

Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

Complete Streets Design Guide

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Agenda

1. What are Complete Streets?
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What are Complete Streets?



Purpose of the Complete Streets Design Guide

The Complete Streets Design Guide will:

- Provide an approach to road design that considers the location, intended use, and surrounding property uses (is there a school near by, are there businesses along the road, etc.) while considering various elements such as accessibility, transit, pedestrian spaces, cycling, motor vehicles, utilities and municipal services, green infrastructure and curbside management;
- Define clear street typologies with design objectives and considerations for each;
- Develop cross-sections for each street typology to update the City of Guelph Linear Infrastructure Standards (LIS); and
- Adapt a Multi-modal Level of Service approach for application in Guelph.

Engagement Activities to Date

Two Complete Streets Design Guide Workshops have been held to date:

Workshop 1: External Organizations and Advisory Committees of Council
Date: May 24th, 2023

Workshop 2: Community Focus Group and Advisory Committees of Council
Date: May 25th, 2023

Advisory Committees of Council invited to Workshops include:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Natural Heritage Advisory Committee
- Planning Advisory Committee
- Transit Advisory Committee

What we heard:

- Accessibility should be prioritized above all other objectives
- Utilizing mobility devices in the downtown can be challenging due to placement and number of garbage containers
- Since Complete Streets include transit stops, important to make sure all stops are accessible
- Some sidewalks in the City are not as accessible as they should be
- Snow removal on sidewalks should be prioritized
- Would like to see inclusion of Green Infrastructure in the project Objectives

Vision

“Provide policy and design guidance on the planning, design, and operation of Guelph's street network to reflect the priorities of the Transportation Master Plan: to move people of all ages, abilities, and modes of transportation anywhere in the city.”

Objectives

- Prioritize **accessibility** for people of all ages and abilities
- Develop a **multi-modal transportation system**
- Provide **options** that improve the attractiveness of sustainable modes
- Create **safe and welcoming streets**
- Ensure transportation is **efficient, convenient, and connected** for all modes

Draft Recommendations of the CSDG (1 of 2)

- Recommend including sidewalks on both sides of local streets, even with limited width
- Design streets for a target speed – where posted speeds align with design speed.
- Consider 30-40km/h target speeds in certain contexts
- Identify a list of transit amenities and priority measures that could be applied towards existing and future transit stops.
- Create new standards for cycling facilities with physical separation, moving away from on-street, unprotected bike lanes.



Draft Recommendations of the CSDG (2 of 2)

- Identify cross-section alternatives to curb-adjacent sidewalks along constrained corridors
- Review and adapt vertical deflection techniques and emerging technologies for traffic calming measures
- Integrate equity into the CSDG evaluation and prioritization tools, including the procedure for design exceptions;
- Consider the needs of people with disabilities in the development of design objectives, cross sections, and intersections, particularly in areas where streetscaping elements are desired.



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Questions for the AAC

The first objective of the Complete Streets Design Guide is to prioritize accessibility. It is important to note that Complete Streets are often about trade-offs and compromise about what can fit in the road right-of-way.

1. Do the Vision, Objectives and Recommendations **clearly prioritize accessibility**?
2. From your perspective, **is anything missing** from the Vision, Objectives and Recommendations?
3. Do you support/agree with the drafted recommendations?

Recommended Motion

Motion: That the AAC supports the draft Vision, Objectives and Recommendations of the Complete Streets Design Guide.

Next Steps / Project Timeline

- Engagement workshops (completed) – May 24/25, 2023
- AAC-specific engagement – June 20, 2023
- Internal staff workshop – June 27, 2023
- Discussion with external agencies (such as CNIB) – July 2023
- Back to AAC – August 2023
 - Presentation of draft street typology cross-sections.
- Finalized Complete Streets Design Guide – October 2023
- CSDG To Council estimated date – January 2024
 - Delegation opportunity (Register through City Clerk’s Office)

Thank You!

Feel free to contact the project manager with any additional questions or comments.

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The team will be back in the summer to share proposed typology cross sections.

