



Minnesota Department of Transportation Complete Streets

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Your Destination... Our Priority





2010 Legislation

- **Defines Complete Streets**
- **Directs general Mn/DOT implementation for Trunk Highways**
- **Clarifies local encouragement, but no mandate for CSAH and MSAS**
- **Directs some tweaks to the State Aid variance process**
- **Requires a series of reports**





Goal

- Develop a balanced transportation **system** that integrates all modes via planning
- Include users of all types, ages and abilities





Definition

It does not mean

“all modes on all roads”





Adopted Policies

- **Albert Lea**
- **Bloomington**
- **Byron**
- **Duluth**
- **Independence**
- **Rochester**
- **St Paul**
- **Hennepin County**





Actions So Far

- MnDOT has a work plan in place to integrate CS into its processes
- Meetings with an External Adv. Committee
- Has clarified the SA variance process for transparency
- Has begun reviewing SA Rules pertaining to design
- Has 2 research projects to develop planning templates
- Delivered the first Legislative report





Actions So Far

- **Have added CS concepts to CSS training**
- **Meeting with district staff to discuss opportunities to incorporate CS and ADA**
- **Looking for ways to work with external groups and agencies in complementary activities**
- **Long term effort the Commissioner has committed us to in terms of Quality of Life and Sustainability**





Challenges

- **Cost participation**
- **Advocates want early successes**
- **Works best through planning process**
- **Moving CS to Scott Bradley's unit in CSS to make a tighter tie to the mainstream Mn/DOT functions**



Complete Streets Come In Many Forms





Challenges

- **City and county engineers have a safety focus**
- **Maintenance issues – expectations and cost**





Complete Streets = Operational Challenges Particularly in Northern Climates

Complete Street in Summer



How About in Winter?



Multimodal Operations & Maintenance Needs Year-Round





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Parting Thoughts

- **Biggest impact will happen if we work with our partners to plan how CS will be applied in a region**
- **If we try to implement one construction project at a time without a overall vision we will not optimize our work or money**
- **We can make a difference working together cooperatively**





Thank you

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