

## TRI-STATE TRANSPORTATION CAMPAIGN



Dear Local Leader,

We'd like to introduce you to a new advocacy tool: Connecticut's "Complete Streets in a Box."

What are Complete Streets you ask?

Complete Streets are safe, comfortable, and convenient for travel for everyone, regardless of age or ability—motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders. With simple changes to the way we view and design our roads, we can make sure that everyone feels safe, no matter where they're going or how they're getting there.

In 2009, Connecticut became a leader in adopting a Complete Streets Law. According to the law, all transportation projects that receive state funding must consider using complete streets design features. In Connecticut, it is important that local communities follow suit, and consider adopting local policies that encourage a full Complete Streets network in our region.

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign and Connecticut Conference of Municipalities have developed this "Complete Streets in a Box" to help. In this box, available on <u>TSTC's website</u>, you'll find:

- <u>A PowerPoint presentation</u> that explains what Complete Streets are.
- A <u>Complete Streets Policy template</u>, created with Connecticut in mind.
- Two policies already passed in Connecticut: the <u>New Haven Complete Streets Legislation</u>, and the <u>Connecticut</u> <u>act to improve bicycle and pedestrian access</u>.
- A list of other Connecticut municipalities and counties that have passed Complete Streets policies.
- Links to <u>videos</u> and factsheets that explain how Complete Streets can improve our region, including Complete Streets' impact on:
  - o <u>Older Adults</u>
  - <u>Transportation Costs</u>
  - o Green Streets
  - o <u>Health</u>
  - Economic Revitalization
  - A primer on liability and complete streets in Connecticut.

We're here to help. If you have any questions, or would like someone to come to your community to help get the ball rolling, please call us. Working together, we can help to make sure Connecticut continues to be a great place to live and work!

With kind regards,

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