The Road to Complete Streets: A Community Readiness Tool

Follow along with this guide through the stages of Complete Streets implementation to see where your community is currently and what steps you can take in the future to become a Complete Streets leader.

1. Beginner
   - Little existing funding or action for Complete Streets
   - Holding seminars for officials on Complete Streets
   - Soliciting public input through town halls, surveys, and forums
   - Building a coalition of community and government stakeholders
   - Working to develop a resolution of support for Complete Streets

2. Practicing
   - Developing a Complete Streets vision and adopting resolutions
   - Documented support for Complete Streets policies
   - Implementation of easier, low-cost improvements such as bike lane striping and intersection upgrades
   - Resolution of support in place; working towards passing official Complete Streets policy

3. Moderate
   - Adopting ordinances and new design standards
   - Re-designing key upcoming projects for Complete Streets compliance
   - Implementation of moderate-cost improvements such as improving sidewalks and converting lanes for biking
   - Complete Streets policy in place; working to integrate into plans

4. Advanced
   - Adequate funding allocated for Complete Streets projects
   - Active retrofitting of projects for Complete Streets compliance
   - Implementation of advanced improvements such as intersection reconstruction and community-wide pathways
   - Integration of Complete Streets complete; working towards putting policies into practice

5. Leader
   - Represents the model Complete Streets community
   - Presenting seminars on success to spread to other communities
   - Implementation of system-wide improvements such as transit enhancements and advanced parking policies
   - Complete Streets policies in place in all projects; community exceeds performance standards

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