Complete Streets Implementation in Little Rock

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS MEETING
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Complete Street?

- Since the 1950's, streets increasingly designed to move and store cars
- A “Complete Street” moves people using several traffic modes
  - Bus
  - Car
  - Bicycle
  - Pedestrian
Why Complete Streets?

Only accommodating cars not equitable

When we design streets to only move cars, we are only serving people who own and drive cars.

Why Complete Streets?

Building for active transportation promotes public health.

Arkansas 2\textsuperscript{nd} most inactive and 6\textsuperscript{th} most obese state in the nation. \url{http://stateofobesity.org/}

https://www.littlerock.gov/for-residents/bikeped-little-rock/why-walk-run-or-bike/active-transportation-and-obesity/
Why Complete Streets?

Livability = $$$

The Central Arkansas Livability Index

Transportation

Take a Walk: Walkability
Wheels on the Bus: Access to Transit
Personal Mileage: Personal Travel
Let’s Ride: Access to Active Transportation
High Flying: Access to Air Travel
Congested: Traffic Congestion
Choice Riding: Non-Poor Transit
Barge In: Water Transportation

http://www.centralarkansaslivability.org/
Why Complete Streets?
Because Central Arkansans want it!

Most Votes by Category

http://imaginecentralarkansas.org/
What types of streets do you want in your neighborhood?

What concerns do you have in your neighborhood?
Complete Streets: South Main

Main St. and 13th August 2007

Main St. and 13th September 2016
How Do We Get Complete Streets?

- Change the Master Bike Plan
- Create or amend your Neighborhood Action Plan
- Public input on new Master Plan
- Road resurfacing projects – Road Diet
- Reach out to public officials, City staff, and AHTD
- Effective communication with residents
- Advocate for a specific corridor
- Remain informed and vigilant
Master Bike Plan

- Part of Master Street Plan
- Interactive Map


http://maps.littlerock.state.ar.us/webapps/LR_Transportation_Plans_Viewer/
How to Change the Master Bike Plan

- **Step 1:** Reach out to me, jlandosky@litterock.gov

- **Step 2:** Document support in your neighborhood for the change (petition, letters, business/organization support, Neighborhood Action Plan)

- **Step 3:** Discuss at the Bike Friendly Community Committee

- **Step 4:** Create meeting with City staff

- **Step 5:** Submit a Master Street Plan Amendment application to the Little Rock Planning Commission

- **Step 6:** Lobby City Board members to accept the amendment
Create/Amend your Neighborhood Action Plan

- Neighborhood Action Plans
  - Generated through a partnership between your neighborhood and City of Little Rock Planning and Development
  - Communicate your vision for the future of your neighborhood
  - Can be used in advocacy and grant writing
How to Amend Action Plan

- **Step 1:** Determine if your neighborhood has an action plan.
- **Step 2:** Reach out to Planning Manager Walter Malone, WMalone@littlerock.gov
- **Step 3:** Decide how and to what degree you want Complete Streets in your action plan. Complete Streets can be a means to:
  - Increase safety (reduce speeds, create separated space for bicycles)
  - Increase health (promoting active transportation and reducing air pollution)
  - Increase economic conditions (shops want to be where people are walking and biking)
  - Increase equity (facilitate movement of all neighborhood residents)
  - Increase livability (people want to move to walkable neighborhoods, property values increase)
- **Step 4:** Use your Action Plan! Refer to it in any outreach as evidence of neighborhood support for your proposed change
This fall, the City of Little Rock will apply for a grant to create a new Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan or Master Complete Streets Plan.

The synthesis of a new Master Plan would include many opportunities for public comment.

**Step 1:** Get on mailing list for updates, jlandosky@littlerock.gov

**Step 2:** Attend public meetings and advocate for Complete Streets

**Step 3:** Stay tuned for other opportunities to affect this Plan
Road Resurfacing Projects and Road Diets

- Complete Streets expensive
- Restriping road to be more Complete during a road resurfacing project inexpensive
- “Road Diets” can have safety and operational benefits for all road users, including motorists, https://www.littlerock.gov/for-residents/bikeped-little-rock/projects/road-diets/
How Do We Get a Road Diet?

- **Step 1:** Determine which streets in your neighborhood will get a road diet soon

- **Step 2:** Reach out to jlandosky@littlerock.gov

- **Step 3:** Consider as a neighborhood what you would like those streets to look like after resurfacing (refer to https://www.littlerock.gov/for-residents/bikeped-little-rock/projects/road-diets/)

- **Step 4:** Document neighborhood support for any changes to lane configurations (petition, letters, business/organization support, Neighborhood Action Plan)

- **Step 5:** Contact Public Works and your Ward Director and let them know your request

- **Step 6:** Attend public meetings and stay on top of project development
Reach Out to Representatives, City staff, and AHTD

- Generally about:
  - Individual and neighborhood opinion regarding the importance Complete Streets
  - How Complete Streets relates to your neighborhood objectives
- Specifically regarding Complete Streets consideration in:
  - projects happening in your community
  - any proactive Complete Streets initiatives your neighborhood is pursuing
- Why AHTD?
  - Many of the streets in Little Rock are actually state highways governed by AHTD (e.g. Cantrell, Baseline, Arch, Broadway, Asher, Colonel Glenn)
  - AHTD has become more cognizant of the need to integrate their street designs with local streetscapes
- Contact [jlandosky@littlerock.gov](mailto:jlandosky@littlerock.gov) for more information
Effective Communication with Residents

- Residents in your neighborhood may not always be as engaged in neighborhood development/improvement
- Changes often initially met with skepticism
- You need education tools
  - **Tool 1** - [www.littlerock.gov/BikePed](http://www.littlerock.gov/BikePed): I will continue to develop tools to help with outreach. If you are trying to do a specific project, contact me ([jlandosky@littlerock.gov](mailto:jlandosky@littlerock.gov)) and I will research and create materials for you
  - **Tool 2** - **Visual Aids**: being able to visualize what a street will look like with proposed changes can help communicate a lot of information quickly.
  - **Tool 3** – **Demonstration Projects**: Residents may best understand a proposed street change if they can experience it.
    - Create Little Rock does one demonstration project per year [http://www.createlittlerock.com/popupintherock/](http://www.createlittlerock.com/popupintherock/)
    - Coordinate with Public Works
    - Labor intensive – not necessary for all projects!
Advocate for a Specific Corridor

- Road diet on Broadway St. between I-630 and Roosevelt
- Ed Sergeant and Brett Budolfson did a remarkable job putting together a case for a road diet on this street
  - Evidence-based
    - Street meets criteria for a road diet
    - Street experiences speeding
    - Strong understanding of US DOT benefits of road diets
  - Strong community outreach
  - Evidence of support from residents and organizations
  - Discussion and public meetings with City staff and elected representatives
  - Patience
- Reach out to Ed Sergeant edwardsergeant@sbcglobal.net or Brett Budolfson bbudolfson@gmail.com to learn more
Evidence

LRPD Speeding Report

LRPD Accident Report

Road Diet
Informational Guide

Benefits and
best practices
Community Outreach

Crossing Broadway at Faith Temple Missionary Baptist Church

Faith Temple Missionary Baptist Church parishioners: Please take this short survey regarding crossing Broadway St. to go between your church and parking lot.

1) How do you typically get to church [walk, bike, bus, drive, other] (circle best answer)?

2) How often do you cross Broadway on foot in order to attend church (1=never, 5=every time I attend church)?

3) When you drive, does a safety concern crossing Broadway influence your decision to park in the lot across the street (1=not at all, 5=absolutely)?

4) When you cross Broadway on foot here, do you use the crosswalk at Charles Bussey Ave. (1=never, 5=always)?
## Support from Residents and Organizations

### Broadway Street Safe Streets Project

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Remain Informed and Vigilant

- If your neighborhood wants more Complete Streets projects, you might consider appointing a neighborhood association Complete Streets point person to:
  - Be a contact person for me
  - Develop some familiarity with options and their benefits/drawbacks
  - Stay informed of relevant projects in your neighborhood
  - Stay engaged with ongoing projects in your neighborhood
Questions?