



Town of Sturbridge

COMPLETE STREETS

WHAT IS A 'COMPLETE STREET'?

- ✘ A Complete Street is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes - walking, biking, transit and vehicles – for people of all ages and abilities.
- ✘ Designing streets with these principles contributes toward the safety, health, economic viability and quality of life in a community by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments. Providing safer, more accessible and comfortable means of travel between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations helps promote more livable communities.

MassDOT Guidance

WHAT MIGHT A COMPLETE STREET LOOK LIKE?



TOWN GOAL FOR 2017

- ✘ Review the Commonwealth's new Complete Street standards and to bring a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration

STEPS IN THE PROCESS

- ✘ Step 1: Conduct Complete Street Training for municipal staff
- ✘ Step 2: The Planning Board would work on a recommended policy to be considered by the Selectmen at a public hearing
- ✘ Step 3: Request grant fund for development of a Complete Street Prioritization Plan

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Traffic & Safety Improvements

- ❖ Pavement markings
- ❖ Reducing corner radius
- ❖ Street lighting improvements
- ❖ New curbing or edging
- ❖ Traffic calming measures

AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS

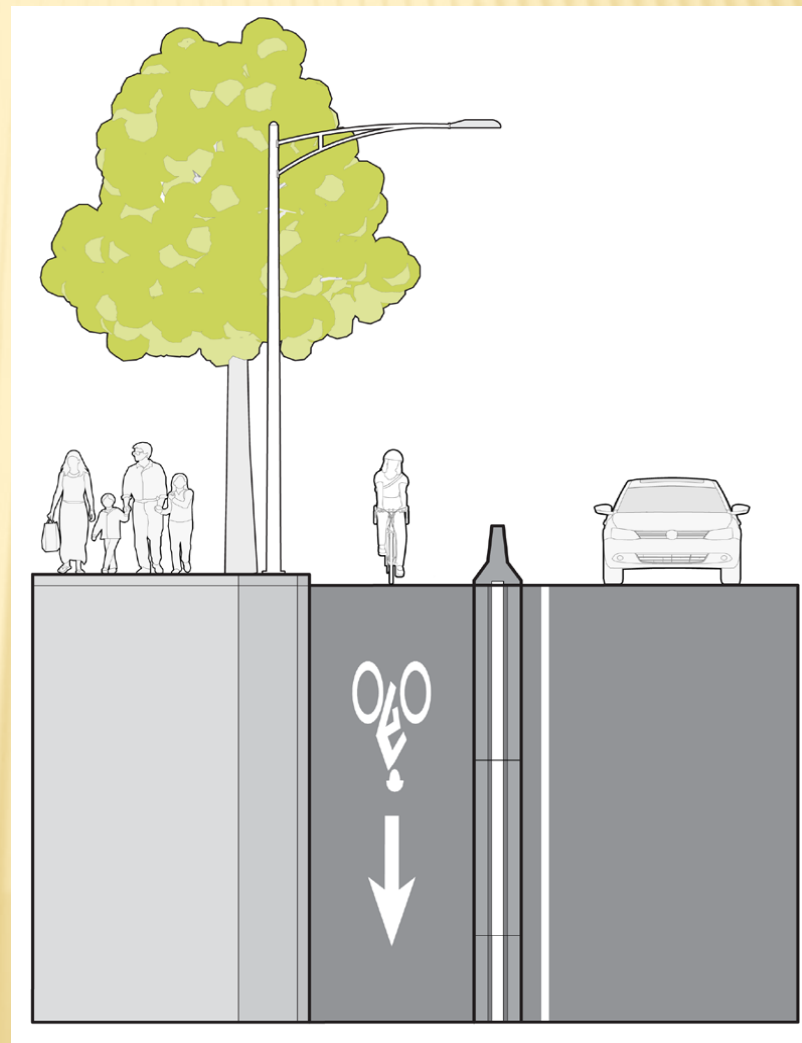
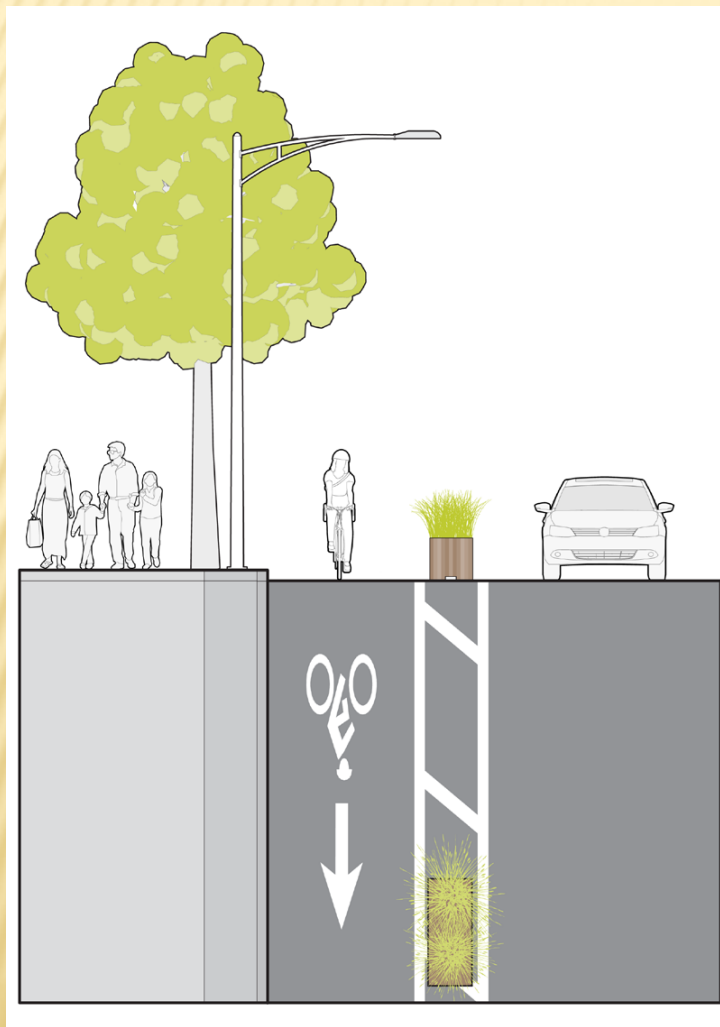


ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Bicycling Facilities

- ❖ Designated bike lanes
- ❖ Bicycle parking fixtures
- ❖ Shared lane markings
- ❖ Elimination of hazards

SAFE SPACES FOR BICYCLES



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Pedestrian facilities

- ❖ Sidewalk repairs or construction
- ❖ ADA improvements to sidewalks
- ❖ Crosswalks
- ❖ Pedestrian signals

SIDEWALK BUFFER ZONE



FUNDING AVAILABLE TO STURBRIDGE

Adopting a complete street policy and embracing the concept would entitle the community to:

- ✓ Up to \$50,000 in technical assistance
- And
- ✓ Up to \$400,000 in construction funding

RECOMMENDATION & NEXT STEPS

- ✘ The DPW, Planning Department & Town Administrator recommend that the Selectmen authorize the Town to move forward with this project.
- ✘ The Planning Board are working on a draft policy for the Selectmen's consideration.
- ✘ The Selectmen schedule a hearing to consider the draft policy.

ANY QUESTIONS???
