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National Complete Streets Coalition

Complete Streets Policy Review

		Points Available	Complete Streets Ordinance Template - Updated Model	NOTES
		100	100	
Vision and Intent		12	12	
Direct: Policy language is clear in intent and uses "shall" or "must."	x	3	3	
Average: Policy states "may" or "considers"	or	1	0	
Indirect: Policy language is indirect and uses lanauage such as, "consider Complete Streets principles or elements."	or	0	0	
Mentions the need to create a complete, connected network.	x	2	2	
Specifiies at least one movitation or benefit.	x	2	2	
Specifies equity as an addition motivation or benefit.	x	1	1	
Specifies modes, with a minimum of four, two of which must be biking or walking	x	4	4	
Diverse Users		9	9	
Point lanaguage requires jurisdiction to prioritize vulnerable users of neighbohords with histories of systematic disinvestmnet or underinvestment.	x	5	5	
Policy states its intents to "benefit" the neighborhoods or vulnerable users above.	or	3	0	
Policy mentioned or considers any of the neighborhoods or users above.	or	1	0	
Policy establishes an accountable, measureable definition for priority groups or places.	x	4	4	Qual & quant definition: historic disinvestment, poor health outcomes, <75% households access to car
Commitment in all projects and phases		10	10	
	<u>For municipalities/counties</u>			

Requires all new construction and reconstruction/retrofit projects to account for the needs of all modes and all abilities.	x	4	4	Design: All infrastructure and street design projects req' funding or approval ... shall adhere
<i>Considers or mentions these projects as opportunities to apply the policy.</i>	or	1		
Requires all maintenance projects and ongoing operating to account for the needs of all modes and all abilities	x	4	4	Design: Complete Streets will be integrated into...
<i>Considers or mentions these projects as opportunities to apply the policy.</i>	or	1		
<u>For state/MPO policies</u>				
Requires all new construction and reconstruction/retrofit projects receiving state or federal funding to account for all modes and all users	x	4		
<i>Considers or mentions these projects as opportunities to apply this policy.</i>	or	1		
Requires all maintenance projects and ongoing operations receiving state or federal funding to account for the needs of all modes all users.	x	4		
<i>Considers or mentions these projects as opportunities to apply this policy.</i>	or	1		
<u>For all policies</u>				
Specifies the need to provide accommodations for all modes to continue during construction or repair work.	x	2	2	
Clear, accountable exceptions		8	8	
Includes one or more of approved exceptions - and no others.	x	4	4	
<i>Includes any other exception, including those that weaken the policy.</i>	or	2	0	
States who is responsible for approving exceptions.	x	2	2	
Requires public notice prior to granting an exception.	x	2	2	
Jurisdiction		8	8	
<u>For municipalities/counties</u>				
A municipality's or county's policy requires private development projects to comply.	x	5	5	Design: Complete Streets will be integrated into...
<i>A municipality's or county's policy <u>mentions or encourages</u> private development projects to comply.</i>	or	2		
<u>For state/MPO</u>				

Clearly notes that projects that address how they will account for the needs of all modes and users are prioritized or awarded extra weight during funding and/or inclusion in funding or plans.	x	5		
<i>Mentions or encourages projects receiving money passing through the agency to account for the needs of all modes and users.</i>	or	2		
<u>For all policies</u>				
Specifies a requirement for interagency coordination between various agencies.	x	3	3	Jurisdiction: Implementation will be carried out cooperatively
<i>Mentions or encourages interagency coordination</i>	or	1		
Design		7	7	
Directs the adoption of specific design guidelines and/or requires the development/revision or internal design policies and guides.	x	5	5	
<i>Referencenes, but does not formally adopt specific, innovative design guidance.</i>	or	1		
Sets a specific time frame for implementation	x	2	2	
Land use and context sensitivity		10	10	
<u>For municipalities/counties</u>				
<u>Requires</u> new or revised land use policies, plans, zoning ordinances, or other documents to specify how they will support Complete Streets	x	5	5	Land Use and Context Sensitivity: All new or revised land use policies...
Requires new or revised plans or guidance to specify how transportation project will serve current and future land use	or	4		
Discusses the connection between land use and transportation or includes non-binding recommendation to integrate land use and transportation planning	or	2		
Acknowledges land use as a factor related to transportation planning	or	1		
<u>For state/MPO</u>				
Requires new or revised long-range transportation plan and/or design guidance to specify how transportation projects will serve current and future land use.	x	5		
Discusses the connection between land use and transportation or includes non-binding recommendation to integrate land use and transportation planning.	or	2		

Acknowledges land use as a factor related to transportation planning.	or	1		
	<u>For all policies</u>			
Requires the consideration of the community context as a factor in decision-making.	x	3	3	
<i>Mentions community context as a potential factor in decision making.</i>	or	1		
Policy specifies the need to mitigate unintended consequences	x	2	2	Land Use and Context Sensitivity: ...shall work to identify and mitigate unintended consequences
<i>Acknowledges the possibility of unintended consequences</i>	or	1		
Performance Measures		13	13	
Establishes specific performance measures under multiple categories	x	3	3	
<i>Mention measuring performance under multiple categories but does not establish specific measures</i>	or	1		
Establishes specific performance measures for the implementation process	x	2	2	
<i>Mentioned measuring the implementation process but does not establish specific measures</i>	or	1		
Embeds equity in performance measures by measuring disparities relevant to the jurisdiction	x	3	3	
<i>Mentions equity in performance measures but is not specific</i>	or	1		
Specifies a time frame for recurring collection of performance measures	x	2	2	
Requires performance measure to be released publically	x	2	2	
Assigns responsibility for collecting and publicizing performance measures to a specific individual/agency/committee	x	1	1	
Project Selection Criteria		8	8	
Establishes specific criteria to encourage funding prioritization for Complete Streets implementation	x	5	5	
<i>Mentions revising project selection criteria to encourage Complete Streets implementation</i>	or	1		
Specifically addresses how equity will be embedded into project selection criteria	x	3	3	
Implementation steps		15	15	

Requires that related procedures, plans, regulations, and other processes be revised within a specific timeframe	x	3	3
<i>Mentions revising procedures, plans, regulations, and other processes.</i>	or	1	
Requires workshops or other training opportunities for transportation staff, community leaders, etc. Specific about the timing and/or participants for the training and workshops.	x	3	3
<i>Mentions workshops or other training opportunities for transportation staff.</i>	or	1	
Assigns responsibility for implementation to a new or existing committee that includes both internal and external stakeholders that are representative of underinvested and vulnerable communities. Specific about which stakeholders will be represented on the committee.	x	3	3
<i>Assigns oversight of implementation to a specific body that may not include internal and external stakeholders.</i>	or	1	
Creates a community engagement plan with specific strategies for who, when, and how they will approach public engagement. Specifically addresses how the jurisdiction will overcome barriers to engagement for underrepresented communities.	x	6	6
<i>Creates a community engagement plan with specific strategies for who, when, and how they will approach public engagement, but does not address underrepresented communities.</i>	or	3	
<i>Mentions community engagement but does not go into detail about specific strategies.</i>	or	1	