

Complete Streets: Streets for Everyone

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

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

How Do Complete Streets Improve Where I Live?

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 a nice place to meet other residents

Supports our local economy because people have easier access to stores and shops



Complete Streets look different for every neighborhood depending on what the community needs and wants. Here's an example from the New York City Department of Transportation showing how streets can be designed for everyone to get around safely.

What Do Complete Streets Look Like?

Wide sidewalks and “tip downs” at crosswalks for strollers and people with disabilities

Well-marked bike lanes, paved shoulders 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

Traffic calming measures such as narrowed travel lanes to slow cars down and make everyone feel safer



Many New Hampshire communities use Complete Streets guidelines to inform street planning. For example, Downtown Nashua has many Complete Streets features, including well-marked crosswalks, benches and tree plantings.

How Can I Promote Complete Streets In My Community?

Adopting a Complete Streets policy is the first step in changing daily practice to create safe, multi-modal transportation options for people of all ages and abilities. For more information about Complete Streets and Complete Streets policies, please see the National Complete Streets Coalition website at www.smartgrowthamerica.org.

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