



# Complete Streets in Cincinnati

## CINCINNATI HEALTH IMPROVING, BUT MORE TO DO

Since 2017, Cincinnati has improved health outcomes, but safety is still an issue. Since January 2021, through June 2022, there have been 336 fatal or severe crashes – 72 involved pedestrians or people on bicycles or e-scooters. Cincinnati ranks 82<sup>nd</sup> most dangerous in the country.

(<https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/>)

## SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH PLAY A ROLE

A large and growing body of evidence shows that sociodemographic factors – such as age, race, and ethnicity – and socioeconomic status (SES), such as income and education, can influence health outcomes. Cincinnati's household median income falls almost \$20k under the Ohio Median.

## Complete Streets Improve Street Safety & Health



We all want and deserve to live in **safe, healthy** communities. Complete Streets policies change the way your city designs and builds streets and roads. Instead of focusing solely on motor vehicles, neighborhoods would be designed and built for the **safety of all users** including those who walk, bike, use a wheelchair, use public transportation, and drive.

Complete Streets **improve the health and quality of life** of the community. Children and families become more active with access to complete streets

and sidewalks. Encouraging families to walk and bicycle helps to **prevent diabetes, heart disease, and strokes**.

## 10 ELEMENTS OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

1. **Vision and Intent:** Includes an equitable vision for how and why the community wants to complete its streets. Specifies need to create complete, connected, network and specifies at least four modes, two of which must be biking and walking.
2. **Diverse Users:** Benefits all users equitably, particularly vulnerable users and the most underinvested and underserved communities.
3. **Commitment in All Projects and Phases:** Applies to new, retrofit/reconstruction, maintenance and ongoing projects.
4. **Clear, Accountable Expectations:** Makes any exceptions specific and sets a clear procedure that requires high-level approval and public notice prior to exceptions being granted.
5. **Jurisdiction:** Requires interagency coordination between city departments and partner agencies on complete streets.
6. **Design:** Directs the use of the latest and best design criteria and guidelines and sets a time frame for their implementation.
7. **Land Use and Context Sensitivity:** Considers the surrounding community's current and expected land use and transportation needs.
8. **Performance Measures:** Establishes performance standards that are specific, equitable, and available to the public.
9. **Project Selection Criteria:** Provides specific criteria to encourage funding prioritization for Complete Streets implementation.
10. **Implementation Steps:** Includes specific next steps for implementation of the policy.