What are Complete Streets?

Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for people of all ages and abilities, including people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving.
Why Complete Streets?

Meet City & Community Goals:

- Design streets that prioritize people and quality of life
- Create dynamic space that is safe, social, and efficient
- Implement diverse mobility options connected to existing transportation networks
- Deliver equitable solutions that address various disparities (access, health, safety, etc)
- Provide safety and stability for all Milwaukee neighborhoods
- Increase economic opportunity & connectivity to family supporting jobs
Milwaukee’s Complete Streets Policy

“The City of Milwaukee is committed to fostering a livable city through the creation of Complete Streets that improve access to neighborhoods, prioritize the safety and health of residents and visitors, support economic growth, improve access to education and jobs, enhance urban design, encourage physical activity, and reduce negative environmental impacts throughout the city...”

Modal Hierarchy

“Above all, safety is imperative, with pedestrian safety having the highest priority followed by the next most vulnerable users.”
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All ages, abilities, and modes

Connected network that encourages walking, biking, and transit trips

Apply policy to all project phases – planning, design, construction, & maintenance

Relationship between the street and adjacent land uses
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Universal and equitable investment in underserved neighborhoods

Robust and meaningful community engagement

Enhance community connectedness, promote healthy neighborhoods, attract talent
Complete Streets Benefits

**Improve health and safety**
- Less speeding and reckless driving = Fewer crashes
- More walking/biking
- Less air pollution
Complete Streets Benefits

Address disparities & enhance communities

- Increase access to jobs and education
- Walkable / Bikeable neighborhoods spur new development
Complete Streets Benefits

Improve mobility options
- Greater community access
- Improved travel flexibility
- Less reliance on automobile
Complete Streets Benefits

Improve the environment
- Less air pollution & greenhouse gas emissions
- More greenery & stormwater management
What do Complete Streets Look Like?
South 5th Street Reconstruction
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Kilbourn Avenue Streetcar Work
Westlawn Gardens Neighborhood Development
Redesigning Streets through High Impact Paving
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