Complete Streets

Complete streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities across the complete street. Complete streets policies ensure that transportation agencies routinely design and operate the entire right of way to enable safe access for all users.

What are some elements that make complete streets successful in a community?

- A strong vision can provide inspiration for a community to follow through with their complete streets policy.
- A complete streets policy must apply to everyone traveling along the road; cars, trucks, buses, as well as pedestrians of all ages, bicyclists, and transit passengers.
- Network creation allows for an interwoven array of streets that emphasize different modes and provide quality accessibility for everyone.
- Sensitivity of how complete street policy fits into the community context is essential and can allay fears of unreasonable changes.

Candidate Projects that Exemplify Complete Street Principles

- Adding crosswalk and refuge island at Mt. Vernon and North Peachtree
- Developing an ordinance regarding operation of alternative vehicles on city streets
- Adding numerous path connections between subdivisions
- Adding center turn lane to Mt. Vernon as well as increasing sidewalk and buffer width, while adding an on-street bike lane or path adjacent to the roadway

Why Dunwoody needs Complete Streets

- Improved safety – promotes measures that calm fast, aggressive drivers and opens the streetscape for increased use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.
- Improved health – increases commuting options beyond driving alone, giving commuters the option to walk or use other modes of transportation, especially for short trips like the mid-day lunch break or the weekend morning coffee stop.
- Improved personal wealth –providing alternate commuting options can lead to significant savings on travel expenses, like gas (current national average of $3.11/gallon) and personal vehicle maintenance.