

# Complete Streets at Caltrans

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# Complete Streets at Caltrans

## PLANNING & MODAL PROGRAMS

- Plans and tools to identify location based complete streets needs
- Active Transportation Program (ATP) & local agency technical assistance

## PROJECT DELIVERY

- Design Guidance, training and asset management for complete streets facilities



## MAINTENANCE, TRAFFIC OPERATIONS & SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Training & Guidance for maintenance of complete streets facilities.
- Active transportation data & Mobility Hub development
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety needs on SHS

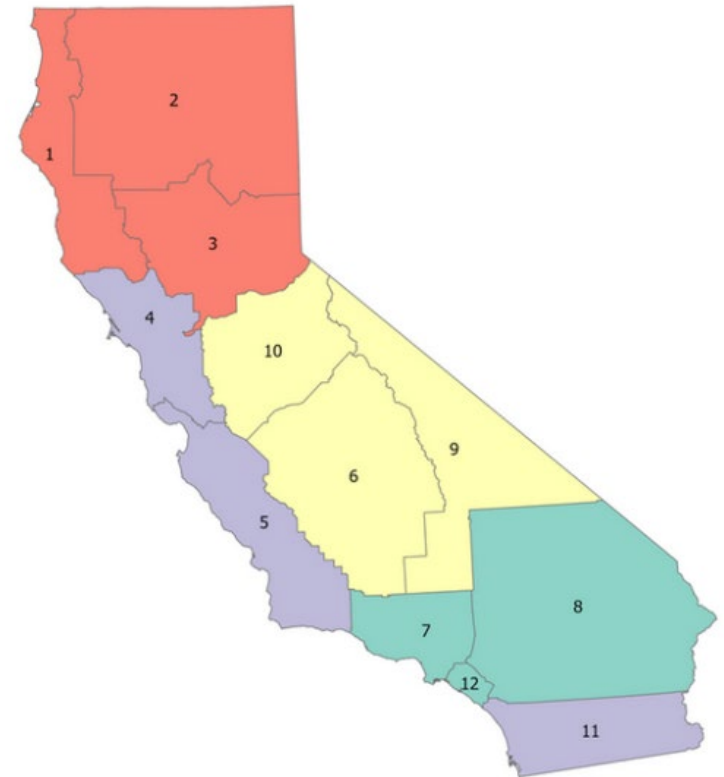
## DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

- Strategic policy, tracking, and reporting of departmental complete streets goals

# District Complete Streets Coordinators

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- Every District has a Complete Streets (CS) Coordinator
- District CS Coordinators key roles and responsibilities:
  - Collaborate with Project Development Teams (PDTs)
  - Early planning, initiation, and development
  - Assist asset managers
  - Complete Streets Decision Documents (CSDDs)
  - Assist with local agency projects
  - Partner with local and regional stakeholders



# Caltrans Key Policies

## Director's Policy 36

### Road Safety

**Zero** fatalities + serious injuries by **2050**



**Safety first**  
mindset

**Eliminate**  
race, age,  
ability, and  
mode-based  
**disparities**

## Director's Policy 37

### Complete Streets

*"All transportation projects funded or overseen by Caltrans will provide comfortable, convenient, and connected **Complete Streets facilities** for people walking, biking, and taking transit or passenger rail unless an exception is documented and approved."*

## Director's Policy 22

### Context Sensitive Solutions

The Department applies **Context Sensitive Solutions**, a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach that balances community, environmental, and transportation needs with safety, performance, and regulatory requirements in planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining transportation systems.



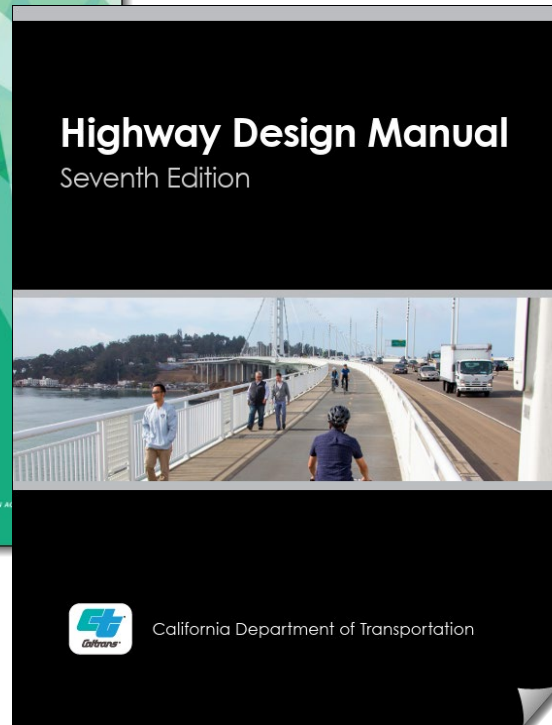
# Caltrans Key Plans



- Caltrans Strategic Plan
- California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050
- 2024-25 Complete Streets Action Plan (CSAP)
- Caltrans State Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (SBPP)
- Caltrans Active Transportation Plan (CAT Plans)
- Road Safety Action Plan

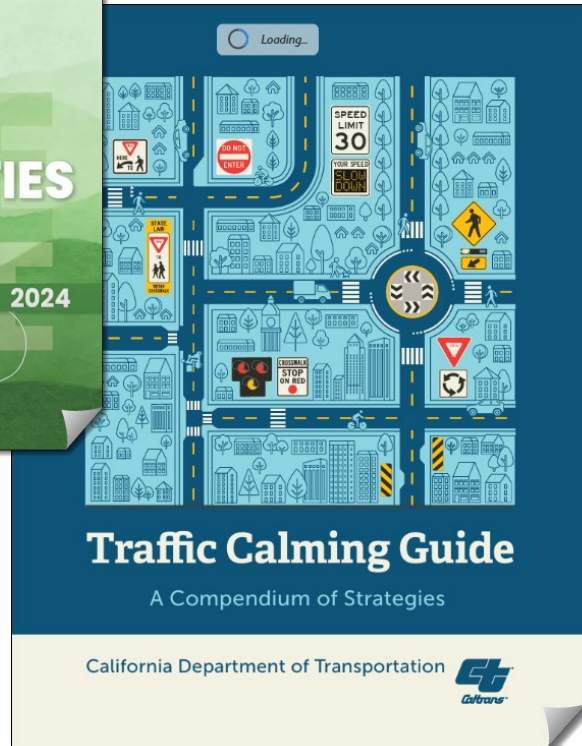
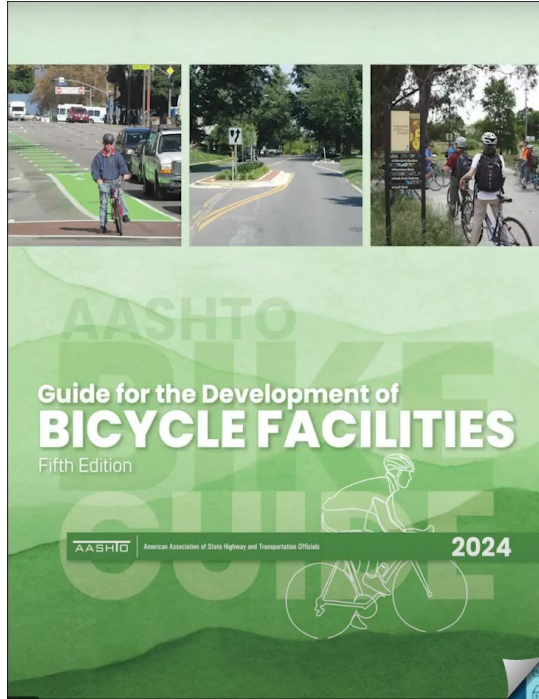


# Manuals & Guidance for State Highways



Document	Must Use	May Use
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CA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)	<b>X</b>	
Highway Design Manual (HDM)	<b>X</b>	
Highway Design Manual (HDM) Bikeway Guidance	<b>X</b>	
Design Information Bulletin (DIB 94)		<b>X</b>
<b>Guidance</b>		
Traffic Calming Guide		<b>X</b>
Main Street Guide		<b>X</b>
Smart Mobility Framework Implementation		<b>X</b>
Complete Streets Intersections Guide		<b>X</b>
AASHTO Bikeway Guide		<b>X</b>
NACTO Bikeway Guide		<b>X</b>

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# Key State Legislation

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- AB 1358 **California Complete Streets Act** (2008)
- SB 743 **CEQA Reform for VMT** (2013)
- AB 43 **Traffic Safety** (2021)
- SB 695 **Highway Transparency Act** (2024)
- SB 960 **Complete Streets Bill** (2024)
- SB 1216 **Class III Bikeways** (2024)



# Key Federal Legislation

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- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** (1990)
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) / Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)** (2021)
- **Complete Streets Act of 2021** (H.R. 1289) (2021)





# Funding Sources for CS Projects

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## State

- Active Transportation Program (ATP)
- Solutions for Congested Corridor Programs (SCCP)
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

## Caltrans

- State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)
- Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP)
- Highway Maintenance (HM)

[\\*Additional Active Transportation Funding Programs](#)

# Complete Streets Development Phases

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# Planning Phases

PLANNING & K-PHASE

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Pre-K | Pre-PID

K Phase | PID

Which need can we coordinate, group and prioritize?

What are community transportation priorities?

What are specific features (road diets, crosswalks, etc.) to be included?

# Project Delivery Phases

PAED, PS&E

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0 Phase | PAED

1 Phase | PSE

What are the pros/  
cons of different  
project alternatives  
and design options?

Finalize project  
details and  
dimensions and  
select materials



# Construction Phase

CONSTRUCTION

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3 Phase | Con

Inform  
public of  
detours and  
access

# Committees Involved in Complete Streets Topics

*Shaping Design & Influencing Change in CS*

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Equity Advisory Committee



California Traffic Control Device  
Committee (CTCDC)



District Bicycle & Pedestrian  
Advisory Committees (BPAC)



California Walk Bike Technical  
Advisory Committee



Design Guidance Advisory  
Committee

# EAC Engagement Opportunities & Discussion

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- Advise on Caltrans complete streets policies, plans, and priorities
- Help strengthen equity within complete streets implementation
  - Engagement Guidance
  - Equitable Funding
- Near term opportunities –
  - State Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
  - District & Statewide Transit Plans
- Should complete streets items be discussed at the full EAC or at EAC subcommittees?







# Resources Available

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[2024-25 Complete Streets Action Plan \(CSAP\)](#)

[California Transportation Plan \(CTP\) 2050](#)

[Caltrans State Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan \(SBPP\)](#)

[Caltrans Active Transportation Plan \(CAT Plans\)](#)

[Caltrans 2024-28 Strategic Plan](#)

[Road Safety Action Plan](#)

Complete Streets Hub – Coming soon!



A group of cyclists are riding along a wide, paved path in a park-like setting. The path is lined with tall, black lampposts on the left side. In the background, there are lush green trees and a building with a distinctive yellow tower. The scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day. The cyclists are wearing various gear, including helmets and jerseys, and are riding in a line.

# Thank you!

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