



Complete Streets Policy

Whereas, the Town of Randolph seeks to provide transit options for users of all modes of transportation and all abilities with safe rights-of-way, intersections, sidewalks and crossings, informative and supportive signage;

Whereas, Complete Streets is an approach to community transportation using design principles to ensure safety, comfort, and accessibility for users of all ages, abilities, and income level;

Whereas, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has developed the “Complete Streets Funding Program”, which provides funding to municipalities to design and implement a plan to make their streets safe and accessible for all users;

Whereas, a municipality that desires to receive funding from Complete Streets for its plan must adopt a Complete Streets Policy;

Whereas, the Complete Streets Plan for Randolph will support community stability, provide accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments throughout the community; and

Whereas, the Town of Randolph desires to participate in the Massachusetts Complete Streets Program and receive funding for its Plan.

THEREFORE, be it now ordered that the Town Council for the Town of Randolph adopts this Complete Streets Policy, effective **December 5, 2022**

Christos Alexopoulos

Ryan Egan

William Alexopoulos

Jesse Gordon

Richard Brewer

Katrina Huff-Larmond

James F. Burgess, Jr.

Kevin O’Connell

Natacha Clerger

VISION AND PURPOSE

The Town of Randolph recognizes that users of various modes of transportation, including pedestrian, cyclists, transit and school bus riders, motorists, delivery personnel and emergency responders are legitimate users of streets and benefit from safe facilities and infrastructure. Further, the Town recognizes that all projects affecting transportation and traffic circulation are opportunities to implement Complete Streets principles. The Town shall carefully consider context, sensitivity, and roadway character, while planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining these projects to provide for a comprehensive and integrated network of infrastructure for all who are affected by all of our transportation modes.

The Randolph Complete Streets policy, therefore, shall accommodate all infrastructure users by creating a network that meets the needs of individuals using a variety of transportation modes.

CORE COMMITMENT

The Town of Randolph Complete Streets Policy affirms the Town's roadway and walkway network must provide safety, comfort, and accessibility for all users, including people walking, biking, driving, riding transit, and operating commercial and emergency vehicles. Furthermore, the roadway and walkway network shall provide these characteristics for people of all ages and abilities.

All projects and phases of all publicly and privately funded transportation projects and those projects affecting traffic circulation shall be reviewed to determine the feasibility of incorporating Complete Streets elements.

Where practical, and within funding limitations, elements of Complete Streets shall be added to all municipal road repairs, upgrades and expansion projects, which will enhance safety, accessibility, and serviceability for all users. Procedures shall be established to identify opportunities to implement Complete Streets elements and to document the incorporation of these elements when conducting municipal road and walkway repairs, upgrades, and expansion projects.

Complete Streets principles will be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects, as appropriate. All transportation, infrastructure, and street design projects requiring funding or approval by the Town of Randolph, the state and/or federal government (e.g., Chapter 90 funds, MassWorks, MassTrails, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Safe Routes to School Grants) shall adhere to the Randolph Complete Streets Policy as applicable. Private developments and related street design components or corresponding street-related components shall adhere to the Complete Streets policy. To the extent practical, state-owned roadways will comply with the Randolph Complete Streets policy, including the design, construction, and maintenance of such roadways within Town boundaries.

EXCEPTIONS

Transportation infrastructure projects may be excluded from compliance within this Policy where any of the following apply:

- Roadways where specific users are prohibited by law, such as an interstate or pedestrian malls. An effort will be made, in these cases, for mitigation elsewhere.
- The cost or impacts of implementation are disproportionate to the need or probable future use and/or a reasonable alternative to accommodate the need is available or planned.
- Constraints resulting from limitations of right-of-way and property rights, jurisdiction by other agencies, and natural features that restrict the feasibility and practicality of required enhancements.
- Modification of infrastructure in the Town's registered historic district(s) and designated scenic road(s) where enhancements may have a negative impact on the intent of those districts.

In order for an exception to be incorporated into a design, the exception must be presented for review and approval, to both the Planning Board and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works. If both approve the exception, it is authorized. If both or either disapprove, it is denied. Appeals of such decisions, or if one body approves and one disapproves, may be brought before the Randolph Town Council for a final decision.

BEST PRACTICES

The Town of Randolph Complete Streets Policy will focus on developing a connected, integrated network that serves all users. Complete Streets will be integrated into policies, planning, and design of all types of public and private projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance of transportation facilities on streets and redevelopment projects.

Implementation of the Randolph Complete Streets Policy will be carried out cooperatively between all relevant departments within the Town, with multi-jurisdictional cooperation to the greatest extent possible, among private developers, and state, regional, and federal agencies.

The Randolph Complete Streets Policy affirms that a balanced design flexibility is a key aspect in the effort to improve accessibility and safety for all users of the road and walkway network while at the same time maintaining context sensitivity. This context sensitivity approach to the design process includes a range of goals by giving significant consideration to stakeholders and community values on a level plane with project need. It includes goals related to livability with greater participation of those affected in order to gain project consensus. The overall goal of this approach is to preserve and enhance scenic, aesthetic, historical, and environmental resources, while improving and maintaining accessibility, safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions.

The latest design guidance, standards, laws, and recommendations available will be used in the implementation of Randolph's Complete Streets including:

- Complete Streets Study and Prioritization Plan
- Randolph's Master Plan, and Open Space and Recreation Plan
- Randolph's annual pavement management program
- All relevant Randolph ordinances, maps, subdivision regulations, Special Permit and Site Plan Review Regulations
- Mass. Department of Transportation Project Design and Development Guidebook
- U.S. Dept. of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Design Controls
- MGL, chapter 90, sections 17C and 18B
- The Architectural Access Board (AAB) 521 CMR Rules and Regulations
- American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A policy on Geometric Design of Highway and Streets
- Any documents, plans and studies contextually applicable

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Town of Randolph shall review its Complete Streets practices annually. Success of the Complete Streets Program will be measured using, but not limited to, the following metrics:

- The total linear feet of walkway either expanded or repaired to restore to intended functionality.
- Total linear feet of roadway which have been enhance through roadway pavement reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or preservation to improve functionality and safety of continued shared use.
- The number of locations where pavement markings, signage and/or some other method has been undertaken to improve functionality and safety of continued shared use.
- Specific enhancements suggested during public outreach efforts.

Such metrics will be summarized and included in the Town's annual report.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Town shall make consideration of Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations; shall approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users; and shall work in coordination with other departments, agencies, committees, and jurisdictions to achieve the Complete Streets initiative.

The Complete Streets Policy will be carried out cooperatively within a multidisciplinary team and all relevant departments in the Town of Randolph that will include representation from the Department of Public Works, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Recreation Department, Disabilities Commission and Town Council. Additional entities may be relevant to Complete Streets implementation.

Key responsibilities of implementation shall be:

- Developing proposed revisions to all appropriate zoning and subdivision codes, ordinances, procedures, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, and templates to integrate Complete Streets principles in roadway projects;
- Recommending regulatory changes for ensuring the implementation of the Complete Streets Policy, and, where necessary, alter the existing practices and overcome barriers that may act as impediments to implementation;
- Regularly updating and soliciting feedback on the potential public projects with the general public to ensure community consideration and perspective;
- Integrating Complete Streets principles in all new planning documents, and as applicable, to the Randolph Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, laws, procedures, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

The Town will provide training for the Complete Streets staff, pertinent Town staff, and decision makers on the technical content of Complete Streets principles and best practices, and well as community engagement workshops and other appropriate means.