

City of Gahanna Complete Streets Policy

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The City of Gahanna seeks to meet the transportation needs of all citizens by providing streets that safely connect neighborhood and properties, creating a more livable and welcoming environment for citizens and visitors regardless of age and ability.

This policy has been created because the City of Gahanna recognizes the need to accommodate all modes of transportation within the public right-of-way for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit users that meets local design standards as well as Federal ADA guidelines.

Adopting a policy for complete streets is consistent with transportation goals of the City to provide a comprehensive transportation network that is safe, convenient, and accessible to the entire community. The City of Gahanna shall promote Complete Streets through the following practices.

1. City Staff shall accommodate all modes of travel in the transportation planning process, including travel by all pedestrians (regardless of age or ability), bicyclists, motorists and transit users to the highest degree reasonably possible in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of all transportation projects in the public right-of-way. Because complete streets are sensitive to local context, this policy is not prescriptive, but rather establishes a general intent for the City's Transportation system, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Expanding walking opportunities
- Expanding and improving bicycle opportunities
- Expanding transit options
- Enhancing pedestrian connectivity with more multi-use paths, bike lanes, and sidewalks
- Emphasizing bicycle and pedestrian access
- Developing a more walkable Gahanna
- Improving street and walkway connectivity to encourage pedestrian access
- Working toward routinely employing the concept of complete streets that are pedestrian friendly, walkable, bicycle friendly, and transit oriented.
- Promoting pedestrian-oriented amenities in all public construction projects
- Strengthening pedestrian connections between commercial areas and residential neighborhoods

2. City staff shall consider the principles of complete streets in section 1 in addition to the following standards when evaluating private development proposals in order to promote a more accessible, interconnected, pedestrian friendly and multi-modal transportation system throughout the private development. Specific standards may include, but not be limited to:

- Providing pedestrian/bicycle connections between the public right-of-way and the private development.
- Providing pedestrian/bicycle connections between private properties, particularly complementary uses.
- Providing bicycle parking near the front door of businesses

- Encouraging vehicle parking behind buildings to promote non-vehicular accessibility of businesses.
- Encouraging shared parking between adjacent businesses.

In conclusion, this policy and the guiding principles outlined in this document will help the City of Gahanna meet the transportation needs of all citizens and help to create a more livable and welcoming environment for citizens and visitors regardless of age and ability.