



State Transportation Commission

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Complete Streets

- Governor Granholm signed into law August 1, 2010
 - Public Act 135 amends Public Act 51 of 1951 governing expenditure of state transportation funding to encourage complete streets
 - Public Act 134 amends Michigan Planning Enabling Act to encourage including transportation in local Master Plans



Public Act 135

Defines Complete Streets as:

"...roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle."



Before – no sidewalk



After

What the New Law Does

- Requires STC pass a complete streets policy by 2012
- Creates Advisory Council
- Formalizes collaboration among transportation agencies to address non-motorized and complete streets issues



Complete Streets Policy

- Provide guidance for road construction or reconstruction that promotes complete streets and considers:
 - Varying needs of local context
 - Functional class
 - Project costs
 - Mobility needs of all legal users, all ages and abilities



Collaboration on Projects

- New consultation requirements
 - Current 5-Year Program projects exempt
 - Impacts newly listed projects where a CS policy is in place
- Formalizes CSS approach in law



STC Policy Impact

- When STC policy is in place, all new MDOT projects will be subject to consultation requirements
- Agencies to “agree” on how to address complete street needs
 - Lack of agreement will be reported by Advisory Council
 - Lack of agreement does not preclude the project from being in the 5 Year Program

Advisory Council

- 16 members from specifically-named groups
 - Including State Transportation Commission
- To be appointed by Governor by October 1, 2010
- To provide education and advice to all agencies on development, implementation, coordination of complete streets policies
- Meet at least quarterly
- Annually reports to Governor, Legislature and STC

Near-Term Next Steps

- Recommend Advisory Council appointments to Governor
- Review projects being added to 2011-2015 Five Year Program
- Begin thinking about policy development



Questions?

Complete Streets: Furthering modal choice and safety on Michigan roads

