



PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guiding principles and practices for use in all transportation projects, where practicable, fiscally responsible, and otherwise in accordance with applicable law, so as to encourage walking, bicycling, and other nonmotorized forms of transit, in addition to normal motorized transit, including personal, freight, and public transit vehicles. All uses must be designed to allow safe operations for all users regardless of age or ability. The ultimate goal of this policy is the creation of an interconnected network of Complete Streets that balances the needs of all users in pleasant and appealing ways in order to achieve maximum functionality and use.

COMPLETE STREET DEFINED:

A Complete Street is designed to be a transportation corridor for all users: pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe continuous travel networks for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists of all ages and abilities are able to safely move from destination to destination along and across a network of Complete Streets. Transportation improvements, facilities, and amenities that may contribute to Complete Streets and that are considered as elements of a "Complete Street" may include: street and sidewalk lighting; pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements; access improvements, including compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); public transit facilities accommodation including, but not limited, to pedestrian access improvement to transit stops and stations; street trees and landscaping; drainage; and street amenities.

VISION:

The City of Kirksville, Missouri will provide a safe and efficient transportation system that provides mobility choices for all users, modes, ages, and abilities, connects the community, and improves the quality of life for all citizens by:

- Accommodating all users, ages, and skill levels in the community.
- Planning for future growth that protects environmental resources and maintains quality public services at affordable costs.
- Creating and implementing a practical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure system that connects public spaces and provides access to transit services.
- Including active recreation and active transportation opportunities for journeys to work, school and key destinations in the community.
- Using public engagement and outreach to provide citizens and decision-makers with appropriate information about Complete Streets, the benefits of Complete Streets, and the benefits of an active community.
- Providing for all transportation projects guidelines, policies, and processes that will improve infrastructure efficiently creating access and mobility for all users and reducing costs to the community and its residents.
- Expanding and enhancing the City's trail system to provide connections to City parks from neighborhoods and to the overall transportation system.
- Identifying parking needs for all users including bicyclists.
- Incorporating Complete Streets into all departments, processes, plans, and codes.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

The City of Kirksville, Missouri will consider the following principles in design of all projects:

1. Accessibility and ease of use
 - a. Projects should maintain or improve the usability of the transportation network.
2. Fiscal Responsibility
 - a. All projects should be worthwhile and fiscally responsible.
3. Connectivity
 - a. Projects should improve mobility for all users.
4. Aesthetics
 - a. All projects shall maintain or improve the aesthetics of the City wherever possible.
5. Environment
 - a. No project shall cause harm to the environment of the City.
6. Safety
 - a. Projects should maintain or improve the safety of all users regardless of age, background, or mode.

EXPECTATIONS:

The City of Kirksville, Missouri will pursue Complete Streets through improvements in four categories:

1. Education
 - a. The City will improve safety and awareness by educating all users to interact safely and courteously and raising awareness of the benefits of Complete Streets through public information / communications.
 - b. The City will train pertinent City staff on the technical aspects of Complete Streets principles.
2. Enforcement
 - a. All projects, regardless of funding source, and all private or public developments, shall adhere to the Complete Street Policy.
3. Engineering
 - a. The City will use the latest design guidance, standards, and recommendations available in the implementation of Complete Streets.
 - b. The City shall design and operate an efficient, convenient, and safe multi-modal transportation network.
4. Evaluation
 - a. The City will evaluate Complete Streets implementation, track progress, and modify recommendations and actions as needed.
 - b. The City will establish standards that will measure the effectiveness of the overall transportation system.

TOP PRIORITIES

The City will prioritize projects that address urgent, critical problems, such as:

1. Maintain existing street pavements.
2. Remove sidewalk trip hazards.
3. Achieve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.
4. Connect missing links in the sidewalk network.
5. Develop the Kirksville Active Mobility Plan (KAMP).

IMPLEMENTATION

The City's existing THINK Kirksville 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes strategic objectives (i.e. goals) for the implementation of Complete Streets.

The "Goal Statement" for "Chapter 4: THINK Mobility & Transportation" of the Plan states: *"Kirksville's multimodal transportation network safely and conveniently moves people and goods."* The second objective of Chapter 4 – "Objective 2" – states: *"Provide a more complete and accessible multimodal transportation system."* The first strategic direction for "Objective 2" reads as follows: *"Develop a reliable multimodal transportation system that allows people to use a variety of transportation modes, including walking, biking, and other mobility devices, as well as public transit where practical."*

What follows that Strategic Direction are a total of seventeen (17) strategic objectives – or goals – for the implementation of Complete Streets in the City.