

Complete Streets: A Part of AARP's Mobility Agenda

COMPLETE STREETS IN USA

- More than 152 states and localities have adopted Complete Streets policies
- 50% of adults over 50 reported they cannot safely cross main roads close to their homes
- By 2025, one in four drivers will be age 65 or older
- Communities need to begin retrofitting their infrastructure now to be ready for the age wave

Is Louisiana prepared?

Louisiana's 65+ population is projected to grow 81% in the next 20 years.

Louisiana needs streets designed to be:

- Safe, convenient and accessible
- For travel by automobile,
- Foot, bicycle and transit,
- Regardless of age or ability.

WHY LOUISIANA?

- Increase safety and availability of older adults' travel options
- Get residents out for physical activity—improve our poor health rankings
- Connect neighborhoods, towns and cities
- Help residents age in place

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- AARP's Livable Communities Council made CS its top priority for 2009-2010
- Formed Complete Streets Advocacy Team that introduced legislation in 2010 supporting DOTD's internal policy changes
- Focused on incremental changes to existing statutes
- HB 1137 passed House and Senate with 41 co-authors

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- New DOTD Secretary LeBas signed internal Complete Streets policy
- Also passed HB 1125 authorizing “Share the Road” specialty license tag
- Proceeds will go to the Louisiana Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Fund to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety

THE ROAD AHEAD

- Advocacy Team planning now for 2011 legislative session
- Continuing to add advocacy team partners
- Focusing on supporting MPOs
- Scheduling Complete Streets Week in October with walkability audits in several cities
- Designing “Share the Road” license tag
- Inviting Congressional co-sponsors for national Complete Streets legislation

