

COMPLETE STREETS

Overview and Updates



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By guiding investment in transportation and mobility infrastructure and services in Central Ohio, the MTP identifies strategies to advance the following six goals:



Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve all residents' quality of life.



Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.



Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.



Provide transportation and mobility options to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of all people.



Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.



Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.

ATP VISION & GOALS

Central Ohio will implement and maintain an equitable network of active transportation infrastructure that ensures the regional transportation system supports and accommodates mobility for all users, inclusive of all ages and abilities, while advancing the regional priorities established in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

GOAL 1: SAFETY



Increase the **safety** of Central Ohio's active transportation system.

GOAL 2: COMFORT



Improve the level of **comfort** on Central Ohio's active transportation system.

GOAL 3: CONNECTIVITY



Expand the **connectivity** of Central Ohio's active transportation network.

GOAL 4: ACCESS



Increase **access** to active transportation infrastructure across Central Ohio.

WHAT ARE COMPLETE STREETS?

Complete Streets are roadways that are designed, implemented, operated, and maintained in an **equitable and context-sensitive manner** so that people of all ages, incomes, and abilities can use them safely.

These streets consider the needs of all people, including, but not limited to, people walking, bicycling, using shared mobility devices and assistive devices, using transit and riding school buses, driving, and operating commercial and emergency vehicles.



*Examples from
Washington, NC*

BENEFITS OF COMPLETE STREETS

SAFETY

- Reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries (for all roadway users)

HEALTH

- Address chronic disease (e.g., asthma, diabetes, heart disease)
- Increase physical activity

ENVIRONMENT

- Reduce transportation's contribution to air pollution
- Reduce human exposure to transportation-related emissions

ECONOMY

- Lower travel costs
- Increase retail sales
- Attract additional investment

SOCIAL

- Increase opportunities for interaction and community building
- Increase mobility options for all
- Community-wide solutions to address systemic inequalities

WHAT IS A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY?

Communities that adopt Complete Streets policies:

- **Establish a formal process** for incorporating the most appropriate design elements into a roadway project.
- Create the basis for **on-going investments to support all roadway users**, even when leadership changes.
- Direct transportation planners and engineers to **routinely design and operate** the entire right of way to provide safe access for all roadway users.
- **Automatically assume that facilities are needed** to accommodate people walking and bicycling and require justification to remove them.

LOCAL COMPLETE STREETS POLICIES & RESOLUTIONS

Existing Policies and Resolutions

- Columbus – Complete Streets Resolution
- Delaware – Complete Streets Policy
- Dublin – Complete Streets Resolution
- Franklin County – Complete Streets Resolution
- Hilliard – Complete Streets Policy
- Gahanna – Complete Streets Policy
- Liberty Township – Complete Streets Policy
- Upper Arlington – Complete Streets Policy
- Westerville – Complete Streets Resolution
- Worthington – Complete Streets Policy

New Policies and Resolutions

- Powell – Complete Streets Resolution
 - Adopted August 2023
- Reynoldsburg – Complete Streets Policy
 - Adopted September 2023
 - Developed in collaboration with Franklin County Public Health and MORPC
 - Addresses all ten elements of a “model policy” recommended by Complete Streets Coalition

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MORPC

Active Transportation Planning

Active
Transportation
Project
Prioritization

*Complete Streets
Policy
Development*

Transit Supportive
Infrastructure
Planning

Central Ohio Greenways Visioning

Central Ohio
Greenways Vision
Refinement

Trail Access &
Connectivity
Planning

Trail Town
Planning

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Complete Streets
Safety Audit

Systemic
Pedestrian Safety
Analysis

Safety Action Plan
Development

Land Use Planning

Transit Oriented
Development
Planning

Conceptual
Development
Framework

Other

Write your own
Scope of Work

MORPC COMPLETE STREETS POLICY UPDATE

Background

- First Complete Streets policy adopted in 2010 and updated in 2021
- Current policy requires evaluation of policy every two years in alignment with updates to the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds

Policy update will:

- Align with current best practices
- Evaluate the Complete Streets review process
- Align with update to the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds

For more information on MORPC's Complete Streets Policy, visit:

<https://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/complete-streets/>

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