City of New Haven

Complete Streets
creating safer roadways that improve livability and foster economic growth

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How it happened in New Haven

- Community Commitment to:
  - Sustainable Transportation
  - Traffic Safety

- The Tipping Point

  April 19, 2008 – Yale Medical student Mila Rainof struck and killed while crossing South Frontage Road

  June 4, 2008 – 11 year-old Gabrielle Lee killed in a hit and run while crossing Whalley Avenue
Community Response

Tragedies Galvanized and United the Community

• Formation of the New Haven Safe Street Coalition
  » Residents
  » Civic Leaders
  » City Officials
  » Community Organizations
  » Yale University

• Goals
  » Improve Traffic Safety
  » Accelerate the Pace of Change
  » Coordinate Efforts Across the Community
The “Complete Streets” movement provides safe and convenient user access and more choices for transportation modes, and it has become a major tool for planning to improve communities. This new program rethinks the physical design of streets to make New Haven more livable and appealing to all residents.
The Complete Streets Program

Four Major Components:

I. **Enforcement:**
   Traffic Enforcement Campaign

II. **Education:**
    Street Smarts Program

III. **Public Participation:**
    Public Input Process

IV. **Engineering:**
    Complete Streets Manual
Street Smarts
Pedestrian, Bicycle Motorist Campaign

- Began in 2008
  - Smart Driver
  - Smart Cyclist
  - Smart Walker
Supporting the Guiding Principles

- Safety / Slow Vehicle Speeds
- Connectivity
- Environment
- Livability
- Context
- Equity
- Economic Development
- Aesthetics
Smart Streets!

Promoting Safety

Reconstruction & Redevelopment Projects
- Quinnipiac Avenue
- Whalley Avenue
- Farmington Canal Greenway
- Front Street
- Quinnipiac Terrace
- HOPE VI
- West Rock
- Hope VI
- Comprehensive Signal Upgrade

Traffic Calming
- Canner Street
- Front Street
- Woodward Avenue
- Vista Terrace
- Edwards & Livingston
- Ella Grasso Boulevard (10)
- Chapel Street
- Edgewood Way
- River Street

Bike / Ped Enhancements
- Orange Street
- Yale Avenue
- East Grand Avenue
- Sherman Avenue
- Citywide SLM implementation*
- Gateway Community College Signals (Bike Box)*
- Union Avenue Bike Station / ped enhancements
- City Hall Bike Station
- Citywide Bike Rack Installations / Meter Conversion
- Citywide In-road ped. signs
- Downtown ped-countdown signals

Safe Routes to School
- Bishop Woods (Quinnipiac Avenue)
- Fair Haven Middle School (Grand Avenue)

Road Diet Sections
- George Street
- Chapel Street
- Orange Street
Current Initiatives

- Signal Progression
- Improving walkability
  - Pedestrian Signals
  - In-road signs
- Bicycle Facilities
- Transit Congestion
- Bus Stop Enhancements
- Bike Lanes
- Red Light Camera’s
- Parking Management
- Cycle Track
- Car and Bike Sharing
Thank You!

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