What are Complete Streets?

Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed & operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, & public transportation users of all ages & abilities are able to safely move along & across a complete street. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, & bicycle to work. They allow buses to run on time & make it safe for people to walk to & from transit stops.

NH Complete Streets

Communities in New Hampshire have been nationally recognized by Smart Growth America as having some of the best complete street policies in the country. Each community has chosen a different path toward implementing the policies from City Policy to City Council Resolution. Some of these communities include: Portsmouth, Concord, Keene, Dover, and Swanzey.
How can Complete Streets improve your Community?

Many communities across New Hampshire and throughout the nation are implementing complete streets policies, and enjoying the benefits.

Safety 🚶‍♂️

A Federal Highways Administration safety review found that streets designed with sidewalks, raised medians, better bus stop placement, and traffic-calming measures improve pedestrian safety.

Encourage Walking and Biking 🚴‍♂️

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention recently named adoption of Complete Streets policies as a recommended strategy to prevent obesity. Easy access to transit can also contribute to healthy physical activity.

Lower Transportation Costs 🚗

When residents have the opportunity to walk, bike, or take transit, they have more control over their expenses by replacing car trips with these inexpensive options.

Foster Strong Communities 🏬

Complete streets play an important role in livable communities, where all people – regardless of age, ability or mode of transportation – feel safe & welcome on the streets.

## Economic Benefits of Complete Streets:

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<td>Bicycling and walking projects create 11-14 jobs per $1 million spent, compared to just 7 jobs created per $1 million spent on highway projects.</td>
<td>Protected bicycle lanes led to a 49% increase in retail sales at local businesses.</td>
<td>Homes with higher Walk Scores sell for $4,000-34,000 more. Just a 1-point increase in Walk Score is associated with $700- $3,000 increase in home values.</td>
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