



Complete Streets Policy

An Amendment to *Plan El Paso*.

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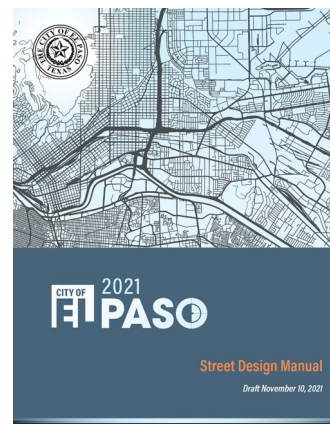


Strategic Plan

- Goal 1. Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development
- Goal 2. Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City
- Goal 3. Promote the Visual Image of El Paso
- Goal 4. Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life Through Recreational Cultural and Educational Environments
- Goal 5. Promote Transparent and Consistent Communication Amongst All Members of the Community
- Goal 6. Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management
- Goal 7. Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network
- Goal 8. Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community



- Vision zero is the ultimate goal
- Complete Streets principles support safety for all users and modes.
- Policy creates structure for informing operations and design standards.



Previous Council Action



- **March 6, 2012**
 - City Council adopted Plan El Paso: A Policy Guide for El Paso for the next 25 years and beyond.
 - Chapter 4: Transportation
 - Complete Streets Section
 - Goal 4.2: El Paso's thoroughfares will form a well-connected network of complete streets that support driving, walking, bicycling, and public transit.
- **August 9, 2016**
 - City Council Adopted The City of El Paso Bike Plan
 - Recommendations
 - Complete Streets Policy
- **December 15, 2020**
 - Discussion and update from the City's Quarterly Fatality Analysis Cross-Functional Team.
 - Included briefing on development of a new Complete Streets Policy
- **April 27, 2021**
 - City Council approved *to direct the City Manager to develop an Intersection Safety Improvement Program and bring back recommendations as part of the FY2022 budget discussions and to develop the framework for an El Paso Vision Zero program that incorporates all current City traffic safety programs and aligns with the Federal and State Vision Zero programs.*
- **FY22 Budget Approval** – Complete Streets supports Vision Zero Initiative
- **June 16, 2022**
 - City Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend City Council adopt 2022 Complete Streets Policy

Plan El Paso & Complete Streets Policy



Goal 4.2: El Paso's thoroughfares will form a well-connected network of complete streets that support driving, walking, bicycling, and public transit.

Goal 4.3: The City of El Paso will improve its thoroughfares over time as opportunities are found to increase transit service and improve connectivity, walkability, bikability, and economic benefits to surrounding areas.

Goal 4.5: El Paso's network of major thoroughfares will become the "Great Streets" of tomorrow. They will be integral parts of the communities that surround them, allowing easy movement and providing physical space for social, civic, and commercial activities.



LOVE EL PASO.
PLAN EL PASO.
PLAN THE FUTURE. NOW.



What is Complete Streets?

- Complete Streets is a holistic approach to addressing street infrastructure.
 - **Not about projects but the process.** Establishes a process to consider the needs of all users of El Paso streets & sidewalks including those who walk, bike, use a wheelchair, use public transportation, and drive.
 - Provides a framework for **more effective coordination and collaboration** between both **internal and external stakeholders**.
 - Embeds **equitable** and **inclusive** community engagement in the process.
- The proposed City of El Paso Complete Streets policy was developed as a collaboration between the **City of El Paso** and the **El Paso Complete Streets Coalition**.
 - Coalition Driven
 - Contributions by Committee Chairing Departments

El Paso Complete Street Coalition

Created by local and national stakeholders



Complete Streets Policy Conceptual Renderings



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Complete Streets Policy Summary



Vision, Intent and Guiding Principles

Create a connected, resilient, and equitable transportation network through a shift in street and road design that ensures equitable access to community resources for all people, including those who walk, bike, use a wheelchair, use public transportation, or drive.

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity
- Land Use
- Environment
- Economic Vitality

Commitment in All Projects And Phases

Accommodations for people using all modes of transportation to continue to use the street safely during any construction or repair work

Implementation Steps

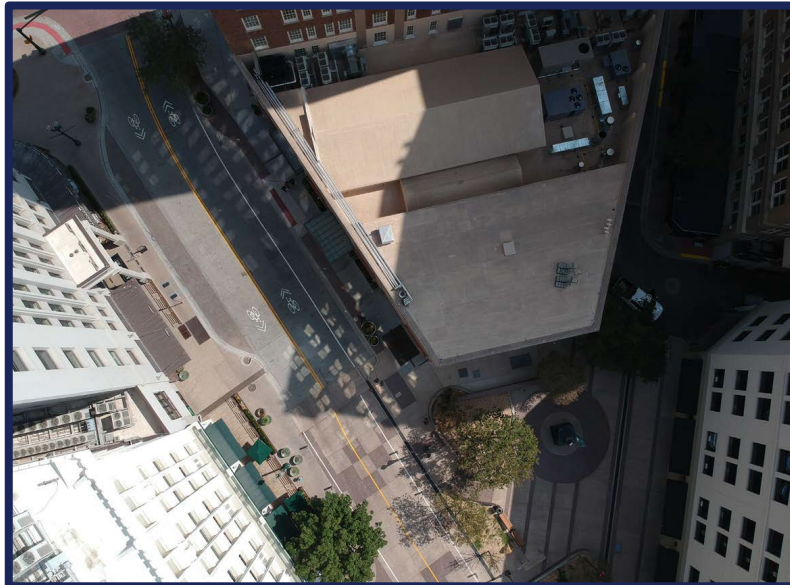
- Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC)
- Technical Review Committee (TRC)

Performance Measurement, Reporting, and Accountability

Near-term (0-3 yrs), Mid-term (3-5 yrs), Long-term (5-10 yrs)

Vision, Intent, and Guiding Principals

- The City shall consistently support, plan, design, construct, and operate **an interconnected street network that safely accommodates all anticipated users and transportation modes.**
- To accomplish this goal, it **would require the City be committed to prioritize transportation investments** which make walking, biking, public transit, and shared mobility safe, attractive, and viable travel options in El Paso.



Vision, Intent, and Guiding Principals

- **Safety**
 - Provide a safe travel experience to all users
- **Accessibility**
 - Serve people of all ages and abilities
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity**
 - *Include targeted outreach and implementation programs* to address the most vulnerable and under-invested neighborhoods
- **Land Use**
 - Incorporate context sensitive, flexible design approaches



Vision, Intent, and Guiding Principals

- **Environment**
 - *Preserve and protect El Paso's environment and improve health* by providing opportunities for active transportation, reducing vehicle miles traveled, decreasing motor vehicle pollution, and the implementation of green infrastructure
- **Economic Vitality**
 - Help spur economic development by supporting business and job creation, promoting resiliency in the workforce through access to multiple mobility options, and through increased property values



Commitment in All Projects and Phases



- The City shall require that **all public departments and private contractors provide accommodations for people using all modes of transportation to continue to use the street safely** during any construction or repair work
- These procedures and core principles shall apply to all transportation projects **including new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation.**”



Implementation Steps

Coordination, Implementation, and Oversight

This policy proposes two committees that will take the lead to help **ensure successful internal coordination and implementation by the City**, public oversight, and community engagement.

| Implementation Committees | | | |
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| Committee | Purpose/Responsibilities | Stakeholders / Representatives | |
| Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide oversight and accountability • Help determine exception eligibility • Defined in the MAC Roles & Responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General public • Transportation • Health • Education • Social Equity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public art • ED • Environmental justice • Construction • Sectors + industries (see policy for complete list) |
| Technical Review Committee (TRC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee internal implementation & project coordination • Defined in the TRC Roles & Responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CID (chair) • SAM (Co-chair) • P&I (Co-chair) • Parks & Rec • CSC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Human Development • Sun Metro / Mass Transit • EPPD • EPFD (see policy for complete list) |

Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC)



- Within 90 days of policy adoption, CID, SAM, and P&I, in consultation with the Technical Review Committee, shall draft enabling policy that creates the new Mobility Advisory Committee and clearly defines the roles, responsibilities, and makeup of the committee. This document will also describe how the TRC will interface with the MAC.



Land Use and Context Sensitivity

- Implementation of Complete Streets design elements must be done with respect to the surrounding community, its natural and built environments, demographics, current and future land uses, and transportation needs.
- Complementary land use policies and zoning ordinances would require some review or potential change for effective Complete Streets Policy implementation to occur.

Performance Measurement, Reporting, and Accountability

- The City will track and evaluate the progress of its proposed Complete Streets Policy implementation through collection and reporting of data and information.
- The Technical Review Committee shall establish performance targets and identify performance measures, informed by the policy's guiding principles and the City's Strategic Goals, in consultation with the Mobility Advisory Committee.

Performance Measurement, Reporting, and Accountability

| Near-term, 0-3yrs (Transportation Planning Process, day-to-day) | Mid-Term, 3-5yrs (New CS investments) | Long-term, 5-10yrs (Community-wide benefits, collab w/ regional institutions/orgs) |
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| Updating existing documents & procedures | Funding and implementing infrastructure projects that align with CS initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve multimodal mobility - enhance network connectivity - improve accessibility - increase shade - implementing street trees (rain harvesting, green infrastructure) - retrofitting streets in established neighborhoods to meet current accessibility standards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduced traffic fatalities - Increase in outdoor recreation - Increased job accessibility - Increased physical activity - Improved cardiovascular public health metrics - Reduced vehicle miles traveled - Biodiversity - Changes in travel mode - Specific evaluation of complete streets investments in under-resourced and under-invested communities |
| Training staff | | |
| Facilitating community engagement | | |
| Engaging under-resourced and under-invested communities | | |

Next Steps

- Establish governance structures of 2 committees.
- Identify and assign personnel for the Technical Review Committee.
- Formation of Mobility Advisory Committee.
- Implementation will follow policy document.

MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community

VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople