

# Measuring Our Complete Streets Policy

2016-2018 Complete Streets Review Summary | Indianapolis MPO

## Introduction

In 2014, the Indianapolis MPO adopted its own Complete Streets Policy to review road construction projects and promote multi-modal transportation efforts. From 2016-2018, MPO staff has evaluated all proposed projects under the complete streets policy, including projects exempt from policy compliance. This document will summarize the complete streets compliance of both nonexempt and exempt road construction projects recommended for funding between 2016-2018.

## How does the complete streets policy fit into the MPO’s project funding process?

Local Public Agencies (LPAs) apply for funding from the MPO through an application process. Applications (1) describe the project, (2) provide project justification, and (3) provide a cost estimate. MPO staff review projects to determine whether they are compliant with the policy.

The complete streets policy requires that Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) projects within the urbanized area (UZA) include a sidewalk, multi-use path, or bike lane on at least one side of each proposed street. Exceptions are described in the policy and may be granted as appropriate; MPO staff review some exceptions and a Complete Streets Task Force reviews others. Projects applying for Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) or Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding are exempt from the policy at this time.

## How have projects complied with the policy in recent years?

From 2016-2018, 88 projects were recommended for funding, and 45 were nonexempt from the policy (45 were in the STBG/TAP funding categories; 43 were in HSIP and CMAQ).

Recommended & Required to Comply	
<b>45</b>	<b>Total Projects</b>
37	Comply with Policy
8	Exception (not new or reconstruction, or transit vehicles purchase)

Proposed Added Assets	
11.45 miles	New Sidewalk Length
17.67 miles	New Multi-Use Path Length
1 mile	New Cycle Track
106	New Crosswalks
497	ADA Accessible Ramps

## Other info about 2016-2018 recommended/required projects

Below is an inventory of the project types and amount of existing or new facilities proposed with the 45 recommended projects required to comply with the Complete Streets Policy. Some projects may have multiple new facilities types or both new and existing facilities, which is why the number of facilities is greater than the total amount of projects.

Project Type	
1	Roadway New Construction
5	Roadway Reconstruction/Rehab
4	Roadway Capacity Expansion
6	Intersections
13	Bridge Rehab/Replace
16	Pedestrian / Bicycle / Transit

Facility Types	
25	Existing Sidewalk or Multi-Use Path
5	New Sidewalk (one side)
6	New Sidewalk (both sides)
15	New Multi-Use Path (one side)
4	New Multi-Use Path (both side)
8	Exception (not new or reconstruction, or transit vehicles purchased)
2	Cycle Track (one side)

## Other info about all 2016-2018 submitted projects

From 2016-2018, MPO staff evaluated all submitted projects to identify trends, if any, towards more proposed complete streets development. The following summarizes the compliance status for recommended and proposed projects, regardless if they were nonexempt (STBG/TAP) or exempt (HSIP/CMAQ) from complying with the Complete Street Policy, as well as an inventory of existing and proposed facilities for all recommended projects. Some projects may have multiple new facilities types or both new and existing facilities, which is why the number of facilities is greater than the total amount of all recommended projects.

Overall Compliance by Category for <u>All Submitted Projects (219)</u>	
	Total
Complies with Policy	168
Probable Exception	1
Further Investigation Necessary / Non-Compliant	13
Not applicable for Policy Review	37

Compliance by Category for <u>All Recommended Projects (88)</u>	
	Total
Complies with Policy	57
Probable Exception	2
Further Investigation Necessary / Non-Compliant	3
Not applicable for Policy Review	26

Facility Types for <u>All Recommended Projects</u>	2016	2017	2018
Existing Sidewalk or Multi-Use Path	6	16	9
New Sidewalk (one side)	2	2	2
New Sidewalk (both sides)	1	5	6
New Multi-Use Path	10	19	3
New Cycle Track	0	1	1
Probable Exception	1	0	1
Non-Compliant based on the project information submitted	1	2	0
Exception from Policy Review	8	8	10