Complete Streets Policy WHAT, PROCESS & WHY

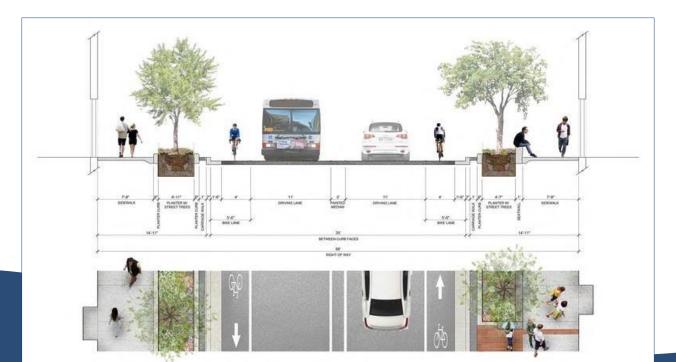


Town Council December 2, 2021



What are Complete Streets?

- Streets for people of <u>all ages & abilities</u> prioritizing safety, comfort and accessibility
- A <u>commitment</u> to plan, design, maintain and operate right-of-ways, as determined feasible and practical, to improve the quality of life for our community



Process

TIER 1

- Develop Complete Streets Policy and obtain approval
- Submit Complete Streets Policy for approval from MassDOT
- Staff attends Complete Streets training

<u>TIER 2</u>

• Develop and submit Prioritization Plan to MassDOT for approval

TIER 3

Develop and submit Construction Application(s) to MassDOT

What is the Complete Streets Policy?

- 1. Vision and Intent
- 2. Users and Modes
- 3. All Projects and Phases
- 4. Exceptions
- 5. Network
- 6. Jurisdiction
- 7. Design
- 8. Context Sensitivity
- 9. Performance Measures
- 10. Implementation



Town of Barnstable 367 Main Street Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Introduction

Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety, comfort and accessibility for users of all ages and abilities including pedestrians¹, cyclists, transit users and motorized vehicles. In adopting this policy, the Town of Barnstable will incorporate a Complete Streets approach prioritizing a network of transportation that is connected, efficient and accessible which will enhance the quality of life for our community by improving health and safety, encouraging economic viability, promoting social equity, and supporting environmental sustainability.

The Town of Barnstable has already shown commitment to integrating Complete Streets design principles through the installation of shared-use paths, street trees and high visibility crosswalks. This policy establishes the Town's commitment to continue to implement improvements to enhance our community's mobility, safety and sustainability.

The purpose of this policy is to formalize the planning, design, operation and maintenance of our roadways to ensure that, when determined feasible, accommodations are provided for users of all ages and abilities to improve safety and accessibility while preserving and enhancing the Town's esteemed scenic, historic and environmental resources.

1. Vision and Intent

The Town of Barnstable recognizes that all projects including new construction, reconstruction, and maintenance are opportunities to incorporate Complete Streets design principles. The Town will, to the maximum extent feasible, plan, design, construct, maintain and operate all projects to provide for a comprehensive and interconnected street network for people of all ages and abilities. The Town will consider context sensitivity and roadway character when establishing Complete Streets projects.

2. Users and Modes

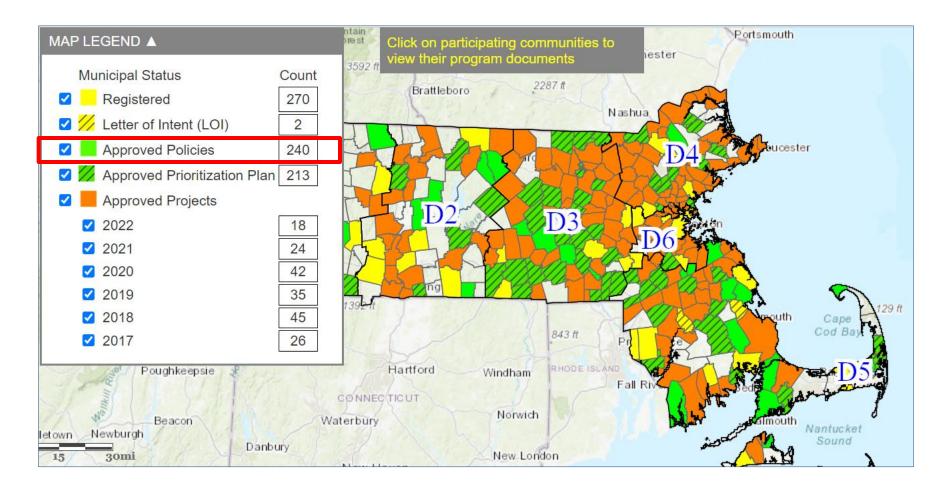
The Town of Barnstable acknowledges that Complete Streets are designed and operated to provide safety, comfort, and accessibility for users of all ages and all abilities including pedestrians¹, bicyclists, equestrians, motorists, transit users, school bus riders, freight haulers, delivery and service personnel, commercial vehicles and emergency responders.

3. All Projects and Phases

The Town of Barnstable acknowledges that Complete Streets projects represent an incremental approach achieved through various elements and improvements to be accomplished over time with long-term results. Where feasible and practical, Complete Streets design principles shall be considered

¹ The term "pedestrian" shall include [1] any person traveling by foot; and [2] any person in or on any conveyance, other than a bicycle, constructed and designed for propulsion by human muscular power; and (3) any mobilityimpaired person using a wheelchair, whether operated manually or motorized. (23 USC § 217; and MGL Chapter 90 Section 18A; and Town of Barnstable Traffic Regulations, September 15, 1994)

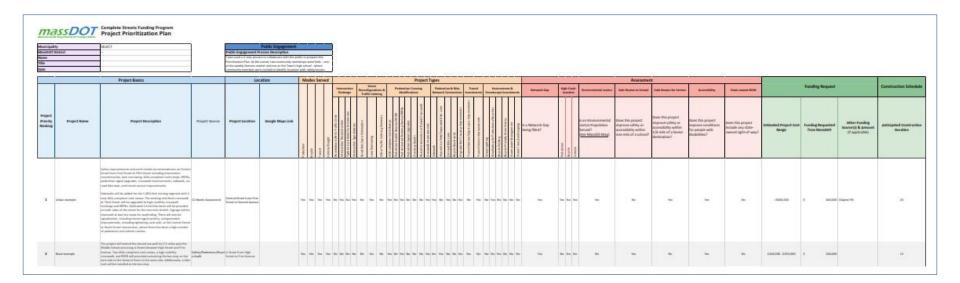
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FISCAL YEAR	FUNDING ELIGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT	
FY19	\checkmark	\$0	
FY20	\checkmark	\$110,000	
FY21	\checkmark	\$0	
FY22	\checkmark	Eligible for up to \$290,000	

Municipality B			
FISCAL YEAR	FUNDING ELIGIBILITY	AWARD AMOUNT	
FY19	\checkmark	\$400,000	
FY20	X	\$0	
FY21	X	\$0	
FY22	X	\$0	
FY23	\checkmark	Eligible for up to \$400,000	

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Resolve approving the Town of Barnstable Complete Streets Policy for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for participation in the Complete Streets Funding Program (May be acted upon) (Roll Call Majority)