Pолicy Adoption
On June 30, Governor Lincoln Chafee signed a comprehensive Complete Streets provision into Rhode Island state law. Introduced by Representative Peter Martin and Senator Louis DiPalma and supported by AARP Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Coalition for Transportation Choices, the new law expands and clarifies previous law related to planning and designing for all users. The state Department of Transportation will publish a report within two years time documenting implementation actives and shall consult with a broad stakeholder group in developing projects.

http://www.aarp.org/online-community/people/showProfile.action?UID=643&plckPersonaPage=BlogViewPost&plckUserId=643&plckPostId=Blog%3a643Post%3a022c11b0-e078-4433-9633-657703d0a59f
http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/PublicLaws/law12/law12315.htm

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, covering the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area, unanimously approved Complete Streets Guidelines for the use of local governments in designing, constructing, and operating safe, multi-modal streets. With funding support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stakeholders translated the template guidance provided by the Model Design Manual for Living Streets into a customized, comprehensive resource for the Broward area.

http://www.touchbroward.org/2012/07/12/broward-complete-streets-guidelines-pave-way-for-safer-healthier-streets/
http://www.modelstreetdesignmanual.com/

With a unanimous vote, the Village of Dobbs Ferry, New York adopted a Complete Streets resolution on June 26. The village, with a population of just under 11,000, will now consider the needs of people on foot, on bicycles, and riding transit in new or reconstructed roads, and with the repaving or widening of streets. Trustee Donna Cassell championed the measure's adoption. http://blog.tstc.org/2012/07/10/dobbs-ferry-passes-complete-streets-resolution/, http://blog.tstc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/dobbs-ferry-resolution.pdf

On June 26, a Complete Streets policy was unanimously adopted by the Asheville, North Carolina City Council. The policy will be applied to “all new City projects, privately funded development, and incrementally on existing streets.” http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20120627/NEWS/306270054/1001/NEWS,

The City Council of Westerville, Ohio, northeastern suburb of Columbus, voted unanimously on July 2 to approve a resolution directing the use of Complete Streets principles in its transportation projects.
POLICY ACTION

In mid-May, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission of the San Francisco Bay Area announced that communities applying to its $800 million One Bay Area grant program would be required to have a Complete Streets policy in place.

http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/onebayarea/

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has taken a "groundbreaking" step by planning its first road diet primarily intended to improve safety for folks who are walking or riding bicycles along a 3-mile stitch of Burnside Avenue in East Hartford. (Mobilizing the Region http://blog.tstc.org/2012/07/12/groundbreaking-conndot-road-diet-must-be-first-of-many/)

Roswell, Georgia has selected National Complete Streets Coalition Partner firm Gresham, Smith and Partners to apply its Complete Streets policy to the construction of Big Creek Parkway. "This project provides an opportunity to connect the community, create a sense of place and develop a solution that will support the evolution of Roswell as it continues to attract people to live, work and play," says Kent Black, P.E., senior vice president, Gresham, Smith and Partners.

http://www.greshamsmith.com/News/Projects/GS-P-Selected-by-City-of-Roswell-for-Big-Creek-Par

Officials in Prince George’s County, Maryland are planning to transform a section of Ager Road into a safer, greener street that will better serves residences, an elementary school, and a transit hub.

http://www.princegeorgesscountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DPW&T/Improvements/agер.asp

The State of Michigan's Complete Streets Advisory Council will meet at 2 pm on Thursday, July 26. The meeting is open to the public and the first to take place after the state Department of Transportation's release of a draft policy statement. http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9620_11057-282127--,00.html, http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151--281469--00.html

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) launched a comprehensive Complete Streets webpage to provide information and insights into NJDOT's work to make Complete Streets a reality across the state. The site features a great primer video, success stories, training materials, and answers to frequently asked questions.

http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/eng/completestreets/

A July 2011 Complete Streets policy helped the city of Binghamton, New York receive free technical assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the form of a walking
audit and facilitated discussion about Complete Streets among staff. (Your News Now
http://centralny.ynn.com/content/top_stories/588941/city-staff-attends-walking-tour/)

A comprehensive article in City Journal shows how Mayor Michael Bloomberg's approach to
transportation policy has created safer, better flowing streets for New York City residents and
visitors in cars, on buses, riding bicycles, and walking. http://www.city-
journal.org/2012/22_2_nyc-transportation.html

Williston Road will be the first in South Burlington, Vermont to be planned and designed under
the 2008 statewide Complete Streets law.
http://southburlingtonvt.govoffice2.com/vertical/sites/%7BD1A8A14E-F9A2-40BE-A701-
417111F9426B%7D/uploads/Williston_Road_Complete_Streets_Press_Release.pdf

Neighborhood greenways are a key part of making Seattle's streets friendlier for everyone and
they're drawing upon the experts to plan them: community residents.
http://www.apbp.org/?page=NeighborhoodGreenway

FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE
The Complete Streets provision included in the Senate transportation bill was struck from the
final bill during the conference process. That provision, Safety for Motorized and Non-
Motorized Users, received bi-partisan support in the Senate and is based on a marker bill that
received bi-partisan support in the House. However, it was included in the Commerce
committee’s freight title, which had come under fire from House Republicans for unrelated
reasons. This commonsense measure would have helped ensure the safety of millions of
Americans, of all ages and abilities, who use our roads while traveling on foot, in cars, and on
bicycles and buses. We thank Senators Begich, Thune, Lautenberg, Carper, and Harkin for their
unwavering support of this provision through the conference process, as well as
Representatives Matsui and LaTourette.
http://www.completestreets.org/policy/federal/national-complete-streets-coalition-applauds-
passage-of-senate-transportation-authorization-bill/
http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:HR01780:@@@P

For more on this large and complex bill, see responses from our Coalition members:
Transportation for America, Smart Growth America, America Bikes, American Public
Transportation Association, American Society of Landscape Architects, Safe Routes to School
National Partnership
http://t4america.org/pressers/2012/06/28/conference-committee-deal-a-step-backward-from-
current-transportation-policy/
http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/2012/06/28/compromise-on-transportation-
reauthorization-fails-to-advance-critical-transportation-reform/
http://www.americabikes.org/new_transportation_bill_cuts_biking_walking_funding_by_more
_than_60_percent
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http://www.apta.com/mediacenter/pressreleases/2012/Pages/APTAApplaudsTransportationConferencesforCompletingWork.aspx
http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/node/913/

COALITION NEWS
Presentation Tonight in Oberlin, Ohio -- We’re in Oberlin, Ohio today, with instructors Michael Moule and Cynthia Hoyle leading a Laying the Foundation for Complete Streets workshop with selected community leaders and staff. Tonight at 6:30, all residents are invited to hear directly from one of the expert workshop instructors about Complete Streets and to engage in a conversation about how the concept could be applied locally. Get the event details from the Oberlin Project.
http://www.oberlinproject.org/events/complete-streets-making-streets-work-for-everyone/event-details

Coalition Partners Renew -- We’re pleased to have quite a few Complete Streets Partners renew their commitments as Coalition Bronze Partners in recent weeks: Rick Engineering Company; Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.; the Local Government Commission; Urban Engineers; M-E Companies; Linscott, Law & Greenspan, Engineers; Ball Janik, LLP; and KTU+A Planning + Landscape Architecture. If your firm isn’t a Partner, check out the great Partner benefits and join the Coalition today!
http://www.rickengineering.com/
http://www.vhb.com/
http://www.lgc.org/
http://www.urbanengineers.com/
http://www.mecompanies.com/
http://www.llgengineers.com/
http://www.balljanik.com/
http://www.ktua.com/
http://www.completestreets.org/get-involved/join-the-coalition/#partner
https://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5184/p/salsa/donation/common/public/?donate_page_KEY=7852

COMPLETE STREETS NEWS
The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the latest round of grantees in its hugely popular TIGER program. The program awards projects based on their ability to improve safety, provide transportation choices, and provide jobs, so it’s no surprise that many of the funded projects will go toward creating Complete Streets.
http://fastlane.dot.gov/2012/06/tiger-2012-highlights-demand.html

Young Americans, between the ages of 16 and 34, are becoming less enchanted with automobiles, driving 23 percent less than their peers in 2001. With over a quarter of that
generation without a driver's license, it's apparent that Millennials are looking to other forms of travel and access -- bicycling, transit, and technology. *(Reuters http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/02/uk-usa-generationy-driving-idUSLNE86100X20120702)*

The Toronto Centre for Active Transportation has launched a new website, the Complete Streets for Canada Policy and Design Hub, which will be the hub for the Complete Streets movement in Canada. http://completestreetsforcanada.ca/

Changing the environment to encourage healthy, active lifestyles for people of all ages is at the fore of obesity-prevention efforts in Jefferson County, Alabama. Read about the work of the Health Action Partnership, a collective of over 100 organizations, to make Complete Streets a reality. http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/2012/06/25/using-complete-streets-to-fight-obesity-in-jefferson-county-al/

**Norwalk, Connecticut** resident Mike Mushiaik wrote an impassioned and well-researched op-ed on the community's approach to transportation planning and design, condemning its overly wide streets for encouraging speeding and general lack of facilities for people who might want to walk or bicycle in the community. *(The Hour http://www.thehour.com/contributed_opinion/narrow-lanes-equal-safer-streets/article_df59293c-e945-51ee-b276-3ee4759ddf9a.html)*

The drumbeat for Complete Streets in Indianapolis continues to build in intensity. Councilman Jeff Miller voiced his support in a recent article, stating, "I really like complete streets because it lays out a design mentality that takes all users into account." *(Nuvo http://www.nuvo.net/indianapolis/taking-it-to-the-streets/Content?oid=2467857)*

Promises of a pending Complete Streets policy are raising hopes in Detroit, where community members have been waiting for action since October of last year. *(We Are Mode Shift http://wearemodeshift.org/node/230)*

Last month, **Vision Long Island** recognized the leadership efforts of Sandi Vega and Senator Charles Fuschillo in bringing about the state's Complete Streets law. Check out the video for more on why Complete Streets are important across New York. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXmJk3Rs5sY&feature=youtu.be

A report on bicyclists' deaths from the Office of the Chief Coroner in Ontario, Canada recommends the adoption of a Complete Streets approach as the first step in reducing the number and severity of crashes and injuries. http://www.mcsbs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/DeathInvestigations/office_coroner/PublicationsandReports/CyclingDeathReview/DI_Cycling_Death_Review.html#summ
The Houston Coalition for Complete Streets presented a packet of information to the Mayor and Council last month that detailed the benefits of Complete Streets in the city, recommendations for implementation, a petition signed by over 1300 people, and a statement of support from the Department of Public Works and Engineering.

http://houstoncompletestreets.org/2012/06/12/our-request-to-the-city-of-houston/

Incomplete Streets Death -- Seventeen year-old Cory Allan Morin died on Wednesday June 21 after being hit by a person driving an SUV around 4 PM that day. Cory was on his way to a friend’s house on Hereford Farm Road. The busy two-lane road passes by an elementary school and has no sidewalks or paved shoulder. Cory’s father is now petitioning to lower the speed limit on the road in their Evans, Georgia, community.

http://www.wrdw.com/traffic/headlines/Father_fights_for_lower_speed_limit_after_sons_death_160963035.html

RESOURCES

Report: Policy to Pavement -- Walk San Diego and the American Planning Association California Chapter in San Diego have released a new report on Complete Streets in the San Diego region, offering information on best practices, policy guidance, CEQA, and tools for implementation.

http://www.walksandiego.org/resources/publications/

Design Manual: Complete Streets Complete Networks -- The Active Transportation Alliance, a Chicago-area non-profit, has released a new manual to help communities develop a new design approach that enables safe, active transportation options for all users.

http://activetransportationpolicy.org/Design

Report: How States Spend Transportation Money -- With a new 50-state analysis, Tracking State Transportation Dollars, the Tri-State Transportation Campaign has raised the curtain, showing how each state has decided to spend its transportation budget. The interactive map and accompanying report make transportation funding programs easier to understand and offer recommendations for the continued transparency and increased accountability of the investments.

http://www.trackstatedollars.org/about/

Report: State Legislation to Promote Healthier Communities -- The National Conference of State Legislatures has issued their analysis of 2011 state legislation related to creating healthier communities and preventing childhood obesity. Among the noted legislative changes are the new Complete Streets laws in New York, Vermont, and Washington.

http://www.rwjf.org/childhoodobesity/product.jsp?id=74501

Guide: Economic Analysis for Transportation Agencies -- A new guide developed for the State Smart Transportation Initiative by the Center for Neighborhood Technology is designed to assist transportation agencies as they improve their capacity for economic analysis. The guide includes an online tool and report outlining key concepts.
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Webinar: Health and Transportation Safety -- The American Public Health Association and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center will present a free webinar on July 24 showing how health impact assessments can better connect health and the safety of people walking or riding bikes. https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/416157994

Webinar: Ins and Outs of TRB -- Learn about the Transportation Research Board and how its work advances the movement for safer streets for folks traveling by foot or bicycle on this free webinar, July 24 at 3:00 pm ET. https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/444652042

Funding: Community Transformation Grants, Small Communities Program -- The Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have announced the availability of $70 million to support policies and programs to prevent chronic disease and promote healthy lifestyles. This funding is available to governmental and nongovernmental agencies and organizations focusing their work in communities with populations under 500,000. Applications due July 31. http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=RgW1PFPFQshPqDGLW5sBW8ZQTmTpXQwjMLllqTy7zJdwfc1QLpXPI-1021879135?oppId=173114&mode=VIEW

Funding: Childhood Obesity Challenge -- The American Journal of Preventive Medicine and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have launched an online competition for new and creative ideas from all sectors that will help control obesity. An innovative idea for Complete Streets policy could net you $2,500! Deadline for submissions is August 15. http://ajpmchallenge.calit2.net/


QUOTES
“No matter which side of the political aisle you sit on, it's clear that Complete Streets is right for Great Falls. This isn't a political issue, it's common-sense problem solving. We hope the City Commission reconsiders Complete Streets.”
-- Representative Jesse O'Hara and Senator Anders Blewett, of Great Falls, Montana http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20120615/OPINION/206150324/Point-Bipartisan-duo-favors-Complete-Streets
“Complete Streets adds to the already strong appeal of Montclair and surrounding towns by strengthening the sense of community, stimulating economic growth, and contributing to the health and well-being of our residents.”
-- Sharon Gill, Montclair, New Jersey Center Business Improvement District
http://www.thejerseytomatopress.com/stories/Freeholder-Brendan-Gill-Announces-New-County-Complete-Streets-Policy,10146

“Safe, walkable neighborhoods are not just an amenity, they're a matter of life or death. They create environments where we can live active, engaged lives. And more walking brings more social interaction, more time outdoors, more recreation, more smiles and more "life" in every sense.”
-- Richard J. Jackson, Chair of Environmental Health Sciences at UCLA, and Michael Mehaffy, Congress for the New Urbanism http://www.theatlanticcities.com/design/2012/06/grave-health-risks-unwalkable-communities/2362/#.T-kFyQ1w9D4.gmail