

Complete Streets Educational & Technical Assistance Workshop Series

Many communities in the Capital District have developed, and/or are in the process of developing, Complete Streets policies. Also, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Complete Streets Act (Chapter 398, Laws of New York) on August 15, 2011, requiring state, county and local agencies to consider the convenience and mobility of all users when developing transportation projects that receive state and federal funding.

In spite of local and state regulations favoring Complete Streets, many of our local governments have faced challenges when developing and implementing their policies. The Complete Streets Educational & Technical Assistance Workshops will help our transportation planning practitioners and decision makers identify and overcome Complete Streets policy and implementation barriers.

These free workshops will be highly interactive in nature, with the goal of building local capacity to implement Complete Streets approaches, and strengthen relationships between transportation practitioners, other departments, and the community. Key decision makers, stakeholders, and agency professionals will learn how to more effectively balance the needs of all users and routinely create and maintain Complete Streets.

The workshops will be made available to our local governments through a competitive application process, described below. There is no local cost share, however, communities will be required to assist with meeting logistics, including securing a meeting space and ensuring key stakeholders will be in attendance.

How to apply:

1. Choose one Workshop Type (A, B, C, or D) that best fits your community's needs
2. Complete the online Complete Streets Workshop Application Form by March 2, 2018 by going to <https://form.jotform.com/cbauer/2018-complete-streets-workshops-app> or go to CDTC's website (www.cdtcmpo.org), click on 'Programs & Planning,' 'Complete Streets,' and then 'Complete Streets Educational & Technical Workshop Series.'
 - a. Note: your online application will be saved automatically if you do not clear your browser's cookies and history
3. Please be sure to be as specific as possible, and provide examples when appropriate, when you complete the application
4. Submit the form - you will receive a confirmation email

For questions regarding the Complete Streets Educational & Technical Assistance Workshop Series, contact Chris Bauer of the CDTC staff at (518) 458-2161 or email cbauer@cdtcmpo.org.



Workshop Type A: Complete Streets Basics (1/2 Day)

- Target Audience: Communities who do not have a Complete Streets Policy, but are considering development of a policy
- Course Objectives:
 - Build a common understanding of Complete Streets and the many benefits
 - Examine several types of successful Complete Streets policies and best practices
 - Compare how Complete Streets designs use existing rights-of-way
 - Apply the Complete Streets tools and approaches to local examples

Workshop Type B: Complete Streets Policy Development (Full Day)

- Target Audience: Communities who want to develop a Complete Streets Policy
- Course Objectives:
 - Examine current policies and practices
 - Consider policy types and elements of effective Complete Streets policies, citing examples from similar communities
 - Identify local Complete Streets goals and performance measures
 - Begin drafting a Complete Streets policy that meets local needs

Workshop Type C: Complete Streets Policy Implementation (Full Day)

- Target Audience: Communities with an adopted Complete Streets Policy, who are struggling with implementation
- Course Objectives:
 - Review current Complete Streets policies and processes guiding decision making, and assess their outcomes
 - Consider policy implementation strategies to strengthen and streamline current processes with examples from other jurisdictions with an emphasis on New York State examples.
 - Identify real and perceived barriers to Complete Streets implementation and discuss solutions
 - Consider best practice design guidance and flexibility, goal setting, and performance measures
 - Draft specific steps to implement Complete Streets

Workshop Type D: County or Region-wide Complete Streets Training (Full Day)

- Target Audience: Representatives from multiple jurisdictions would be included, likely resulting in a larger crowd size than the other workshops described above.
- Potential Course Objectives May Include:
 - Build a common understanding of Complete Streets and the many benefits
 - Provide information on local adoption and implementation of alternative street design standards (Ex: NACTO Urban Street Design Guide)
 - Examine several types of successful Complete Streets policies and best practices
 - Apply the Complete Streets tools and approaches to local examples