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Groups Release Long Island Street Safety Planning Toolkit

“Complete Streets in a Box” Includes Factsheets, Model Policies, and Videos

Today, Tri-State Transportation Campaign and Vision Long Island released the “Complete Streets in a Box” [toolkit](#), which provides technical resources to support the adoption and implementation of complete streets policies on a local level. Complete streets are designed to be safe, comfortable, and convenient for travel for everyone, regardless of age or ability—motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and public transportation riders alike.

The toolkit contains a variety of Long Island-specific resources for municipalities interested in making their streets safer for all users, including a PowerPoint presentation, a complete streets policy template, and a primer on liability and complete streets in New York State.

“This toolkit empowers local governments on Long Island to pursue life-saving complete streets policies, which ensure that roads are built with pedestrian, cyclist, and motorist safety in mind,” said Tri-State Transportation Campaign Executive Director Veronica Vanterpool. “With 187 pedestrians killed on roads in Nassau and Suffolk counties between 2008 and 2010, local complete streets policies can’t be adopted and implemented fast enough.”

“Across Long Island, local leaders have made their streets safer, greener, and more economically vibrant by passing complete streets legislation. This toolkit will help even more communities kickstart economic development by providing a guide to livable streets policy and implementation,” said Vision Long Island Executive Director Eric Alexander.

In 2011, New York State passed a complete streets law, and now, all transportation projects that receive both state and federal funding must consider using complete streets design features. Even after the passage of the law, it is important that local communities consider adopting policies that encourage a full complete streets network in our region, since some local roads fall outside of the law’s scope.

“Road networks don’t begin and end at municipal boundaries,” said Ryan Lynch, Tri-State Transportation Campaign Associate Director and Long Island Coordinator. “By encouraging a comprehensive approach to road design and policy, this toolkit can help Long Island communities move towards safer streets that provide residents with more transportation choices.”

The toolkit can be found online at tstc.org/licompletestreets/.

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