

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

{ TRAINING }

NACTO currently provides two training opportunities: Design Guide Trainings and a Sister Cities Roadshow – a multi-day event. Learn more at: <https://nacto.org/training-and-workshops/>

Smart Growth America provides technical assistance to state and local agencies through day-long workshops focused on everything from basics to detailed design considerations. Learn more at: <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/work-with-us/workshop-types/complete-streets/>

Your MPO may provide training or technical assistance. To find your MPO, visit: <https://nysmpos.org>

Social Impact Organizations
New York Bicycling Coalition, AARP and other groups may offer training and education opportunities.

{ ONLINE RESOURCES }

ABOUT COMPLETE STREETS

NYS DOT Complete Streets Webpage: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/completestreets>

NYSAMPO Fact Sheets: https://www.nysmpos.org/wordpress/?page_id=1548

National Complete Streets Coalition: <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/>

American Planning Association Complete Streets Resource Database: <https://planning.org/research/streets/>

AARP Public Policy Institute: Planning Complete Streets for an Aging America: https://www.aarp.org/home-garden/livable-communities/info-08-2009/Planning_Complete_Streets_for_an_Aging_America.html

NYS Complete Streets Act: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2011/s5411/amendment/a>



OTHER PUBLISHED RESOURCES

Institute of Transportation Engineers (Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares): library.ite.org/pub/e1cff43c-2354-d714-51d9-d82b39d4dbad

U.S. DOT (A Residents Guide for Creating Safe and Walkable Communities): https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/ped_cmunity/ped_walkguide/residents_guide2014_final.pdf

AASHTO/FHWA Green Book: Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities: https://bookstore.transportation.org/item_details.aspx?ID=1943

FHWA Flexibility in Highway Design: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/publications/flexibility/flexibility.pdf>

NACTO Urban Street Design Guide; Urban Bikeway Design Guide: <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/>

APA Complete Streets: Best Policy and Implementation Practices: <https://www.planning.org/publications/report/9026883/>

NCHRP Report 616: Multimodal Level of Service Analysis for Urban Streets: https://nacto.org/docs/usdg/nchrp_rpt_616_dowling.pdf

New York City Street Design Manual: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/streetdesignmanual.shtml>

FHWA Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/small_towns/

NJ Complete Streets Design Guide: <http://njbikeped.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Complete-Streets-Design-Guide.pdf>

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Creating Walkable and Bikeable Communities

COMPLETE STREETS

WHY ARE COMPLETE STREETS IMPORTANT?



Complete Streets is a set of street design concepts that treat pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers as legitimate users of the transportation network. Everyone is accommodated regardless of how they travel or what their special needs may be. A Complete Street can significantly improve safety and reduce pedestrian-related crashes. It can also help reduce congestion, improve and increase transit use, provide more efficient travel and goods movement within the community, and spur economic development.

Complete Streets are particularly good at improving mobility for the young and old – those less likely to drive.

...THEY ARE STREETS FOR EVERYONE

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NYSAMPO

- **NYSAMPO** is a coalition of the fourteen MPOs in New York State, which have committed to work together toward common goals. NYSAMPO works collaboratively on planning and research initiatives in order to provide high-quality transportation planning expertise to the public.
 - » The NYSAMPO has several **Working Groups** that provide a forum for the exchange of planning related ideas and information for a range of Federal, state, regional, and local partners.



New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations

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{ WHO BENEFITS? }

EVERYONE!

100%
of children
under 16
do not drive



22% of workers
16 years and older
in NYS do not have
access to a vehicle



35% of NYS workers 16 years
and older in NYS walked, rode a bike,
or took public transportation to work



– U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

WHY ARE COMPLETE STREETS IMPORTANT?



SAFETY

People are using the existing infrastructure – whether or not it is designed for travel by all users.



HEALTH

Complete Streets encourages increased physical activity.



MOBILITY

Complete Streets provides options for all users. It also provides or enhances options for the mobility impaired.



SOCIAL EQUITY

Transportation costs are the 2nd highest family expense according to most studies. Providing mobility options such as bicycling and walking can help keep transportation costs down.



PLACE-MAKING

They make places more pleasant to spend time, support greening of corridors, and implementation of green infrastructure.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Statistics show that Complete Streets investments support and enhance economic development – more foot traffic = more potential purchases.

{ WHY SHOULD MY MUNICIPALITY ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY }

SHOW SUPPORT:

Adopting a Complete Streets policy shows residents, staff, funding agencies, and others that your municipality is serious about implementing Complete Streets.

FORMALIZE CONSIDERATION BY ALL DEPARTMENTS:

A policy helps ensure that infrastructure improvements that allow for travel by all users will be seriously considered in project planning and design.

FORMALLY RECOGNIZE DEMAND:

Survey after survey show that people want options and feel they cannot safely move on foot or bicycle in many instances. Complete Streets Policies show that municipalities are serious about increasing mobility options.

SUPPORT FUNDING REQUESTS:

Grant applications and funding requests are best supported by adopted policies and plans that show commitment to the item being requested for funding.

Over **100 towns, villages, and cities** and **12 counties** in NYS have **Complete Streets resolutions** or policies.
– NYSDOT Complete Streets Website (June 2018)

There are over **1,400 adopted Complete Streets Policies** throughout the United States.
– Smart Growth America (September 2018)

Safer conditions
avoided **\$18.1M** in **collision and injury costs** in 1 year alone.

affordable business support
economic higher gains
increased property values
employment

– Smart Growth America: Safer Streets, Stronger Economies (March 2015)

Formally Recognize Statewide Legislation

The 2011 NYS **Complete Streets Act** requires **state, county, and local agencies** to **consider mobility of all users** when developing transportation projects that receive state and Federal funding.

{ FUNDING }

Regional Economic Development Councils:
<https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/>

NYSDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) & Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ):
<https://www.dot.ny.gov/TAP-CMAQ>

Consolidated Funding Application:
<https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP): <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/oss/highway/improvement-program?nd=nysdot>

{ MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER }

What can you do to make your community safer and bring about Complete Streets?
Contact your local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for assistance!

BE A COMPLETE STREETS CHAMPION

1. Contact the Planning or Health Department(s) in your community to inquire about Complete Streets activities.
2. Attend an MPO or municipal meeting.
3. Identify what neighboring communities are doing and discuss how these can be implemented in your community.
4. Assess Complete Streets potential in your community.
5. Help bring about or assist with Complete Streets implementation by volunteering on a local Board or Committee.

HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

1. **Education:** If Complete Streets is not a focus in your community, help educate elected and appointed official about its importance.
2. **Adopt a Policy/Ordinance/Resolution:** One of the first steps to committing to a Complete Streets program/effort is to adopt a policy or ordinance stating goals for such efforts and showing the commitment of your municipality.
3. **Form a Committee:** Request that your municipality form a Complete Streets Committee to assist elected officials and staff with implementation opportunities.

BRING ABOUT POSITIVE CHANGE: IDENTIFY LOW-COST SOLUTIONS

1. Ensure that municipal departments are coordinating infrastructure projects. If a drainage, grading, widening or development project is proposed, work to ensure that Complete Streets infrastructure is included in the project.
2. Identify locations for simple restriping projects that could create bike lanes, upgrade or provide high-visibility crosswalks, or incorporate sharrows (shared lane markings).
3. Locate areas that would benefit from the addition of curb extensions, reverse angle parking, lighting, or other physical improvements.