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Sample Complete Streets Policy for the County of La Crosse

This policy provides for the needs of travelers of all ages and abilities in all planning, programming, design, construction, operations, and maintenance activities and products on all roads and highways under the jurisdiction of La Crosse County, Wisconsin. The County views all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers in La Crosse County and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the County's transportation system."

Bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be provided for in the planning and development of transportation facilities, including the incorporation of such ways into County transportation plans and programs. Bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be established in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any County transportation facility except where pedestrians and bicyclists are prohibited by law from using a given facility.

All new projects, or reconstruction projects, funded by County revenues or grants awarded to the County for the construction or reconstruction of streets, bridges and transit stops within La Crosse County shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained year round so that pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, and people of all ages and abilities can travel safely and independently. Exemptions to this policy require the approval of the County Board following a 30 day period for public input and the holding of a public meeting where the reasoning requesting the exception is put forth and the public is allowed to make comment on the propose exemption.

All county departments, including planning, transportation and engineering update design manuals, internal departmental policies and regulations as are required to bring all County projects into compliance with this policy within 120 days of passage. Departments are encouraged to look beyond "standard" transportation facility design manuals to find best practices for improving access for both pedestrians, transit users and bicycles from around the world.

Complete Streets Policy progress shall be measured by the miles of on-street bicycle routes created; new linear feet of pedestrian accommodation; changes in the number of people using public transportation, bicycling, or walking (mode shift); number of new street trees; and/or the creation or adoption of a new multi-modal Level of Service (LOS) standard that better measures the quality of travel experience. Reference the 2010 HCM for the latest LOS measurement methods on non-motorized and transit modes.