Complete Streets federal policy update

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Director, National Complete Streets Coalition

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The National Complete Streets Coalition
Pedestrian fatalities have been steadily increasing. 2016 and 2017 were the most deadly years since 1990.
Traffic fatalities are down in the U.S., but more pedestrians and bicyclists are being killed,
BY THE NUMBERS
From 2008 to 2017:

- Pedestrian deaths increased by 35.4%
- Vehicle miles traveled increased by 8.1%
- Walking as a share of all trips increased by less than 1% *
- Traffic deaths among motor vehicle occupants decreased by 6.1%

*from 2009 to 2017

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DANGEROUS BY DESIGN
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The Complete Streets Act of 2019

116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 3663

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JULY 30, 2019

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
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Mr. Menendez (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, and Mr. Schatz) introduced the following bill, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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The Model program

Complete Streets Funding Program Guidance
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Complete Streets projects
Tier 0
Letter of intent

Tier 1
Adopted policy

Tier 2
Prioritization plan

Tier 3
Funded projects
Congress, America needs safer, more equitable streets. I support the Complete Streets Act of 2019.

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Scott Goldstein
Policy Director
Transportation for America
@T4America
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What the bill does

• Requires states to set aside 5% of existing highway funds for Complete Streets projects
• Creates a statewide program to award the money and provide technical support
• Adopts design standards that support safer, complete streets.
Senate bill co-sponsors

Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]
Which are the 20 most dangerous states for pedestrians? Statewide Pedestrian Danger Index, 2008-2017

PDI between 2008-2017

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House bill co-sponsors

Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]
Rep. Krishnamoorti, Raja [D-IL-8]
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]

Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]
Most Dangerous Congressional Districts
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<th>Rank</th>
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THE PATH FORWARD

Passing Complete Streets legislation
What is Surface Transportation Reauthorization?

Approval or renewal of federal policy and funding amounts for surface transportation (highways, transit, rail) about every 5 years.

Current authorization (Fast Act) expires in 2020.
What has happened so far?

Senate Environment & Public Works (EPW) Committee has introduced their portion of reauthorization.

Senate EPW bill included a weaker version of the Complete Streets Act.
Senate EPW Complete Streets language

Sets aside 2.5% of state and MPO planning funds for:

- Complete Streets
- active transportation plans
- transit access plans
- transit-oriented development plans
- regional intercity rail plans
House Reauthorization

The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
It’s Time to Change the Conversation

Carper says all surface funding options in play
By SAM MINTZ | 09/11/2019 10:00 AM EDT

Back from recess, Senate no closer to funding surface bill
By SAM MINTZ | 09/10/2019 10:00 AM EDT

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Senate eyes EV fees to pay for highway bill
Geof Koss and Maxine Joselow, E&E News reporters • E&E Daily: Thursday, September 12, 2019
What you can do:

Support a long-awaited federal Complete Streets bill

We have spent decades designing streets solely to move cars as quickly as possible instead of prioritizing the safety of all people. The result? The number of people struck and killed by drivers while walking increased by 35 percent over the last decade. We are in the midst of an astonishing safety crisis—the United States has become an incredibly deadly place to go for a walk.

The federal government needs to take the lead on prioritizing safer streets.

Federal dollars and policies helped create these unsafe streets in the first place, and federal funds, policies, and guidance have a significant role to play in fixing our existing streets and in designing the streets we’ll build tomorrow. The Complete Streets Act of 2019 would require states to set aside money for Complete Streets projects and create a statewide program to dole out the money (and technical support), and also require states & metro areas to adopt design standards that support safer, complete streets.
QUESTIONS?

Type them in the chat box in the bottom left corner of the screen.
COMPLETE STREETS 301
PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

Coming up:
The State of Obesity with Trust for America’s Health
Thursday, December 12
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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