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NJDOT announces 2024 Complete Streets Policy update New guidelines to help integrate policy into all NJDOT projects

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Fran O’Connor today announced the adoption of the 2024 Complete Streets Policy update.

The Complete Streets concept is composed of approaches to planning, designing, and operating roadways and rights-of-way with all road users in mind, making the transportation network safer and more efficient.

“New Jersey was a pioneer and nationally recognized for advancing Complete Streets when we first adopted our policy in 2009,” NJDOT Commissioner Fran O’Connor said. “The 2024 Complete Streets Policy update reflects our years of experience and incorporates changes that we believe will fully institutionalize Complete Streets into all of our projects, making New Jersey safer for all roadway users.”

The 2009 Complete Streets Policy required future roadway improvement projects include safe accommodations for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, and the mobility impaired. In addition to adopting this policy for NJDOT-maintained roadways, the Department encouraged counties and municipalities to adopt their own Complete Streets policies for local roads. In 2012, NJDOT developed a Complete Streets Design Manual as a resource to help communities implement Complete Streets.

This revised 2024 policy is designed to provide safe access for all users by integrating Complete Streets into the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of all new, rehabilitated, and retrofitted transportation facilities, public highways, and public transportation projects funded or administered by NJDOT.

This policy reflects our ongoing commitment to communities by accounting for the safety, mobility, and access of all roadway users, including the most vulnerable and underserved. The key components of this new policy include:

- **New Complete Streets Comprehensive Solutions Handbook** that presents procedures for implementing Complete Streets across all project types.
- **New Complete Streets Standard Operating Procedure**
- **New Exemption criteria**
- Updated **Complete Streets Checklists** applicable to specific phases of project delivery

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