

# complete streets

## snhpc fact sheet

### 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**



Pedestrian Crossing Demo: Swanzey, NH



Market Street, Portsmouth, NH



Main Street, Concord, NH

## 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:

### Result in Jobs



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.

### Support Business



Protected bicycle lanes led to a 49% increase in retail sales at local businesses.

### Improve Property Values



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.