Implementing Complete Streets

Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Complete Streets

- BMCMPPO Complete Streets Policy
- Implementation Case Studies
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BMC-MPO Complete Streets Policy

- Citizen Discord
- Staff and Board Education (1 year)
- Policy Refinement (1 year)

Complete Streets Policy adopted by Policy Committee January 2009
Users = peds, bikes, users of mass transit, people with disabilities, elderly, motorists, freight pirates, emergency responders, and adjacent land users.

BMCMP0 Complete Streets Policy

• Applicability
  – Programmed by BMCMP0 (Federal funds)
  – New construction or reconstruction
  – Local roadway projects
  – Any phase of a project
  – ‘Grandfather’ provision
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Policies looked at: Seattle, Chicago, Cleveland, Las Cruces, Charlotte, draft Federal legislation, Thunderhead Alliance

Complete Streets Timeline

2/14/2007 CD-ROM Complete Streets staff level training – subsequent discussions about developing a policy and compiling research/information

9/26/2007 CAC packet includes information packet on Complete Streets and is on the agenda as new business for discussion

10/12/2007 TAC agenda item with information packet

10/22/2007 CAC packet includes a supplemental information packet on Complete Streets

11/9/2007 PC/TAC – mention about webinar?

11/28/2007 CAC agenda item for continued discussion. Staff presents an abbreviated presentation of the APA CD-ROM presentation

1/23/2008 CAC (not included in the packet) presents a first draft of a Complete Streets Policy (version 1) to further facilitate the discussion

1/25/2008 TAC agenda item with positive discussion and knowledge of CAC’s policy work

1/30/2008 Planning Department hosts a APA Webinar on Complete Streets (encore presentation) and invites staff as well as MPO committee members

2/22/2008 TAC draft policy (version 1) included in packet with concerns over design review

2/27/2008 CAC packet includes a draft of the Complete Streets Policy (version 1), but no discussion ensued because of other action items on the agenda

3/7/2008 PC agenda item under staff report and discussion on INDOT, potential cost increases and more information from other cities

3/26/2008 CAC continued discussion and made a few suggestions to the draft, but again there were other action items on the agenda

3/28/2008 TAC agenda item

4/23/2008 CAC continued discussion and made a few suggestions to the draft

5/23/2008 TAC agenda item under staff report

5/28/2008 CAC packet included a revised draft of the Complete Streets Policy (version 2) and a good discussion transpired

6/13/2008 PC agenda item under CAC report

6/25/2008 CAC reached consensus with revisions and preliminarily adopted the policy up to section II and subsequently developed version 3 of the Complete Streets Policy

7/22/2008 CAC chair and vice chair met with staff to review version 3 to the draft policy
8/22/2008      TAC agenda item under staff report
8/27/2008      CAC packet includes draft Complete Streets Policy (version 3) and staff presents supplemental/revised draft material from the 7/22/2008 meeting; which includes a new section on process where the CAC reached consensus and preliminarily adopted up to the implementation (excluding the exemption) section and continued discussion on the remaining sections (staff suggest the CAC preliminarily adopt the exemption section at the next meeting)
9/12/2008      PC agenda item under staff report and staff subsequently sent out the most current version 4 without the new sections on implementation and evaluation because the CAC had yet to review
9/24/2008      CAC packet includes draft Complete Streets Policy (version 4) with new material in the implementation and evaluation sections the CAC adopts the whole policy for consideration by the TAC and PC
9/26/2008      TAC packet includes CAC adopted Complete Streets Policy (version 4)
Reconstructions – does not apply to resurfacing projects that do not alter the current geometry of the road
Local roadway projects = no State projects, trail projects, transit projects exempted
Any phase = PE, ROW, CON
Grandfather provision = any project already in the TIP and past 30% complete on design

BMCMPPO Complete Streets Policy

- Exemptions
  - Ordinary maintenance
  - Users are prohibited
  - Extreme constraints
  - 20yr projections < 1000 ADT
  - No demonstrated need or equivalent already exists
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Call for projects = detailed project description, intent to CS compliant, performance standards, performance standards, phases, funding requested, dates, public participation process, stakeholder list