

“Complete Neighborhoods”

THE IDEA OF “COMPLETE”.

“Complete” is a common word that means what it says, yet in the field of transportation it has taken on a special meaning as articulated by The National Complete Streets Coalition:

Streets are a vital part of livable, attractive communities. Everyone, regardless of age, ability, income, race, or ethnicity, ought to have safe, comfortable, and convenient access to community destinations and public places—whether walking, driving, bicycling, or taking public transportation. But too many of our streets are designed only for speeding cars or creeping traffic jams.

A Complete Streets approach integrates people and place in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of our transportation networks. This helps to ensure streets are safe for people of all ages and abilities, balance the needs of different modes, and support local land uses, economies, cultures, and natural environments.

<https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/>

“**COMPLETE NEIGHBORHOODS**” builds on this idea to make the point that neighborhoods are more than a collection of houses. A complete neighborhood of single family homes, apartments or a mix of both relies on all the services and facilities that people need in their daily lives. People, especially families, depend on a wide variety of activities to support their health, safety and general welfare.

