

Complete Streets in New Hampshire Communities

Working to make the streets friendlier for walking and biking...
or any way you choose to get around!



Many New Hampshire communities, such as Nashua (above), have made improvements to street designs to make them safer and more attractive for walkers and bicyclists.

Complete Streets in New Hampshire

Many New Hampshire cities and towns are considering Complete Streets policies to create healthier communities that attract residents and businesses.

Five New Hampshire municipalities have officially adopted Complete Streets policies or resolutions—Portsmouth, Concord, Dover, Keene, Swanzey—while others are in the process. Each community has chosen a different path toward implementing the policies, from city policy to city council resolution.

There is a statewide Complete Streets policy being considered at the State House.

Goals

- Make it more convenient for people to be physically active by increasing access to safe active transportation
- Decrease the burden of obesity and chronic disease
- Support a healthy, economically vibrant community



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Complete Streets

A sound investment for a healthier, more economically vibrant community

What Are Complete Streets?

Roads designed for safety with everyone in mind – no matter what age and how they want to get around their community

Benefits Of Complete Streets

- More choices to get to work, school, or local businesses
- Promotes healthy activity and independence
- Well-lit streets and more trees can help make the neighborhood safer, more attractive, and more livable
- Supports local economy with easier access to businesses
- Sidewalks and bike lanes make it easier and safer to travel
- Increased economic activity and a rise in property values

What Makes A Complete Street?

Complete Streets look different for every neighborhood depending on what the community needs and wants. Here are some examples:

- Wide sidewalks and “tip downs” at crosswalks for strollers and people with disabilities
- Well-marked bike lanes and crosswalks
- Bus stops that are easy to get to
- Trees and plantings on sidewalks and medians to make a more attractive and pleasant neighborhood

Complete Streets Economics

By considering Complete Streets early in the planning process, an existing transportation budget can often incorporate Complete Streets projects without requiring additional funding by re-prioritizing capital improvements and allocating funds to consider overall community mobility. Benefits include:

- Prevent costly delays and retrofits
- Discover effective measures at little or no extra cost
- Save money through better design
- Support long-term savings for public transportation

Example: Concord, NH
Adopting a Complete Streets policy and making incremental street design improvements served as a catalyst for funding and partnerships, including a \$4.71 million federal TIGER grant