Complete Streets policies

Ensure that the entire right-of-way is planned, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to provide safe access for all users

Credit: National Complete Streets Coalition
New Orleans CS Program

• “...by requiring that all planning, designing, funding, operation and maintenance of the city's transportation system to accommodate and encourage travel for all users in a balanced, responsible and equitable manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community.”

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Complete Streets User Groups

- **Bicyclists**
  - All Ages
- **Motorists**
  - Safety
  - Clarity
- **Pedestrians**
  - Old
  - Young
  - Disabled
- **Transit**
  - Stops
  - Crossings
Complete Streets:

Is a high-level policy direction

Changes the everyday decision-making processes and systems

Represents an incremental approach

Has long-term results

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Complete Streets is **not**:

- A one-off “special” street project
- A design prescription
- A mandate for immediate retrofit
- A silver bullet; other issues must be addressed:
  - Land use (proximity, mixed-use)
  - Environmental concerns
  - Transportation Demand Management

Credit: National Complete Streets Coalition
Standard New Orleans Residential Street
Complete? YES!
Streetscapes and Sidewalks
Oak Street Reconstruction
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- Curb Extensions w/ Brick Accents!
- Bike Racks
- Concrete Crosswalks
- Decorative Intersection
- Street Trees
- Benches
Freret Streetscape
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- Bike Racks
- Shared Lane Markings
- Crosswalk Markings
- Curb Extensions w/ Brick Accents!
Lafayette: Jefferson Street
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Street Trees | Curb Extensions | Decorative Intersection | Pedestrian Signals

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Good Ideas:

• Street furniture and trees
• Pavement Accents (fancy, implied value)
• Always Consider Transit
• Don’t be afraid of unconventional and non-standard designs!
• Shorten crossing distances when you can
Lessons Learned:

• Never build brick ADA ramps!
• Never build brick crosswalks
  — Maintenance, maintenance, maintenance
• Avoid fancy stamped concrete (except as accents)
• Don’t settle for sharrows investments, go for the bike lane or a separated path.
Brick Sidewalks:
Prepare for Maintenance
Find the Goat Trails
Find gaps in the sidewalk!
Build the sidewalk
Maintenance
Thoughtful Design
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Better yet: AVOID Pedestrian Push Buttons if at all possible!
Scoping is Important!
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Open Drainage Ditch

Crosswalk
Transit Stops
Transit Stops
Intersections
Decatur Street
Decatur Street

Narrow Lanes, Defined Space

Pedestrian Refuge w/ Brick Accents!
Bayou Road
Bike Lanes and Road Diets
If we build it…?

2010-2014:
Bike Lanes: 125%
Shared Lanes: 49.6%
No facility: 22.5%
St. Claude Avenue

- 2007-2008 Study
- High Volume State Highway (LA 46)
- 4 Lanes Divided
- Lanes narrowed, 5’ bike lanes added
- 56% Increase in total cyclists
- 75% Increase in correct direction cycling
- 133% Increase in female cyclists

South Carrollton Ave

- S. Carrollton repaved; included new bike lane
- 325% Increase in corridor cycling
- 475% Increase in female cyclists using the street
- Less than $15,000 investment on $3M project

Esplanade Ave

UNOTI: 199% Increase in Cycling from 2010 to 2014
2014: 1,076 EDT
St. Bernard Ave
St Bernard Ave

3’ 14’ 6’ 9’
St Bernard Crashes

UNOTI: 15% Increase in Cycling from 2013 to 2014
Nashville Avenue

10’  10’  8’
Nashville Avenue

2 sideswipes: one scooter, one bicycle

UNOTI: 222% Increase in Cycling from 2013 to 2014
Baronne Street

9'  12'  3'+6'  10'
Baronne Street

82% decrease

2013

2014 Construction

2015

Moderate or Severe
Basin Street
Basin Street

11'  11'  14'  8'
UNOTI: 102% Increase in Cycling EDT from 2013 to 2014
N Galvez Street
Gentilly Boulevard

9.5’ 9.5’ 9.5’ 7’
Gentilly Boulevard

10.5’ 11’ 6’ 9’
Filmore Avenue
What’s Next?

• Improving the sidewalk maintenance program
• Identifying more missing sidewalks
• Building the next 100 miles of bike facilities
For more information

- Model policies & reports
  - Best Complete Streets Policies
  - Local Policy Workbook

- Implementation resources
- Latest news

www.completestreets.org
www.smartgrowthamerica.org

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