



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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James Redeker
Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Transportation
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Dear Commissioner Redeker,

The Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board is pleased to forward the attached Draft Complete Streets Policy to you for your consideration. The Advisory Board has been working on this document for several months. Our goal has been to craft a policy that builds upon the good work that the Department has undertaken to date, that will institutionalize that progress, and that will provide further guidance to department staff and municipal engineers as they seek to improve our transportation system for all users.

To date the Department has taken many positive steps to implement complete streets: allowing 11 ft lanes to provide for wider shoulders for bicyclists; inserting text in the highway design manual regarding bicyclists and pedestrians; allowing sidewalks to be funded as part of federally funded projects; taking the lead on several multi-use path design projects; redesigning Burnside Avenue in East Hartford; developing a checklist to ensure that designers and engineers consider bicyclist and pedestrian needs; and creating a Complete Streets Report; among others. The enclosed policy is intended to enhance that progress and to ensure that the gains of the last few years are made permanent.

We also are enclosing a copy of a newly adopted Healthy Transportation Policy Directive from Massachusetts, which might serve as a reference, as Connecticut continues to progress in implementing Complete Streets.

We know that you understand the economic, environmental and public health benefits of complete streets to the state and its communities. We offer this policy to help Connecticut to reap the many benefits of becoming fully walkable and bikeable. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss the enclosed policy.

Sincerely

Neil S. Pade
Board Chair