

# Complete Streets

## What are complete streets?

Roadways designed (or redesigned) and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and disabilities must be able to safely move along and across a complete street.

## Where do you want to live?



Or



## Why build complete streets?

- 1/3 of Michigan residents do not drive- they are too young, elderly or have a disability.
- Recent surveys show that people want to use alternative transportation, but roadway design often makes it unpleasant or dangerous to do so.
- 13% of pedestrians and cyclists are involved in fatal traffic accidents, but states spend only 1.5% of their federal transportation dollars on pedestrian and bicycle projects.
- Complete streets are an important component of creating vibrant places where people want to live and businesses want to locate.

## What do they look like?

There is no prescription for a complete street, but common features can include:

- Sidewalks
- Bike Lanes
- Wide Shoulders
- ADA Accessible Crosswalks & Ramps
- ADA Accessible Bus Stops & Shelters
- Pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections
- Bridges with non-motorized access



## Did you know?

In Genesee County, there is less demand for wide roads and a recent study showed that complete streets designs on local roads can reduce traffic crashes.

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## Benefits:

- Create a livable community
- Spark economic revitalization
- Provide children, older adults and persons with disabilities with safe mobility options
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Create connected transportation networks
- Make public transit safe and convenient
- Reduce air and water pollution



## Are complete streets costly?

No! Complete streets are long-term investments. Implementing a proactive planning process and policies allows for projects to be accomplished with little or no extra cost.

For more information, visit: [www.completestreets.org](http://www.completestreets.org)

## Did you know?

Complete streets policies have been adopted in more than 80 jurisdictions nationwide at the state and local levels. A complete streets policy could be a resolution, local ordinance, DOT planning guide, or legislation.



## Get Involved!

- Let local leaders know you support complete streets. Write them a letter or attend a public meeting.
- Walk, bike, and use public transit.
- Contact SAGE (Safe & Active Genesee for Everyone) at [www.activegenesee.org](http://www.activegenesee.org) to learn more and be an advocate.

## Additional Resources:

► [www.michigancompletestreets.org](http://www.michigancompletestreets.org)

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