAPE

Meet with your committee to better understand the various travel needs of all community members and set up systems that respond accordingly.

Conduct an environmental assessment to understand the existing environmental and physical conditions in your community—make sure to take health inequities into account. Based on this data, you can create a formal implementation plan.





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3) UPDATE

Update design manuals, policies and standards to reflect current best practices and make the appropriate changes to implement a Complete Streets approach.

4) ENGAGE AND EDUCATE

Community engagement is vital to the success of your implementation!

Engage your stakeholders by hosting workshops, webinars, on-the-job trainings and walk/bike audits.

Provide education on new procedures and design outcomes to inform feedback.



5) EVALUATE AND LEARN

Without evaluation, communities will have a hard time understanding how and where they are meeting their goals.

Prepare an annual report with a summary of trends to track progress, highlight areas of improvement and celebrate your success!

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