



*That the Board receive an update on the Complete Streets Program and provide a recommendation to City Council to reenact the Complete Streets Policy*

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**Project Name:** Complete Streets Update and Policy Reenactment

**Location:** Citywide

**Applicant:** Department of Transportation and Environmental Services

**Date:** May 17, 2014

#### Issue

That the Board receive an update on the Complete Streets Program and provide a recommendation to City Council to reenact the Complete Streets Policy

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Traffic and Parking Board receive an update on the Complete Streets Program and recommend that Board reenact the Complete Streets Policy

#### Staff Reviewers

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#### Summary

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD ACTION, APRIL 28 2014:** Mr. Schuyler made a motion seconded by Mr. Cota, to review the Complete Streets Policy and include the following:

- City Staff evaluate the effect of a Complete Streets project on the neighborhoods undergoing changes to assure any impacts are minimized.
- City Staff undertake an appropriate evaluation process.
- City Staff coordinate with the Alexandria Police and Fire Departments on any Complete Street project; and,
- Update the Traffic and Parking Board every two years and provide a public venue for input.

**Discussion:** Sandra Marks and Hillary Poole presented the item to the Board. The Board discussed having the City conduct more regular updates on Complete Streets projects within the City and the direction of the Complete Streets program as a whole. The Board discussed having the City conduct more in depth evaluations of neighborhoods when a Complete Streets project is being considered. The Board requested that when City Staff bring a Complete Streets project before them, that City Staff bring a summary of how the individual Complete Streets project fits into the program as a whole. The Board requested that City Staff involve the Alexandria Fire Department in discussion of each Complete Streets project. The Board requested more involvement of the City arborists and Parks and Recreation with the Complete Street projects.

Speakers	
Speaker Name	Summary
Bob Trencheny	Spoke in favor of the Complete Streets Program

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
APRIL 28, 2014**

**DOCKET ITEM: 8**

**ISSUE:** That the Board receive an update on the Complete Streets Program and provide a recommendation to City Council to reenact the Complete Streets Policy

**APPLICANT:** City of Alexandria

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** That the Traffic and Parking Board receive an update on the Complete Streets Program and recommend that Board reenact the Complete Streets Policy

**DISCUSSION:** Complete Streets is the term used to describe a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows for safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, riders and drivers and users of public transportation, as well as drivers of other motor vehicles.

In April 2011, City Council adopted a Complete Streets Policy which was drafted and initiated by the Alexandria Transportation Commission, and in January of 2013 a Complete Streets Coordinator was hired to manage the program. Alexandria is a leader in Complete Streets, with the first designated Complete Streets Coordinator in the region, which demonstrates the City's commitment to multimodal transportation and safety.

Complete Streets is consistent with the City Council Strategic Plan, and directly supports Goal Three, which calls for a... "multimodal transportation network that supports sustainable land use and provides internal mobility and regional connectivity for Alexandrians." It is also consistent with the 2008 Transportation Master Plan which calls for the City to... "make walking a part of people's everyday lives by providing pleasant, safe and accessible connections that encourage and reward the choice to walk" and to "Implement a citywide bikeway network to serve all users and trip types, provide end-of-trip facilities, improve bicycle/transit integration, implement encouragement programs and improve safety." The Complete Street Policy will be recommended for reenactment by City Council in May 2014 (Attachment 1).

A key aspect of the Complete Streets Program is public outreach. Introduction to Complete Streets and the program's initiatives have been given to a number of City Boards and Commissions, as well as sixteen civic association and community meetings. A Complete Streets Program website and *Call.Click.Connect.* forms have been created, where project information and requests can be easily accessed.

In October of 2013, an expert from the National Complete Streets Coalition provided a training that was funded by a grant from the MetLife Foundation's Partnership for Livable Communities.

Over thirty staff members from the departments of Transportation and Environmental Service, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, and Planning and Zoning attended the training.

Numerous Complete Streets infrastructure improvements have taken place over the last year to improve the safety of roadway users and provide a more multimodal environment. Projects include the installation of pedestrian crossing enhancements, bicycle facilities, signal modifications and upgraded signage.

<b>Complete Streets Infrastructure Improvements 2013</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Quantity</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Designed</b>
Redesigned streets through resurfacing projects	8 lane miles	✓	
New sidewalk	7,550 feet	1,300	6,250
New and upgraded crosswalks	140 crosswalks	✓	
New pedestrian countdown signals	6 intersections	✓	
Signal modifications for conflict free crossings	1 intersection	✓	
Access to transit pedestrian improvements	5 bus stops	✓	
Rapid flashing beacons for uncontrolled crossings	3 crossings		✓
HAWK Signal for safer pedestrian crossing	1 crossing		✓
15MPH Flashing School Zone signs	6 schools	1	5
Intersection redesign for pedestrian safety	3 locations	✓	3
On street bicycle facility design	20 lane miles	12	8
Bicycle Box	1 intersection	✓	
New bicycle parking spaces	100 spaces	✓	

Additionally, a number of grant projects have been designed and will be implemented in FY 2015. The Complete Streets program accomplishments are listed below.

### Complete Streets 2013 Program Accomplishments

- Achieved Silver Level Designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community
- Applied for and approved by COG for a \$400,000 New Freedom Grant for pedestrian improvements at transit stops
- Developed a Complete Streets checklist to ensure that a Complete Streets review is conducted for all new development
- Updated Bicycle Parking Guidelines to require more bicycle parking spaces for new developments
- Worked with the Alexandria Commissions on Aging and Persons with Disabilities to update the brick sidewalk policy
- Created a Complete Streets tabulation to be included on the cover page for all development plans submitted for approval (Attachment 2)

By the end of fiscal year 2014, it is anticipated that over \$1,000,000 will have been used to design and implement projects. The proposed CIP includes \$1,000,000 of funding for FY 15 for Complete Streets projects, and staff will continue to pursue additional grant funding. \$100,000 annually is allocated for operational funding of the Complete Streets program.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Complete Streets Policy

Attachment 2: Complete Streets Tabulation for Development