



Achieving safer, inviting communities with Complete Streets

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Complete Streets are streets for everyone,
no matter who they are or how they travel.

Tremendous potential exists.

Of all trips:

39%

are less than
3 miles

17%

are less than
1 mile

47%

are driven



of these trips...



National Household Travel Survey (2009)

Incomplete streets are unsafe and inadequate.





- Hinder access
- Exacerbate traffic and crashes
- Create dangerous and uninviting places

Complete Streets means:

- A policy approach
- A change to the everyday decision-making processes and systems
- Long-term changes to built environment

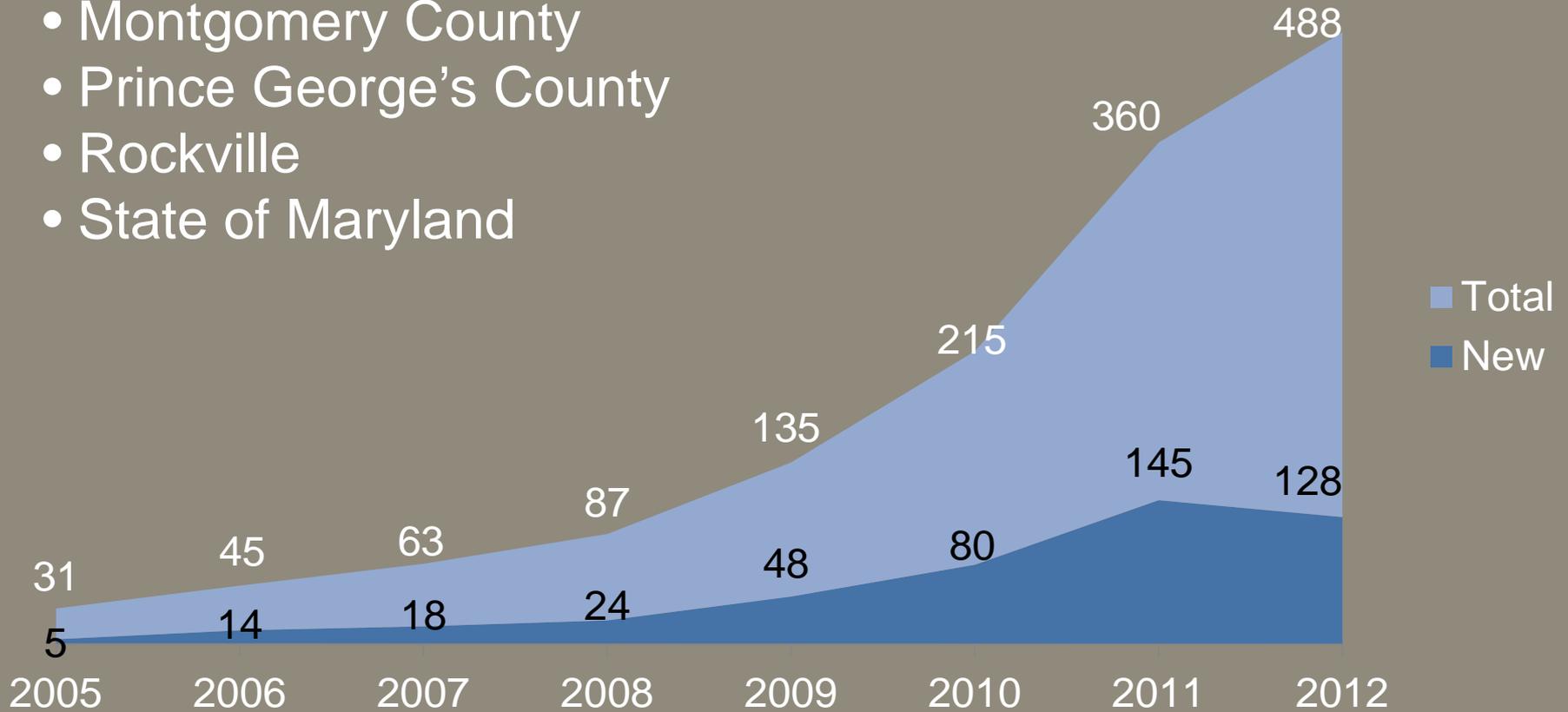




A Complete Streets policy ensures that the entire right of way is planned, designed, operated and maintained to provide safe access for all users.

Policy adoption

- Baltimore
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Rockville
- State of Maryland



The ideal Complete Streets policy...

- Sets a vision
- Specifies all users
- Applies to all projects, agencies, and roads
- Accommodates exceptions
- Creates a network
- Sets design criteria
- Responds to community context
- Defines performance measures
- Outlines next steps for implementation

From Policy to Practice

Effective implementation means:

- Organizing implementation activities
- Restructuring procedures, policies, and programs
- Rewriting or updating design guidance
- Offering training opportunities to transportation staff, community leaders and the general public
- Creating new performance measures



- Improve safety
- Better health
- Support local business
- Reduce costs
- Manage congestion
- Conserve resources

Albert Lea, Minnesota

Complete Streets for health:

• 3+ miles of sidewalk gaps

• 1.2 mile bike lane

• Will extend its 6-mile multiuse trail

After one year:

- Lost 12,000 pounds collectively

- Extended avg life expectancy by 3+ years

Lancaster, California

- Reconstruction
- Changed signal timing
- Added landscape
- Created center “rambla” area
- \$10 million public investment

- Reduced speeding
- Fewer crashes
- 50 new businesses
- 800 new jobs
- Low vacancy rate: 4%
- Increased sales tax revenue: 26%



Dubuque Millwork District

- 8 blocks of new sidewalks
- 11 blocks of repaired sidewalks
- New curbs/bump-outs
- 12 blocks of sharrows
- 95 bike racks
- 3 bus shelters

Dubuque Millwork District



Projected impacts

- 732 residential units
- 450,000 square feet of commercial space
- Increased local revenues and private investment

Bridgeport, California

To create a sense of place and improve safety:

- back-in angle parking
- bike lanes
- better crossings



Resources

- Fact sheets, photos, handouts
- Information on changing policy
- Policy tracking & examples
- Complete Streets blog & monthly newsletter
- Links to research & publications
- Workshop descriptions



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Thank you!

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