



## Minnesota Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Mike Beard, Chair  
House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee  
417 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Ranking Minority Member  
House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee  
213 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Joe Gimse, Chair  
Senate Transportation Committee  
303 State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble, Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Transportation Committee  
115 State Office Building  
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Dear Senators and Representatives:

Enclosed is a report in response to the state legislature's directive to the commissioner of transportation to study the costs, benefits and feasibility of implementing a complete streets policy. This report was mandated in Laws 2008, Chapter 350, Article 1, Section 94.

The complete streets approach emphasizes safety and mobility. It ensures that road projects are designed to meet local needs, be sensitive to context and emphasize that all modes of transportation and all users are considered in the project development process. The approach does not mean "all modes on all roads." Rather, the goal is to develop a balanced transportation system that integrates all modes and include transportation users of all types, ages and abilities.

Being one of the first states to adopt a policy requiring context sensitive design and solutions, Minnesota was already positioned to support a complete streets approach to transportation investment. In addition, Mn/DOT staff have been actively working on integrating ADA accommodations and bicycle/pedestrian principles within the agency. Several local agencies in Minnesota have already adopted their own resolutions for complete streets, indicating that complete streets are achievable at a local level.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this report, or you can contact Julie Skallman, Mn/DOT State Aid Division Director, at 651-366-4831.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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