

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Smart Growth America  
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SUBJECT: Smart Growth America Technical Assistance Workshops Progress Report #2

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### **Progress on County Complete Streets:**

Since the June progress report, an inter-agency County Work Team led by the Directors of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (CCPC) and the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works and consisting of staff from these two agencies along with the Office of the Cuyahoga County Executive was established. The Work Team with input from Bike Cleveland, has been developing a Complete Streets Toolkit.

The overall goal of the *Cuyahoga County Complete and Green Streets Toolkit* is to develop a comprehensive transportation system that will promote modal choices: walking, bicycling, public transit, driving for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. The Toolkit will also promote complementary development and establish a common agenda and direction for the communities throughout the County.

Specifically, the Department of Public Works, which oversees the Cuyahoga County road network consisting of 816 miles, is working toward changes to the County's road and bridge design standards to include complete streets guidelines. An additional goal of the standards is to provide design solutions that will result in a positive impact on water quality and stormwater management. CCPC will also use the Toolkit to assist Cuyahoga County communities with policy development and implementation through our planning and advocacy efforts.

The Work Team completed an in-depth review of the toolkits and guidelines championed by the National Complete Streets Coalition, and implemented by communities around the U.S. This review, along with the City of Cleveland's Complete and Green Streets Typologies Plan, guided the Work Team in developing a framework for the County's street typology and design standards that recognizes both the complexity of the County's street networks; and the diversity in the development patterns of each community.

The Toolkit's planned outline includes:

- Introduction
- Planning A Road Project
- Street Typology
- Design Standards
- Implementation and Evaluation

The Work Team has set an internal deadline of late December to have a draft completed and hope to have a final document to share with you in April 2014.