Complete Streets Leadership Forum
June 30, 2014

Working to make Connecticut a better place to bike and walk

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Today’s Agenda

- **10 am--Welcome & Overview** – Kelly Kennedy, Bike Walk Connecticut
- **Complete Streets** – Overview and Best Practices, Joe Cutrufo, Tri State Transportation Campaign
- **Complete Streets @ DOT** - Kate Rattan
- **10:30 am--Networking Roundtables** – switch 4 times
  - Success stories (pink)
  - Lessons learned (green)
  - Challenges or impediments (blue)
- **12pm - Closing, network on your own** until 12:30
CT Complete Streets Campaign

- Complete Streets Support Group—welcome!
- About Bike Walk Connecticut
  - Statewide advocate for “active transportation”—bikeable, walkable communities
  - Membership organization
  - 501(c)(3)
  - Primary mission is advocacy & education
  - www.bikewalkct.org
CT Complete Streets Campaign

- How we got here
  - CDC SHAPE grant to states
  - DPH cooperative agreement
- Goal: More complete streets, and healthier people
- Our work: what gets measured, gets managed...
  - Public Opinion Survey
  - Municipal Inventory
  - Scorecard
  - Today’s forum
  - Online complete streets resources
Bike- and Walk-Friendly Scorecard

- Ingredients List
  - ½ public opinion
    - 1 walkability survey plus
    - 1 bikeability survey based on national checklists, in equal measures
  - ½ municipal leadership & engagement
    - Bike ped plan?
    - Bike ped task force?
    - Outreach?
    - Complete streets policy
  - Steep in Excel for days and days
  - Voila! Bike- and Walk Friendly Scorecard & Rankings
Bike- and Walk-Friendly Scorecard

- Municipal component is self-reported
- 2200 responses to public opinion survey
- Self selecting
- Most completed both bike & walk surveys
- Almost evenly split by gender
- Most people in the 40-60 age group
- Most respondents had no kids < 18 at home
- Rankings out today
- Details for towns in next week or two
- Top 10 (alpha): Canton, Glastonbury, Hamden, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, Plainville, Simsbury, South Windsor, Weston
What is a complete street?
Complete Streets are streets for everyone.

They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, people on bikes, transit riders and motorists. People of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across streets in a community, regardless of how they are traveling.
Complete Streets improve safety, save us money, bolster economic development, decrease pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and support physical activity.
What makes a street complete?
A “complete” street in a rural or suburban area will look different from a “complete” street in an urban area -- but both are designed to balance safety and convenience for everyone using the road.
Sidewalks
Bike Lanes
Shared Lane Markings ("Sharrows")
Safe Street Crossings

There are many ways to make it safer to cross the street:

• Crosswalks
• Crossing islands
• Pedestrian countdown signals
• Curb ramps
Crosswalks

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- Crosswalks make it clear where people should cross the street.
- When crosswalks are visible, it helps drivers to be more aware of pedestrians.
Crossing Islands
Pedestrian Countdown Signals
Curb Ramps

- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant curb ramps are designed to ensure that everyone can access sidewalks, streets, crossing islands, etc.
Don’t forget transit!

- When we think of Complete Streets, we often think about walking and biking – but we must not forget transit!
Complete Streets Policy

Complete Streets policies (ordinances, laws) ensure that transportation planners and engineers consistently design and operate the entire roadway with all users in mind — including bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and riders, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.
Complete Streets in Connecticut

Public Act 09-154
An Act Improving Bicycle and Pedestrian Access

“Accommodations for all users shall be a routine part of the planning, design, construction and operating activities of all highways, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, in this state.”

Ranked #2 among all statewide complete streets legislation by National Complete Streets Coalition
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That’s a Wrap!

- Thank you! We hope you had a good morning.
- Thanks to Marcia, Tara & Clayton!

- Please complete feedback forms already in your inbox
- Watch for follow up by email
- Scorecard results later today
- Network on your own until 12:30
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- Link to Successes, lessons learned, challenges
- Link to Forum Registrant List
- Forum Stats:
  - 73 registered, 68 attended
  - 39 CT towns were represented
  - 43 registrants’ work involves bike/ped or transportation issues
  - 47 registrants are members of a bike/ped task force or similar group
  - 11 people are interested in getting a bike/ped task force or similar group organized in their community

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