



Complete Streets

A Complete Street is one that is designed with all users in mind - motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, the elderly, and the disabled. Making streets usable for everyone promotes sustainable transportation, active lifestyles, and safer access to jobs and school. It directly impacts problems like childhood diabetes, obesity, simple justice (freedom of movement for everyone), air quality, water quality, and climate protection.

Examples of Complete Streets features (which vary by local context):

- Shoulders on rural roads
- Sidewalks, crosswalks, and accessible curb cuts
- Bicycle lanes
- Median refuges
- Bus shelters
- Bump outs for sidewalks and bus stops
- Audible pedestrian signals

In Missouri communities:

De Soto in eastern Missouri and Ferguson in suburban St. Louis have adopted municipal Complete Streets policies. Lee's Summit in suburban Kansas City is working towards a policy. Columbia has street standards and guidelines with many elements of Complete Streets.

The goal for Missouri:

Complete Streets policies are needed for the Missouri Department of Transportation and for every level of government that makes decisions about transportation planning and funding – cities, counties, regional planning councils, and metropolitan planning organizations.

At the national level:

Congress is considering level legislation that would require Complete Streets policies be adopted by every state department of transportation and every metropolitan planning organization. H.R. 1433 and S. 584 are the current bills in the House and Senate, respectively.

CLEAN-TEA (Clean, Low-Emission, Affordable, New Transportation Efficiency Act)

H.R. 1429 and S. 575 would set aside 10% of the proceeds from any cap-and-trade or carbon tax system for sustainable transportation projects.

National Complete Streets Coalition

For more information visit www.completestreets.org

What you can do:

- Sign the petition today or online at mobikefed.org
- Contact your legislators and say "Complete My Street!"
- Mention Complete Streets on Conservation Lobby Day
- Attend Bicycle Day at the Capitol – February 16, 2010
- Join your local and/or state advocacy organization

The following organizations support Complete Streets legislation:

AARP (statement by national office)
 American Institute of Architects (statement from nat'l organization)
 American Planning Association, Missouri Chapter
 BikeSource Bicycle Shop, Kansas City
 SpringBike Bicycle Club
 City of St. Joseph
 Conservion, Ferguson, Missouri
 EarthRiders Mountain Bike Club, Kansas City
 Farmington Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Committee
 Great Rivers Greenway
 Joplin Trails Coalition
 Kansas City Bicycle Club
 League of American Bicyclists
 Let's Go KC Alliance for Transportation Choice
 Mark Reynolds Memorial Bicycle Fund
 Midwest Cyclery, Kansas City
 Missouri Bicycle & Pedestrian Federation
 Missouri Coalition for the Environment
 Missouri PTA
 Missouri Public Transit Association
 National Complete Streets Coalition
 Osage Region Trail Association
 Ozark Greenways
 Paraquad, St. Louis
 Parkland Cyclists Bicycle Club
 PedNet Coalition, Columbia
 American Society of Landscape Architects, Prairie Gateway Chapter
 St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization
 St. Louis Regional Bicycle Federation
 Sierra Club, Thomas Hart Benton Group
 Trailnet
 Trek Bicycle Stores - Kansas City & St. Louis
 Truman Lake Bicycle Club
 Urban Kansas City Community of Cycling
 Warsaw Parks and Recreation