

# Louisiana Complete Streets Policy Update

## Elements of a Complete Streets Policy that Support Pedestrian Crossings

**Sponsoring Agency:** Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD)

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### Summary

This policy creates a comprehensive and connected transportation network for Louisiana and aims to balance access, mobility, and safety needs of motorists, transit users, bicyclists, pedestrians of all ages and abilities, and users of wheelchairs and mobility aids. DOTD will implement effective pedestrian countermeasures to improve safety.

### Highlights

**SAFETY:** All projects shall be considered for the impact that improvements will have on safety for all users and mitigate negative impacts on non-motorized modes. (Policy 5.a.)

**INCLUSION OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES:** All new and reconstruction roadway projects that serve adjacent areas with existing or reasonably foreseeable future development of transit service, DOTD should plan, fund, and design sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities. (p. 1)

**INSTITUTIONALIZATION:** Consideration of Complete Street facilities for non-motorized access and mobility shall be included in feasibility of project development. (Policy 5. J.)

**ROAD DIET:** Typical measures applied in a Road Diet include a reduction in the number of travel lanes, travel lane width, or introduction of space shared with or reserved for other non-vehicular uses such as bike lanes, pedestrian refuge islands, and sidewalks. (p. ix)

**UNCONTROLLED CROSSINGS:** Provide appropriate crossings at uncontrolled locations that utilize design measures to improve pedestrian safety, particularly those on roadways with three or more travel lanes. (p. 19)

**CONNECTIVITY:** In assessing the need for a particular facility, the DOTD shall give priority to the connection of pedestrian, transit, and/or bicycle traffic generators. (Policy 5.g.)

**IMPLEMENTATION:** DOTD will provide the leadership to implement this policy on all transportation projects that involve Federal or State funding or approval. (p. 1)

**COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** The DOTD Project Manager shall contact the local government to determine if a Complete Street plan exists, and shall request a written recommendation from the affected local entity concerning the need for Complete Streets facilities in the project. (Policy 6.b.)

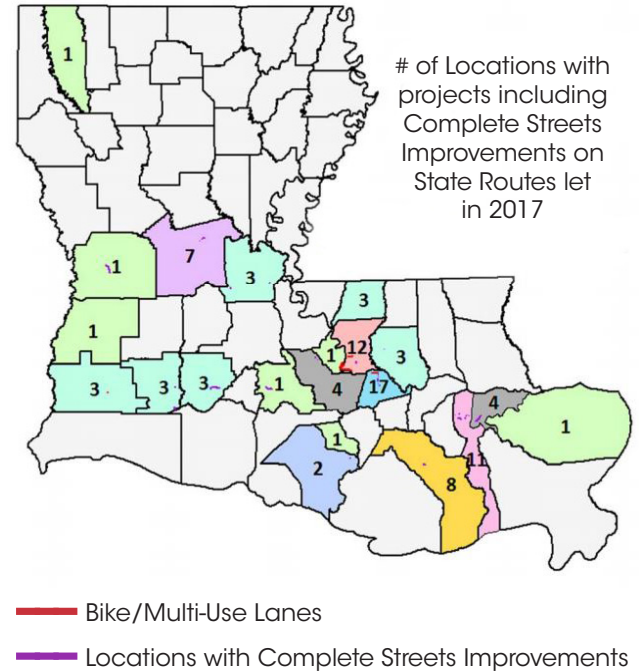


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