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## COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

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For decades, transportation planning has been focused solely on able-body and automobile traffic for Americans. However, the need for transportation outside of that group has grown tremendously.

The Complete Streets movement aims to develop integrated, connected networks of streets that are safe and accessible for all people, regardless of age, ability, income, ethnicity, or chosen mode of travel.

The Complete Streets program starts at the beginning of the project when funding decisions are being made and continues throughout the planning and design phases. This ensures the creation of an environment where every resident can travel safely and conveniently.

### 1 SETS A VISION

A strong vision, unique to its geography, can inspire a community to follow through with Complete Streets. Determine how and why the community wants a complete street. For example, Decatur, GA - Promoting health through physical activity and active transportation.

### 2 SPECIFIES ALL USERS

Complete Streets policy must apply to everyone traveling along the road which includes pedestrians, bicyclists and transit passengers of all ages and abilities, as well as trucks, buses and automobiles.

### 3 ALL PROJECTS

The Complete Street approach is different because it views transportation improvements as opportunities to create better streets. The process includes design, planning, maintenance, and operations for the entire right of way.

### 4 EXCEPTIONS

Maximize on-street parking within the Central Business District, Warehouse District and Riverfront Park.

## 5 CREATES A NETWORK

Minimize turning radii at intersections. Provide for a 20'-0" radius at intersections.

## 6 ALL AGENCIES AND ALL ROADS

Provide a clear delineation between the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular travel paths.

## 7 DESIGN CRITERIA

Provide for automatic "walk" signalization on all pedestrian crosswalks.

## 8 CONTEXT-SENSITIVE

Provide for pedestrian walkability and accessibility for all users.

## 9 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Develop a maintenance friendly street section that considers weather conditions and future flexibility.

