



Complete Streets Act of 2009 HR 1443, S584

- “To ensure that all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, are able to travel safely and conveniently on and across federally funded streets and highways. ”



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- States and MPOs directed to adopt policies within two years
 - Policy elements specified
- Apply the policies to federally funded projects in the TIP
- Redirects 1% of STP into safety after one year of non-compliance
- Directs FHWA to report on policy adoption progress
- Updates US Code with complete streets language
- Strengthens technical support & authorizes funding



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Place in Authorization

- Full integration with expected new performance measures
- State and MPO policy adoption requirement
 - with penalty or incentive
 - Policy elements specified
- Apply to all federally funded projects in the TIP
- USDOT to monitor and assist in policy implementation
- Inclusion in relevant US Code sections



Questions

- How much will it cost?
 - This bill seeks to improve the spending of existing transportation dollars.
 - State and local Complete Streets policies have tended to SHIFT funding. Places with policies report only minor additional costs.
- Must every road have a bike lane?
 - No, Complete Streets planning is flexible and does not prescribe any single design.



Some supporting organizations

- AARP
- Alliance for Biking & Walking
- America Bikes
- America Walks
- American Planning Association
- American Public Health Association
- American Public Transportation Association
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
- Easter Seals
- Friends of the Earth
- League of American Bicyclists
- National Association of Realtors
- National Center for Bicycling and Walking
- National Recreation and Parks Association
- Reconnecting America
- Safe Routes to School National Partnership
- Smart Growth America
- Surface Transportation Policy Partnership
- Transportation Equity Network
- Transportation for America
- Transport Worker's Union
- Trust for America's Health
- US Conference of Mayors
- YMCA of the USA



For more information:
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