ASSESS COMMUNITY READINESS

Determine Where You Want to Be

There are many approaches to creating a complete streets community. Some of the communities who have been most aggressive in implementing complete streets do not have complete streets policy, but have integrated the complete streets idea into community plans and have put the ideas into practice. Resolutions of Support and Complete Streets Policies serve as guides that lead towards implementation. The level of detail of each community's policy will depend on the strength of support for complete streets. The matrix below is given to help communities decide what type of policy (general or detailed) is most appropriate for them.

Typical Status:
✓ In progress
✔ Complete

Community Readiness Matrix					
Complete Streets Implementation Stages	Low	Modest	Strong	Aggressive	Leader
Resolution of Support	✓	✔	✔	✔	✔
Complete Streets Policy		✓	✔	✔	✔
Integration Into Plans			✓	✔	✔
Put Into Practice		✓	✓	✓	✔

1	2	3	4	5
Low	Moderate	Strong	Aggressive	Leader

Lansing City Council adopts Complete Streets ordinance
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MATCHING POLICIES TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Suggested complete streets policies range from broad visions to specific requirements. The level of aggressiveness will depend on a variety of factors, including political will, public demand, costs, physical capability, and community readiness. Now that you have established how aggressive your community wants to be, and have identified the desired policy document (resolutions, ordinances, plans, etc.) that you would like to adopt, the next step is crafting those documents. The model ordinance provided is quite complex and comprehensive, which may be too aggressive for some communities. Use the following charts to sort through the model language and extract those portions that apply to you:

Complete Streets Implementation Stages				
Complete Streets Policy Elements:	**Resolution of Support**	**Complete Streets Policy**	**Integration Into Plans**	**Put Into Practice**
1) Set the Vision	○	◉	●	
2) Accommodate All Roadway Travelers	○	◉	●	
3) Emphasize Interconnected Networks	○	◉	●	
4) Address All Roadways and Inter-jurisdictional Issues	○	◉	●	
5) Integrate Into All Project Types	○	◉	◉	●
6) Define Process for Exceptions		●		
7) Integrate Best Practices		○	◉	●
8) Context Sensitive Design		○	◉	●
9) Establish Performance Standards		○	◉	●
10) Develop an Implementation Plan		○	●	

Typical Level of Detail:
○   Sets Course
◉   Defines
●   Details