

# Complete Streets

Columbus is on the road to becoming a **Complete Streets** city! The support of Mayor Michael B. Coleman and Columbus City Council ensures that, where feasible, new or rebuilt streets will be designed for safe access by all users, whether they drive, ride, pedal or walk.

*Complete Streets* are designed to make economic sense, improve safety, encourage walking and bicycling, ease transportation woes, assist children, promote cleaner air and make fiscal sense. Recent action by Columbus City Council puts Columbus on par with such cities as Charlotte, Chicago and San Francisco, which apply the elements of *Complete Streets* to road projects.

Even before City Council passed Columbus' *Complete Streets* ordinance on December 15, 2008, the City designed programs and projects that combined the philosophy and elements of *Complete Streets*:

- Walk Smart to School, Safe Routes to School and School Zone Signal Upgrade programs;
- Traffic Management Plans: Linden, Olde North Columbus, Strawberry Farms;
- Community Mobility Plans: Franklinton, Hilltop, Weinland Park;
- Gay Street Conversion to two-way traffic, and improvements to Hard and Morse Rds.
- Bicentennial Bikeways Plan;
- Red-Light-Running Camera Program.



The City will strive in future street projects to include bicycle lanes, audible crossing signals for vision-impaired people, access to public-transit facilities, new sidewalks constructed through our \$55 million Operation SAFEWALKS program and more. City of Columbus transportation engineers and planners will continue working with Franklin County and neighboring counties and municipalities as well as the Ohio Department of Transportation to promote the creation of an integrated, connected network of roads.

Not every part of the program will work in all Columbus neighborhoods due to existing

right-of-way and surrounding properties. *Complete Streets* will strive to ensure solutions fit in with the context of the community. One goal is to maintain flexibility and recognize that all streets are different and user needs must be balanced.

Citizens, stakeholder groups, consultants and City of Columbus employees invested many hours into crafting our *Complete Streets* program. Together, we are building America's 21st Century City as the best place in the nation to live, work, raise a family – *and get around!*



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