

Complete Streets RESOURCES

What are Complete Streets?

Complete Streets are streets that are planned, designed, operated, and maintained to provide safe accommodation for all users of the transportation network, including:

- pedestrians
- bicyclists
- motorists
- public transit riders

Complete Streets Serve People of All Ages and Abilities

Complete Streets create comprehensive networks that connect users to many potential destinations. Complete Streets ensure that healthy transportation options such as walking and bicycling provide convenient access to jobs, shopping, and schools. Perhaps most importantly, Complete Streets ensure mobility for the one-third of Hoosiers who do not drive.

What Does a Complete Street Look Like?

There is no singular design prescription for Complete Streets. Complete Streets respond to community context and each one is unique. A complete street may include features such as sidewalks, bike lanes (or paved shoulders), median islands, pedestrian countdown signals, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops, frequent crossing opportunities, and more. A complete street in a rural area will look very different from a complete street in an urban area, but both are designed to balance safety and convenience for all users.

Complete Streets is Happening in Indiana

Many local agencies have adopted policies, plans, and resolutions to support Complete Streets:

- Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Policy (adopted January 2009)
- Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG), Policy (adopted February 2010)
- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), Resolution (approved May 2010)
- City of Columbus Thoroughfare Plan, An Element of the City of Columbus Comprehensive Plan (effective November 2010)
- City of Richmond, Transportation Plan (adopted October 2011)



Indiana Complete Streets Policies Continued . . .

- Evansville MPO, Policy (adopted March 2012)
- City of Frankfort, Resolution (adopted April 2012)
- Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Completing Our Streets (adopted June 2012)
- City of Indianapolis, Ordinance (adopted August 2012)
- City of Westfield, Resolution (adopted October 2012)
- City of Peru, Ordinance (adopted November 2013)
- Indianapolis MPO, Policy (adopted March 2014)

More Information on Policies and Design

1. Complete Streets Local Policy Workbook, National Complete Streets Coalition, <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/documents/cs/cs-policyworkbook.pdf>
2. Complete Streets Policy Analysis, National Complete Streets Coalition, <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/documents/best-complete-streets-policies-of-2013.pdf>
3. Complete Streets Design Manual, Active Transportation Alliance, <http://activetransportationpolicy.org/Design>
4. Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 4th Edition, American Association of State and Highway Transportation Engineers (AASHTO), 2012
5. Urban Bikeway Design Guide, National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), 2012
6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Level of Service Calculator, League of Illinois Bicyclists, <http://www.sustainablecitiesinstitute.org/topics/transportation/bicycles-and-pedestrians/bicycle-and-pedestrian-level-of-service-calculator>
7. Metro Louisville Complete Streets Manual, <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/BikeLouisville/Complete+Streets/>
8. Complete Streets in the Southeast: A Toolkit (Applicable Regardless of Location). AARP and the National Complete Streets Coalition, <http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/complete-streets-southeast-toolkit.html>
9. Completing the Street: A Complete Streets Toolkit, Evansville MPO, <http://www.evansvillempo.com/Complete%20Streets/Completing%20the%20Street%20-%20Toolkit.pdf>



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