Complete Streets Policy

What is it?

Why is it important?

How do we get there?

Complete Streets Policies

They ensure that:

- Streets are designed and operated for safe access of all users.
- They are maintained for the safety of all users
- Work to develop integrated & connected networks for all users.
- New & retrofit street projects reflect these needs.
- Solutions are flexible and fit to the community.
- Measurable performance standards are used to evaluate the street effectiveness.
- If exceptions occur they have a high level permission.

Why do we need one?

- Our economy is based on the Outdoors.
- The poor health of our community.
- High health care costs.
- Our air quality.
- Designated "Fit Community"
- Large Senior Citizen population.
- Half of all trips less than 3 miles in metro areas.
- Federal transportation policy may require it.

On March 16, 2010 at the National Bicycle Summit

- Transportation Secretary, Roy LaHood announced a sea change in federal transportation policy which calls for full inclusion of bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders of all ages and abilities in federal transportation projects, with a special emphasis on transit riders.

Examples to follow

- First are examples of incomplete streets either from design or maintenance.
- Next are examples of improved efforts.

Lack of safe paces to walk

Roads designed only for cars

No sidewalk or bus stop amenities

Loss of sidewalk space and no buffer from cars

Road maintenance issues for bicyclists

Pedestrian buffer from cars

Pedestrian crossing light & sidewalk

High visibility crosswalks where cars yield

Bike lanes

Since we are making improvements do we really need this policy?

- YES -
- It helps to ensure a change in behavior.
- Federal policy is changing.
- It is required to be designated a "Bike Friendly City"
- It is the right thing to do.

Communities Making a difference

- Charlotte, NC – Has an award winning policy.
- Boulder, Co – Transportation Master plan includes facility plans for all modes.
- Fresno, Ca – Decided to keep streets narrow to enhance walkability.

How do we make it happen?

- Can hold a Complete Streets workshop contact Linda Tracy at Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals to schedule one.
- Direct staff to look into developing a complete streets policy.