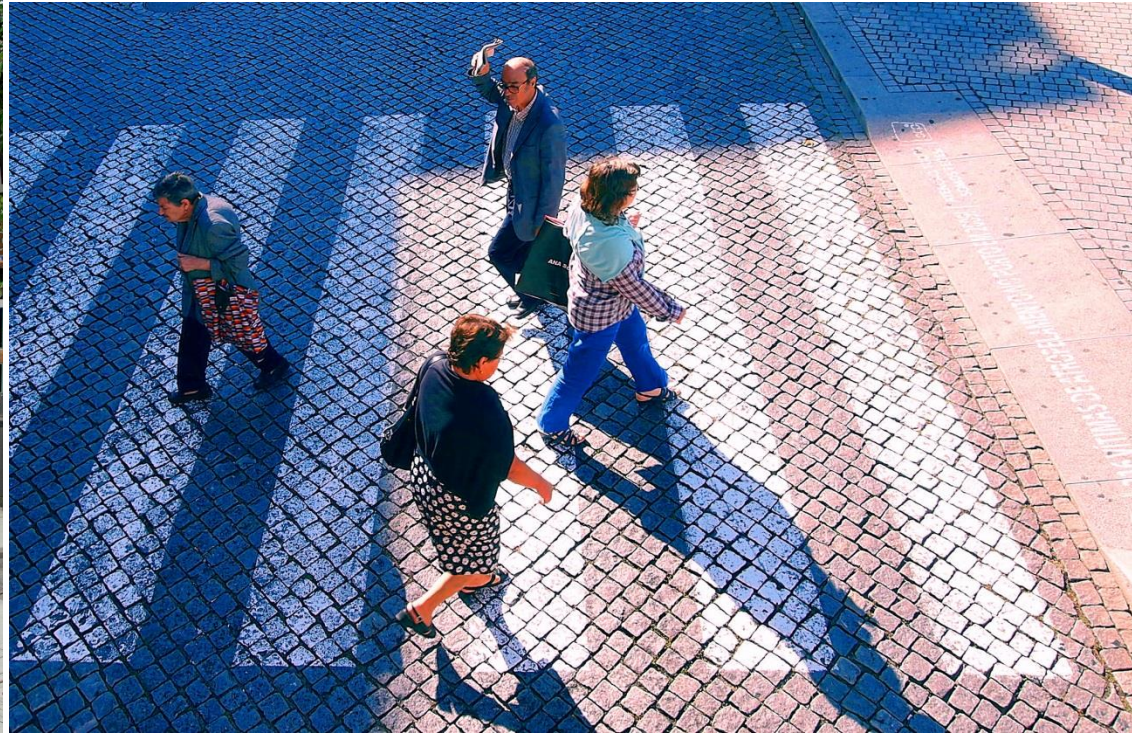


Complete Streets Presentation



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Enhance the Safety, Access, Convenience and Comfort for all users



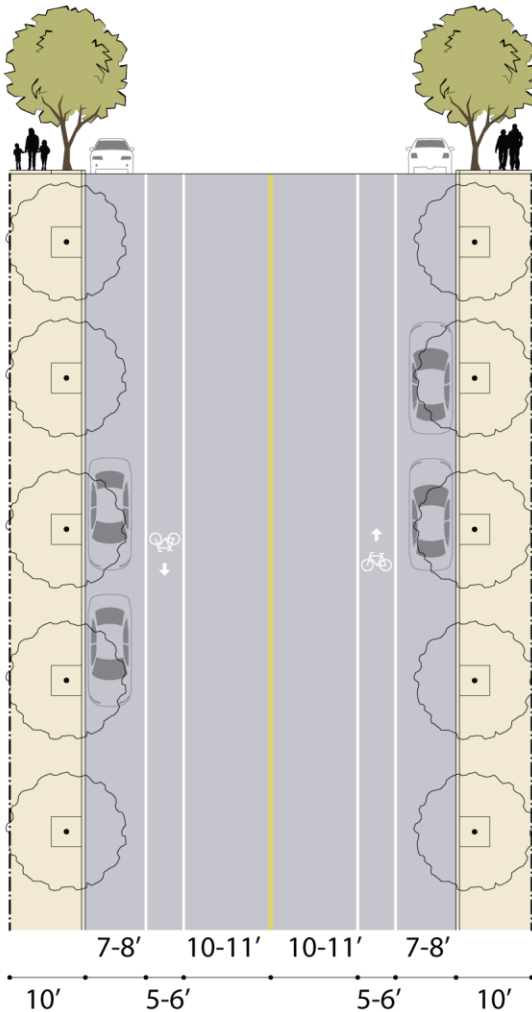
(1) The City of Somerville shall enhance the safety, access, convenience and comfort of all users of all ages and abilities, providing for equality in use between pedestrians (including people requiring mobility aids), bicyclists, transit users, motorists and freight drivers, through the design, operation and maintenance of the transportation network so as to create a connected network of facilities accommodating each mode of travel that is consistent with and supportive of the local community, recognizing that all streets are different and that the needs of various users will need to be balanced in a flexible manner to achieve Complete Streets.

Public Transportation Projects



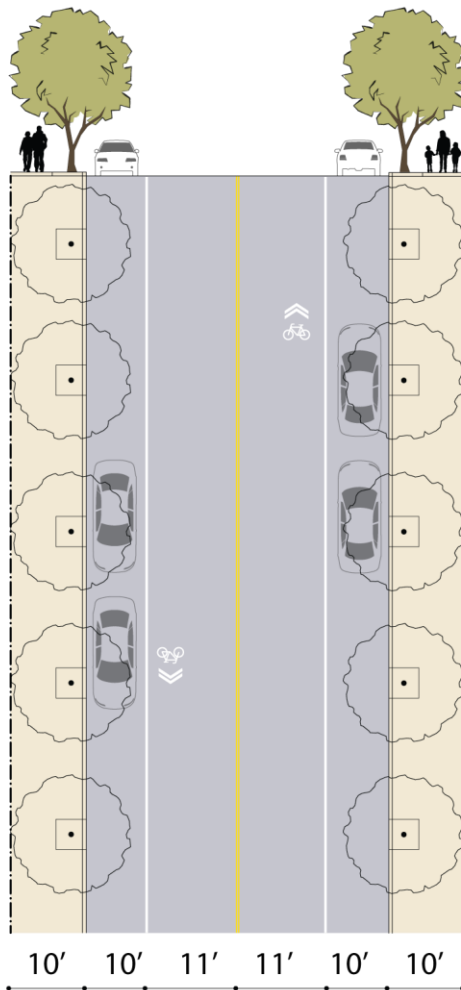
(2) The City of Somerville will incorporate Complete Street elements into public transportation projects in order to provide appropriate accommodation for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users and persons of all abilities, while promoting safe operation for all users, in comprehensive and connected networks in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community.

Existing Streets



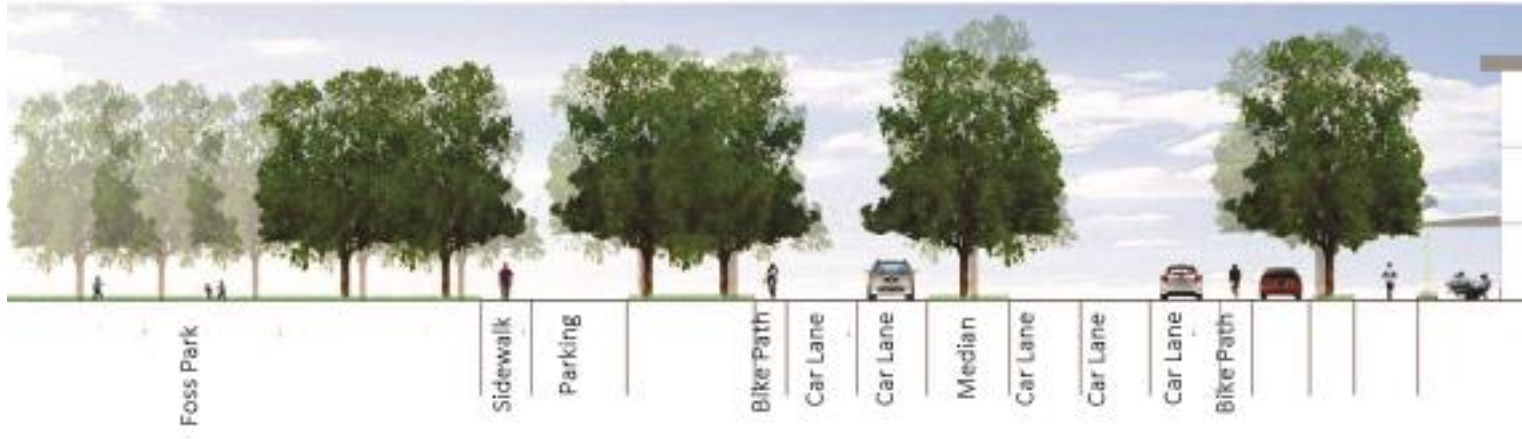
(3) As feasible, City of Somerville shall incorporate Complete Streets Infrastructure into existing streets to improve the safety and convenience of users, construct and enhance the transportation network for each category of users, and foster economic development and new employment.

Single Elements



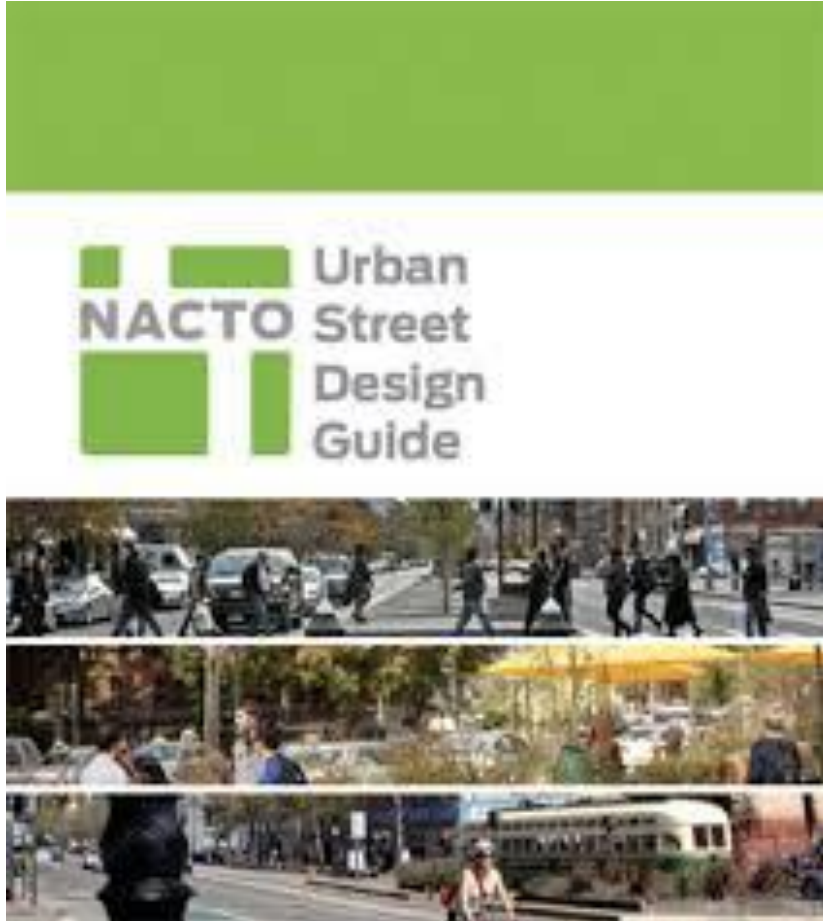
(4) The City of Somerville recognizes that Complete Streets may be achieved through single elements incorporated into a particular project or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time.

Every Project is an Opportunity



(5) The City of Somerville shall approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users, including conducting, once per year, a “rules of the road” education campaign to better inform cyclists of city/state traffic regulations. This work shall be done by the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, with approval from Communications, Traffic and Parking, DPW, and in cooperation with other departments, agencies, jurisdictions and associations.

National Association of City Transportation Officials



(6) City of Somerville shall follow The Massachusetts Project Development & Design Guide (2006), the National Association of City Transportation Officials Urban Bikeway Design Guide, the ITE Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach, An ITE Recommended Practice report guidelines, and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) green book, which provide guidance on basic design controls and achievement of Complete Streets.

All Projects



(7) Bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities shall be incorporated, when applicable and practical, in all street projects, reconstruction, re-paving, and re-habilitation projects, with only the following exceptions: (see document)

Evaluate for All

(8) All initial planning and design studies, health impact assessments, environmental reviews, and other project reviews for projects requiring funding or approval by City of Somerville shall make effort to (1) evaluate the effect of the proposed project on safe travel by all users, and (2) identify measures to mitigate any adverse impacts on such travel that are identified.



Future Demand



(9) In design guidelines, City of Somerville shall coordinate templates with street classifications and revise them to include Complete Streets Infrastructure, such as bicycle lanes and cycle tracks, sidewalks, street crossings, curb geometries, and planting strips. The design of new or reconstructed facilities should anticipate and support likely future demand for bicycling, walking and transit facilities.

Conclusion

Let's become the most walkable,
bikable, transit accessible city in
America!