

COMPLETE STREETS

A Complete Street is safe, and feels safe, for all users. FHWA supports the planning, implementation and evaluation of equitable streets and networks that prioritize safety, comfort, and connectivity for all people who use the street network.

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See the next page for how Complete Streets can serve pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.

A Complete Streets implementation strategy combines innovations from multiple disciplines to achieve the creation of safe, connected, and equitable street networks. Visit FHWA's Complete Streets website for resources to support developing and implementing a Complete Streets strategy. Visit the sites below for frequent updates as new information and resources become available.



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Black, Indigenous, and people of color represent 38% of the total U.S. population but account for **48%** of all pedestrian fatalities.¹

Of the top 30 pedestrian crash hotspot locations in the U.S., **75%** are bordered by low-income communities.²

Implementing Complete Streets equitably includes identifying underserved communities, recognizing their varying transportation needs, and prioritizing the creation of safe, connected networks.

32.5% of Americans live in a household with one car. **8.5%** live in zero-car households.³

Complete Streets increase transportation options for all roadway users.

NHTSA estimates that in 2021, **42,915** people died in crashes, a 10.5% increase from 38,824 fatalities in 2020.⁴

Complete Streets prioritize safety for all users at every part of the transportation process and address two of the Safe System elements (Safe Speeds and Roads).



Creating a safe, connected, and equitable Complete Streets Network can be an iterative strategy that involves implementing improvements over time.

1 <https://www.ghsa.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/Ped%20Spotlight%202021%20FINAL%203.23.21.pdf>

2 <https://jtl.org/index.php/jtl/article/view/1825>

3 <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/about/why-we-ask-each-question/vehicles/>

4 <https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/early-estimate-2021-traffic-fatalities>