

Director's Policy on Complete Streets (DP-37)

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Why Now?

Climate Action
Equity
Safety



Caltrans' Complete Streets Policy

- Establishes organization-wide priority to encourage and maximize walking, biking, transit, and passenger rail
- **Requires**
 - *"...all transportation projects funded or overseen by Caltrans will provide comfortable, convenient, and connected complete streets facilities for people walking, biking, and taking transit or passenger rail unless an exception is documented and approved."*
- **Exception Process**
 - Detailed in Complete Streets Decision Document and forthcoming Maintenance Complete Streets Tracking Form

An Even Stronger Commitment to Complete Streets

DD-64-02 (2014)

- Deputy Directive
 - “Course of action” for implementing a DP; signed by Chief Deputy
- Opportunity to improve mobility for “all users” including vehicles

DP-37 (2021)

- Director’s Policy
 - Sets fundamental direction for Caltrans; signed by Director
- Walking, biking and transit facilities are “default” in project; executive-level exception if not included
- Increased commitment to transit/rail
- Expanded Roles & Responsibilities



Director's Policy 37: Key Highlights

Community Partnerships

Caltrans **commits to partnering with communities and agencies** to ensure projects improve the **connectivity and accessibility** to existing and planned local and regional pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities, where possible.

Agency Partnerships

Caltrans **will work toward identifying and removing policy and procedural barriers** to implementing locally-sponsored complete streets projects on and across the state highway system.



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Design Flexibility

Caltrans **will maximize the use of design flexibility** to provide context-sensitive solutions and networks for travelers of all ages and abilities.

Underserved Communities

Complete streets projects should **prioritize underserved communities** that have been historically harmed and segmented by the transportation network.

Near-Term Implementation

Develop **contextual guidance to detail minimum expectations** for complete streets facilities by place type



Near-Term Implementation

Champion **Design Flexibility** among project development teams to address Safety, Equity, and Climate Action



Near-Term Implementation

Update **Complete Streets Decision Document (CSDD)** process



Near-Term Implementation

Develop **Complete Streets Tracking Form** process for Highway Maintenance Projects (Pavement and Bridge)



Near-Term Implementation

Launch internal
Complete Streets Hub
to facilitate cross-
functional collaboration
and training resources



Near-Term Implementation

Develop Complete Streets **Action Plan** and quarterly progress reports



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