CITY OF DELAWARE
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Overview
The City of Delaware requested MORPC technical assistance with the development of a comprehensive Complete Streets policy to accommodate the mobility needs of this rapidly growing community. In response to the community’s changing demographics and increasing demand for mobility options, Delaware sought to create more pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity throughout the city and ensure residents of all its neighborhoods, historic and new, can safely access all the city has to offer.

Services Provided
MORPC worked closely with City of Delaware staff to provide the following services:

- Organization of a working group consisting of representatives from several City departments and the Delaware General Health District
- Development of policy language, ancillary implementation resources, and education and outreach toolkit tailored to the City of Delaware’s needs
- Coordination of stakeholder and community engagement events

Program Deliverables
The MORPC Technical Assistance Program produced a comprehensive Complete Streets policy for the City of Delaware, including:

- Policy language, best practices for roadway design and enforcement strategies, and recommendations for performance measures
- Education and outreach toolkit to assist City and Health District staff with implementing the policy and engaging with the community about the various benefits of Complete Streets design.

Community Implementation
In the fall of 2020, Delaware City Council unanimously approved a resolution to adopt the Complete Streets policy. The policy is referenced throughout the City’s comprehensive plan, approved in the spring of 2021, ensuring these documents will work together to support the city today and in the future.

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The Implementation Toolkit provided information regarding best practices on a variety of topics, including Safe Routes to School and designing streets for all ages and abilities.