

Complete and Green Streets Effective Public Engagement Practices and Resources to Promote Safety and Advance Equity

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Outline

- Evaluating Complete Streets Public Engagement Practices – 2020 report
- Complete Streets engagement resources
 - NJTPA Public Engagement Toolkit
 - NJDOT Complete and Green Streets Model Policy and Guide
 - NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance
- Other Complete Streets resources
 - NJDOT Complete Streets Summit
 - NJDOT Complete Streets Training
 - NJDOT Complete Streets Reports and Guides

What are Complete Streets?

- Complete Streets are designed for everyone
- Design of Complete Streets is **based on local context**
- They balance the needs of ...
- ... ALL MODES, ALL USERS, and ALL ABILITIES ...

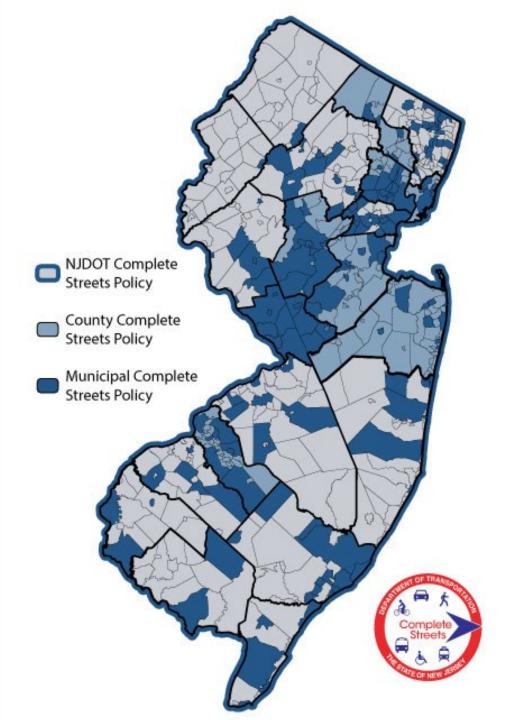


NJ Complete Streets Policies

State Policy

County Policies 8

Municipal Policies 173



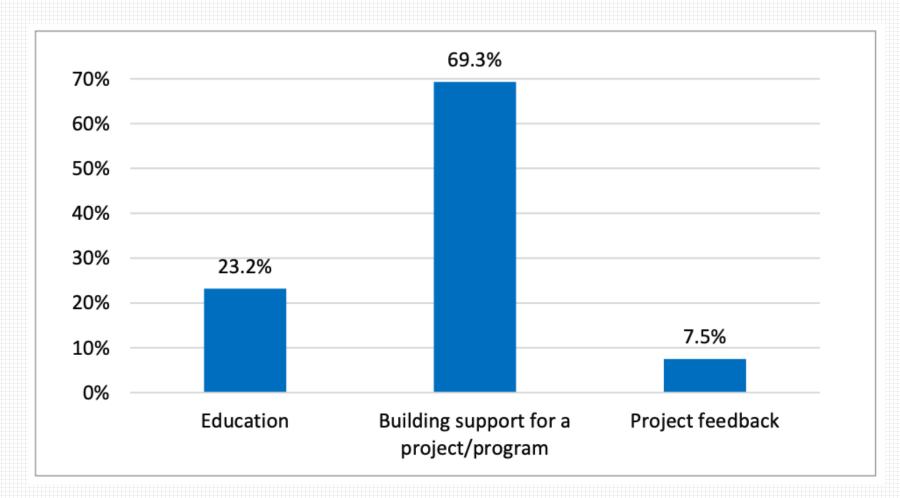
Nationwide Survey

- NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center partnered with Smart Growth America in 2020 to distribute nationwide survey on Complete Streets engagement practices
- Over 500 responses collected, mostly from advocacy groups and local governments

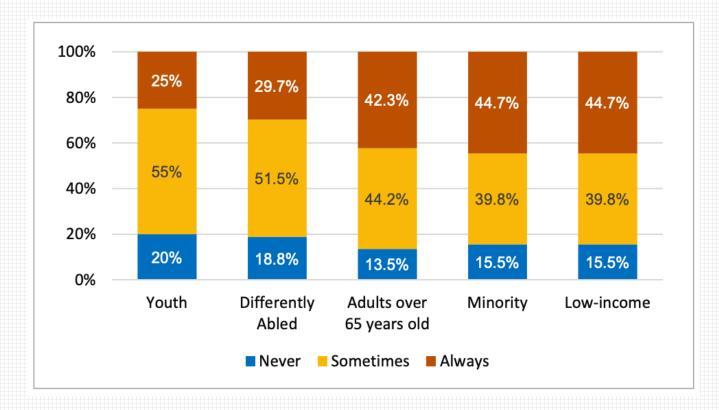


Evaluating Complete Streets Public Engagement Practices Results of a National Survey

Complete Streets Engagement Goals



Engaging with Vulnerable Populations



Methods of Engagement



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There's still time to register for @NewJerseyDOT's Complete Streets online training this October! Learn about how Complete Streets can improve safety, resiliency, equity, and health in your community. Register at njbikeped.org/nj-complete-st... #completestreets

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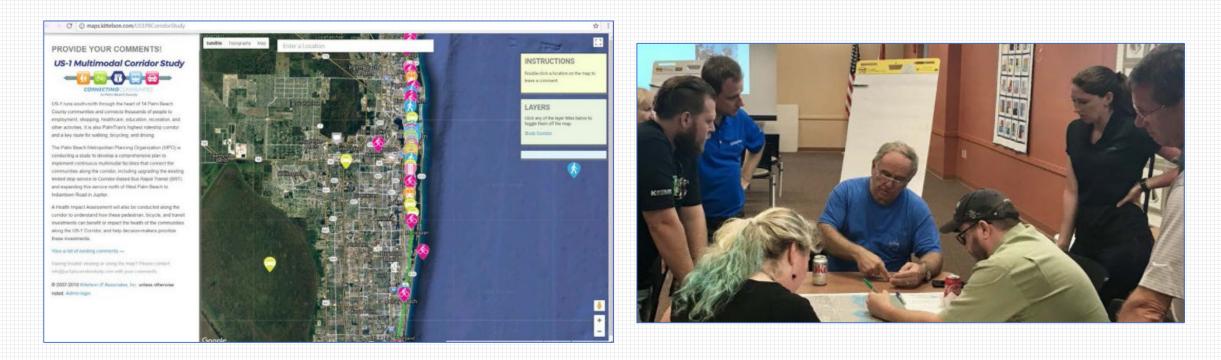
Social media for NJ Complete Streets Training Walk audit with local officials for a School Travel Plan





"On Air" Pop-Up Activity Booth for Engaging with Children and Teens around a Regional Transportation Plan

Examples of Engagement



Interactive Comment Map (left) and public design charrette (right) hosted as part of the Palm Beach County US-1 Multimodal Corridor Study

(Source: Palm Beach County)

Examples of Engagement



Public Open House in Ann Arbor, MI (Source: City of Ann Arbor Comprehensive Transportation Plan)

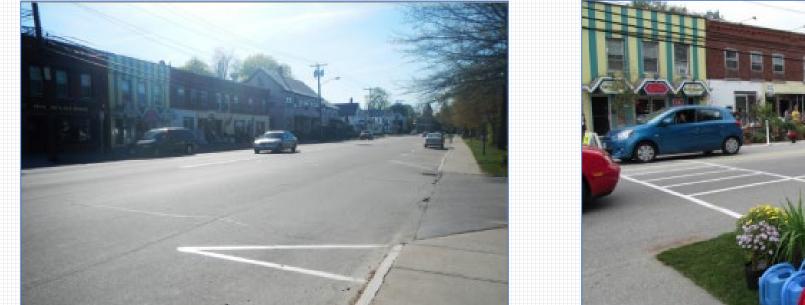


Engaging with Children Through a Pop-Up Event in Ann Arbor, MI (Source: City of Ann Arbor Comprehensive Transportation Plan)

Examples of Engagement

Before







Complete Streets Transformation of a Wide Section of Roadway in Keene, NH (Source: Mari Brunner)

Summary of Findings

Collaborate with key stakeholders	Leverage existing organizations	
Meet people on their own turf	Use the pandemic as an opportunity to advocate for safer streets	

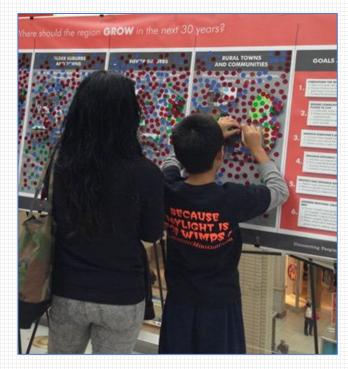
Check out the full report at njbikeped.org

Complete Streets Engagement Resources

NJTPA's Public Engagement Toolkit

NJDOT Complete and Green Streets Model Policy and Guide

NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance







NJTPA's Public Engagement Toolkit



ENGAGE! DATABASE OF TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES



TIPS FOR PLANNING AND EXECUTING



OTHER RESOURCES

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General	Select	"I Speak" Cards
Low-income	Select	"Know Your Rights" Page
Minorities	Select	"Laundry Day" Outreach
Immigrants & LEP	Select	"Planner speak" glossary
Children and teens	Select	Accessibility Audit Tool
_	Select	Activity books
Millennials	Select	Activity Packets
Senior citizens	Select	Adapt Documents for Use with Screen Readers
Special Needs	Select	Advertise with radio reading services for the blind
Practitioners	Select	Advisory boards/ committees for specific populations
Business Owners	Select	All Our Ideas
Local Officials	Select	Auto-translator for websites

TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES

All-in-One Document (PDF)

Separate Topic Reports (PDFs):

- Millennials
- Senior Citizens
- Children and Teens
- Minorities
- Immigrants and LEP
- Low Income Persons
- Special Needs
- Local Officials
- Business Owners
- Closing the Loop
- List of Online Survey Tools
- Op-Eds and Letters to the Editor
- Overcome Barriers to Youth Engagement

FACTSHEETS ON OUR FAVORITES

Separate Topic Factsheets (PDFs):

Meeting-in-a-Box

Pop-up Meetings

Deliberative Polling

Mobile Outreach

Textizen

Trusted Advocates

Social Media Photo Campaigns

Community Conversations

Participatory Mapping

Participatory Budgeting

Digital Storytelling

Keypad Polling

Open House

All-in-One Document (PDF)

Suburban Millennials

Urban Millennials

Northern Suburban Residents

NJTPA FOCUS GROUP REPORTS

- Southern Suburban Residents
- Urban Residents
- Low-Income Residents
- Spanish-speaking Residents
- Rural Residents
- INTERVIEW REPORTS WITH LEADING PRACTITIONERS

LITERATURE REVIEW ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Graphic Novels—TriMet, Portland, OR
- Future Leaders in Planning Program—Chicago Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
- Civic Dinner Parties—Atlanta Regional Council
- POELS/Trusted Advocate—City of Seattle
- StreetMix—TriState Transportation Campaign
- Accessibility Advisory Committee—Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, CA

njtpa.org/engage

NJTPA's Public Engagement Toolkit









NJDOT Complete and Green Streets Model Policy and Guide



www.state.nj.us/transportation/eng/completestreets/resources.shtm

NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance

Project Options:

- Bicycle Corridor or Network Plan
- Complete Streets Conceptual Rendering
- Temporary Demonstration Project Guidance
- Walkable Community Workshop
- Complete and Green Streets for All Policy Guidance



2022-2023 NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance

- 7 municipalities selected
- Projects will be completed by February 2023



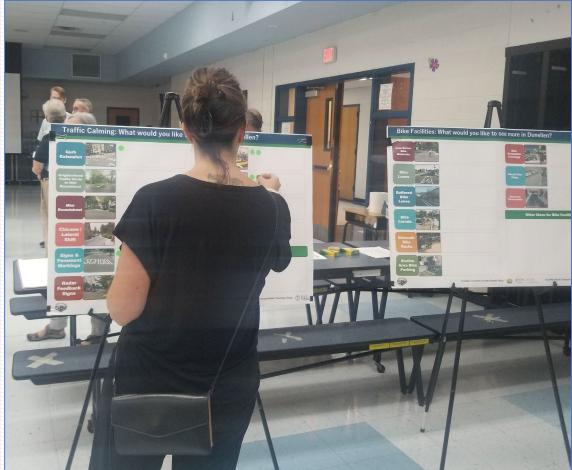






NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance





Seaside Heights Walkable Community Workshop, 2022

Dunellen Complete & Green Streets Policy Outreach, 2022

NJDOT Complete Streets Summit

- Free, biennial event sponsored by NJDOT
- Sessions on Complete Streets policies, planning, implementation, and funding
- Six Summits since 2010



2021 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit October 22, 2021

NJDOT Complete Streets Summit

• 2021 Summit celebrated 10+ years of Complete Streets in NJ

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- Over 340 attendees
- Sessions on Complete Streets policy adoption, lessons learned from implementation, and the future of Complete Streets

10+ Years of Complete Streets in NJ

NJDOT Complete Streets Training

- NJDOT-sponsored 3-hour online training sessions
- Covers three modules:
 - Benefits
 - Planning
 - Design
- Designed for planners, engineers, advocates, public health professionals, policymakers, elected officials, and anyone looking to learn more about Complete and Green Streets





NJDOT Complete Streets Training

- Training addresses:
 - Complete Streets benefits
 - Evolution of Complete Streets concept
 - Placemaking and Complete Streets
 - Best practices for Complete and Green Streets design guidance
- Final 2022 online training: **Oct. 27, 1 4 p.m.**
 - Register at njbikeped.org/nj-completestreets-training

NJDOT Design Guides

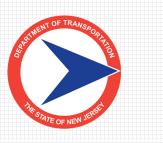
- Complete Streets Design Guide
- School Zone Design Guide
- School Bike Parking Guide
- Complete & Green Streets for All: Model Complete Streets Policy & Guide
- Planning for Greenways Guidebook



www.state.nj.us/transportation/eng/completestreets/resources.shtm

Thank You!







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