

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Complete Streets Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Advisory Board" means the Complete Streets Advisory
8 Board.

9 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

10 "Multimodal" means the various modes of travel or
11 transportation, including travel by motor vehicle, bicycling,
12 and walking.

13 "Multimodal planning" or "multimodal transportation
14 planning" means plans concerning the improvement of the various
15 modes of transportation in terms of safety, access, and
16 mobility for users.

17 "User" or "users" means pedestrians, bicyclists, public
18 transportation vehicles and their passengers, motorists,
19 transporters of commercial goods, persons with disabilities,
20 older adults, and children.

21 Section 10. Transportation planning requirements.

22 (a) Vehicular, public transportation, bicycle, and

1 pedestrian modes of travel are integral to the transportation
2 system, and the Illinois Department of Transportation shall
3 view all transportation improvements as opportunities to
4 improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers.

5 (b) All transportation projects receiving federal or State
6 funds shall work to improve safety, access, and mobility for
7 users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians,
8 bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and their
9 passengers, motorists, transporters of commercial goods,
10 persons with disabilities, older adults, and children.

11 (c) Accommodations for all users shall be included in the
12 planning, design, construction, reconstruction,
13 rehabilitation, maintenance, and operations of any State,
14 county, or local transportation facility receiving funds from
15 the Department. The Department shall aim to create a safe,
16 comprehensive, integrated, and connected network to
17 accommodate all users in a manner that is suitable to the
18 rural, suburban, or urban context.

19 (d) The Department shall use the latest and best design
20 standards as applied to bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and
21 highway facilities, including the latest editions of the
22 following resources:

23 (1) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and
24 Streets;

25 (2) Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context
26 Sensitive Approach: An ITE Recommended Practice;

- 1 (3) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities;
- 2 (4) Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of
- 3 Pedestrian Facilities;
- 4 (5) Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines; or
- 5 (6) other relevant State, federal, or local
- 6 guidelines.

7 (e) The Department may provide assistance to and coordinate

8 with local and regional agencies in developing and implementing

9 complementary Complete Streets Initiative policies. In the

10 development of projects within municipal boundaries, the

11 Department and the municipality shall share expertise in

12 multimodal transportation planning.

13 (f) The Department shall modify its procedures, documents,

14 training systems, and performance measures in a timely manner

15 to ensure that the needs of all users of the transportation

16 system are included in all phases of all projects. The

17 Department shall create an implementation plan, including a

18 schedule and a public, local, or regional government outreach

19 plan, in consultation with the Advisory Board.

20 (g) The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) concerning

21 facilities shall not be required if the Department determines,

22 with respect to a highway, road, or street, that:

- 23 (1) use of the transportation facility by pedestrians,
- 24 bicyclists, or other users is prohibited by law;
- 25 (2) the cost of new accommodation would be excessively
- 26 disproportionate to the need or probable use; or

1 (3) there is a demonstrated absence of future need as
2 determined by factors, including current and future land
3 use, current and projected user volumes, population
4 density, and crash data.

5 (h) The Department shall consult local and regional plans
6 and leaders in assessing any further necessary exceptions to
7 the provisions of this Section.

8 (i) Documentation on any granted exemption shall be made
9 publicly available and shared with the Advisory Board.

10 (j) This Section applies to transportation projects for
11 which a preliminary design has been completed on or after
12 September 1, 2017.

13 Section 15. Advisory Board.

14 (a) There is created the Complete Streets Advisory Board
15 within the Department for the following purposes:

16 (1) providing education and advice to counties,
17 municipalities, interest groups, and the public concerning
18 safety, access, and mobility across the various modes of
19 transportation; and

20 (2) making recommendations to the Department on
21 restructuring procedures, updating design guidance,
22 providing education opportunities to employees, and
23 establishing new measures to track success in multimodal
24 planning and design.

25 (b) The members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by

1 the Governor and shall include the following members:

2 (1) one representative from the Department;

3 (2) one representative from the Illinois Department of
4 Health;

5 (3) one licensed engineer with expertise in
6 transportation;

7 (4) one representative from the Illinois Chapter of the
8 American Planning Association;

9 (5) one representative from the Illinois County
10 Association;

11 (6) one representative from the Illinois Municipal
12 League;

13 (7) one representative from the Illinois Office of
14 AARP;

15 (8) one representative from an organization advocating
16 bicycling as a mode of travel;

17 (9) one representative from an organization advocating
18 walking as a mode of travel;

19 (10) one representative from an organization
20 representing persons with disabilities;

21 (11) one representative from an automobile or trucking
22 transport organization;

23 (12) one representative from an organization
24 advocating on behalf of children; and

25 (13) any other interested party as determined by the
26 Governor.

1 (c) Members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed to a
2 term of 4 years and shall serve without compensation.

3 (d) The Advisory Board, in coordination with a
4 representative or representatives of the Department, shall
5 prepare a report on the status of the implementation of the
6 Complete Streets Initiative as outlined in Section 10 of this
7 Act. The report shall include the following information:

8 (1) a summary of specific actions taken by the
9 Department in the preceding year to improve safety, access,
10 and mobility of roadways for all users;

11 (2) any identified statutory recommendations to
12 facilitate implementation of the Complete Streets
13 Initiative;

14 (3) modifications made to or recommended for
15 protocols, guidance, standards, or other requirements to
16 facilitate implementation of the Complete Streets
17 Initiative;

18 (4) the status of the development of multimodal
19 performance indicators;

20 (5) information collected from agencies on the
21 percentage of trips made by foot, bicycle, and public
22 transportation, together with the target level of the use
23 of these modes;

24 (6) crash statistics by mode, age, type, location, and
25 other relevant factors; and

26 (7) other related information that may be requested by

1 the Governor.

2 (e) The Advisory Board shall submit its initial report and
3 recommendations to the Governor, the Department, and the
4 General Assembly on or before January 1, 2021, and annually on
5 January 1 of each subsequent year.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.