

LOUISIANA COMPLETE STREETS

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Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Louisiana's Complete Streets Policy

In 2010, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) adopted the Complete Streets (CS) Policy to create a comprehensive, integrated, and connected transportation network for Louisiana. The Complete Streets Act was then signed into law in 2014 (R.S. 48:22.1).

Louisiana DOTD EDSM II.2.1.14

The purpose of this directive is to implement the CS Policy, which applies to the state highway system and to local roads. This EDSM was revised on 4/9/16.

Goals of Louisiana CS Policy

The Louisiana's Complete Streets Advisory Council and Steering Committee have set the following goals: 1) To safely and efficiently accommodate all road users; (2) To create a network that balances integration of context sensitivity, access and mobility for all users and; (3) To provide leadership and establish partnerships with local public agencies on implementing the policy.

Philosophy of CS Policy

The CS Policy views all transportation projects as opportunities to create safer, more accessible streets for all road users. [Complete Streets Policy applies to "all new construction or reconstruction" projects.](#)

The Implementation Plan

At the state level, Louisiana DOTD leads the Complete Streets Implementation Plan which identifies and prioritizes eligible projects over a 3-year cycle. At the local level, parish, municipal and community agencies and organizations will take the lead in developing policies and procedures.

Benefits of Complete Streets

Complete Streets stimulate the local economy, and help create livable communities for different types of road users. Complete Streets also promote equity, safety, and public health while reducing transportation costs and other societal challenges.

What Does A Complete Street Look Like?

Each complete street design is unique. It may include sidewalks, bike lanes or wide paved shoulders, special bus lanes, transit stops, crosswalks, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, narrower travel lanes, and more.





Local Plans and Coordination

Having local plans at the parish or municipal level is vital to the success of Complete Streets Policy implementation. These plans include, but are not limited to, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, Infrastructure and Operations Safety Action Plans, Local Road Safety Plans, Parish Comprehensive Plans, etc.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans in LA

New Orleans. Alexandria/Pineville. Bossier City. Baton Rouge. Bayou Lafourche. St. Charles Parish. Shreveport-Caddo. St. Bernard Parish. Hammond. Lake Charles. Lafayette. Jefferson Parish. Houma-Thibodaux. [Got a plan? Let us know.](#)

Learn More

An [online course](#) that explains the purpose, rationale and benefits of the Complete Streets policy is available through LA Transportation Research Center. Visit www.ltrc.lsu.edu.

National Resources

[National Complete Streets Coalition](#)
[Smart Growth America](#) www.smartgrowthamerica.org
[Webinars on Complete Streets](#) www.pedbikeinfo.org
[American Planning Association](#) www.planning.org
[AARP Livable Communities](#) www.aarp.org.org

Louisiana Resources

[Complete Streets Policy in LA](#) www.dotd.la.gov
[Complete Streets Toolkit](#) www.cpex.org
[Safe Routes to Public Places Program](#) laura.riggs@la.gov
[Local Road Safety Program](#) leo.marretta@la.gov
[Local Technical Assistance Program](#) www.louisianaltap.org
[Baton Rouge - A Focus City in Bike and Pedestrian Safety](#)
www.crpcla.org
[New Orleans - A Focus City in Bike and Pedestrian Safety](#)
www.norpc.org



[The CS Toolkit](#)
<https://www.cpex.org/stac-complete-streets-toolkit/>



Louisiana Complete Streets Advisory Council

The Advisory Council consists of representatives from DOTD, AARP Louisiana, Center for Planning Excellence, Federal Highway Administration, a research center, a member appointed by majority of MPOs, and other interested advocacy groups.

http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Multimodal/Highway_Safety/Complete_Streets/Pages/default.aspx