

Howard County Complete Streets Policy - Passed by Council Resolution 120-2019 on 10/7/19



What is a complete street?

Complete streets are safe streets for all. They vary in different places and contexts, but they often include some or all the elements below.



Sidewalks

Facilitate travel for all users, including people in wheelchairs, with level, unobstructed, and wide walkways

Curb ramps

Accommodate wheelchairs, baby strollers, and bicycles with smooth transitions between sidewalks and roadways

Roadway

Manage travel speed, enhance safety, and provide predictability

Crosswalks

Direct pedestrians to preferred, clearly marked street crossing locations and increase driver awareness

Grass buffer

Separate the street and sidewalk and provide space for trees, light posts, and signs

How does the Howard County Complete Streets Policy improve our streets?

Safety



Ensures our streets are designed and maintained with safety for all as the top priority. Includes pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and drivers.

Coordination



Brings all relevant agencies together, ensures they are all contributing and pulling in the same direction. Includes Howard County, State Highway Administration and developers.

Equity



Prioritizes transportation improvements in communities with vulnerable populations. Factors include poverty, racial minorities, limited English proficiency, disabled, elderly and carless.

Public Input



Gives the community a strong voice and provides transparency throughout the entire process, including the early concept stages.

“I introduced the Complete Streets Resolution to advance the vision of safe streets for all in Howard County and I am thrilled it is now adopted by the County Council. I already committed \$2.2 million record funding to pathway and bike lane projects in the most recent annual budget and will remain committed to complete streets and a true multi-modal transportation system”.

- Howard County Executive Calvin Ball

To read the Complete Streets Policy and for more background, see www.howardcountymd.gov/completestreets