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2025 COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM UPDATE

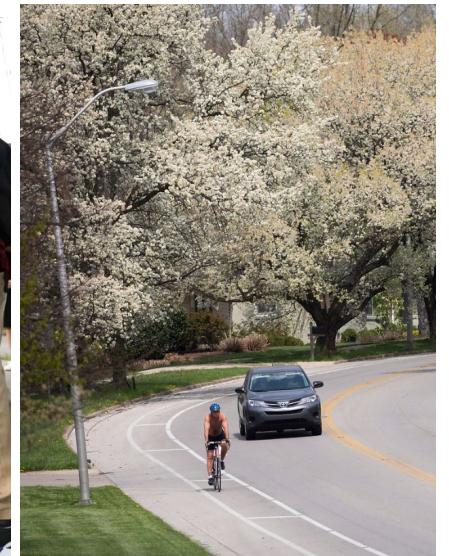
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RETHINKING OUR STREETS

- Our street network is a significant public asset serving many important roles in our daily lives.
- Streets are essential to a thriving community – when designed well, they support our local businesses, encourage healthy lifestyles, and create safer, more connected communities.





RETHINKING OUR STREETS

- Streets are not always used to their fullest potential as shared public spaces. We have opportunities to make them work better for us – all of us.
- **Rethinking how we design and use them is a critical next step.**



Images from Dangerous By Design





A PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUE

We often don't frame roadway design as a public health and safety issue – but it absolutely is.

Roadway fatalities are one of the leading causes of death in Lexington, ranking below major health issues like heart disease and cancer, but exceeding deaths from homicide and violent crime





OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

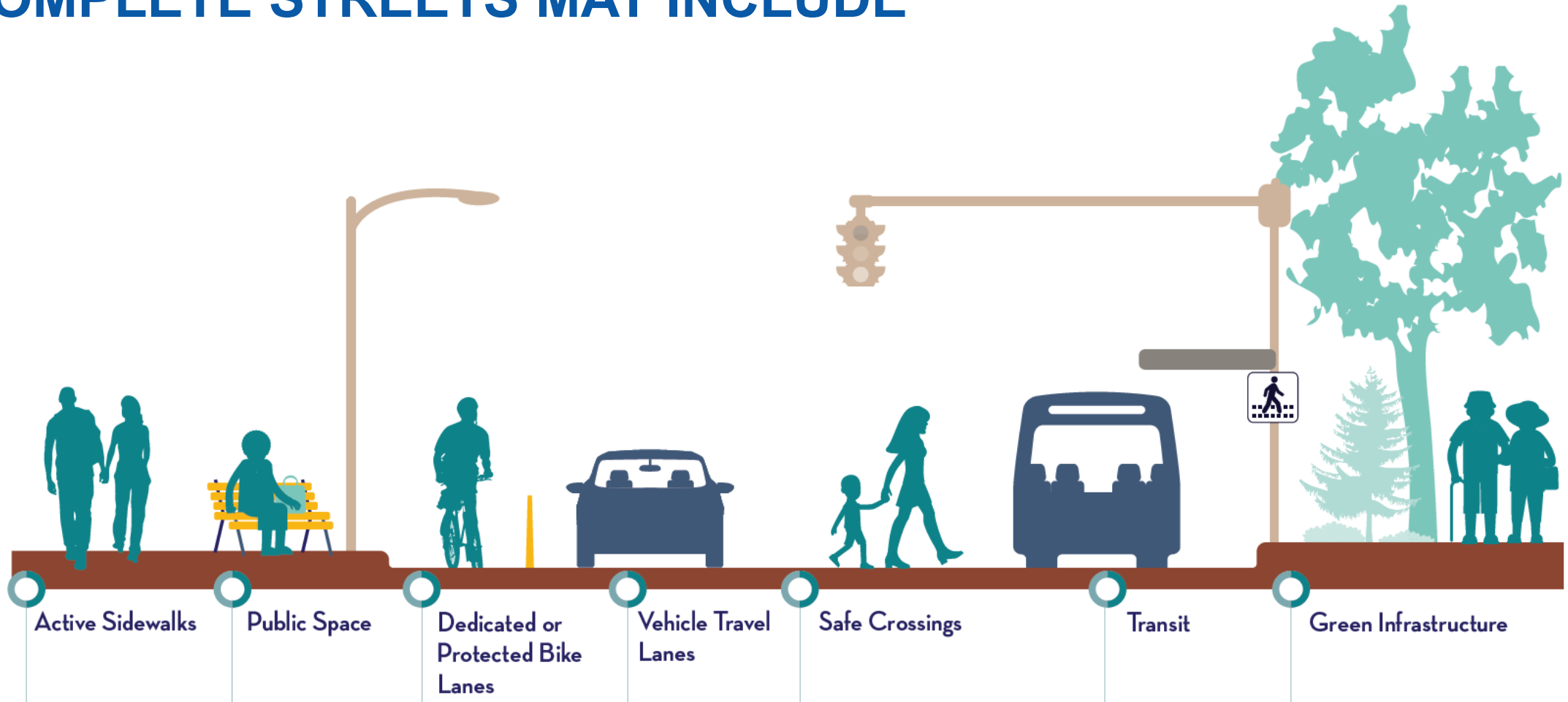
Complete Streets is LFUCG's commitment to design, build, operate, and maintain roads that:

- **Slow speeds** where needed – especially in areas with high foot traffic – saves lives.
- **Improve intersections and crossings** – where most crashes often occur – to make it easier for people to navigate and reduce risks for collisions.
- **Ensure everyone can travel safely**, including drivers, walkers, bikers, and transit users of all ages and abilities





COMPLETE STREETS MAY INCLUDE





RECENT PROGRESS



POLICY: The Complete Streets policy was adopted in December 2022

- It applies to all transportation projects throughout the county —whether new construction, major reconstruction, or routine maintenance.

ACTION PLAN: The Complete Streets Action Plan was published in December 2023 by the appointed advisory committee

- A collaborative effort with an emphasis on stakeholder and community input in plan development.





LEXINGTON'S ACTION PLAN

- The Complete Streets Action Plan is a **roadmap for LFUCG** to plan, design, build, and maintain streets that are safer and more accessible for all users.
- **Designed as a practical to-do list**, the plan outlines high-priority actions for the first three years and sets a clear timeline to guide implementation.
- While **transforming every street will take time and ongoing investment**, this plan ensures we make progress with every project and opportunity that comes our way.





ACTION PLAN TASKS & TIMELINE

Plan tasks are divided into four categories (39 total tasks):

Plan, Prioritize, &
Measure Progress

Design & Construction

Operations &
Maintenance

Safety



Each task description includes:

Intent & Desired Outcome

Deliverable & Target Completion Date

Lead Division & Supporting
Divisions



This plan is intended to be a dynamic, evolving to-do list
regularly updated to stay responsive to changing needs





ACTION PLAN UPDATE BY THE NUMBERS

Plan Recommendations:		2025 Implementation Update
TODAY		
YEAR 1	8 tasks proposed	7 started
YEAR 2	21 tasks proposed	2 completed 7 started 5 planned start in FY26
YEAR 3	7 tasks proposed	0 tasks started
STAFF	2 New Positions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Streets Coordinator• Vision Zero Coordinator	2 Positions FILLED <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Streets Coordinator, October 2024• Vision Zero Coordinator, March 2025
COORD.	7 Coordinating Entities	1 Internal Advisory Committee Created <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly coordination meetings started in 2025





IMPLEMENTATION IS A TEAM SPORT

Implementing LFUCG's Complete Streets Policy will be carried out cooperatively both within and across LFUCG Divisions and Departments and, in coordination with private developers, state, regional, and federal agencies.





CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED



Stakeholder & Public Engagement : Early relationship building is key; aligning diverse groups around shared goals can be challenging – it's human nature to resist change



Aspirational Timeline : The initial timeline was ambitious; in practice, progress is slower to ensure proper coordination – what we are doing is foundational for decades ahead.



Infrastructure & Data Gaps : Ongoing assessments highlight areas needing further exploration and development – remember this is a living document.



Federal Priorities Shift : Changes in federal administration have led to delays in starting some projects and uncertainty around certain federal programs – putting emphasis on focusing locally



Uncertainty & Growing Pains : As with any new initiative, there will be unforeseen challenges and growing pains along the way.





LAYING THE FOUNDATION

Work Started in 2024

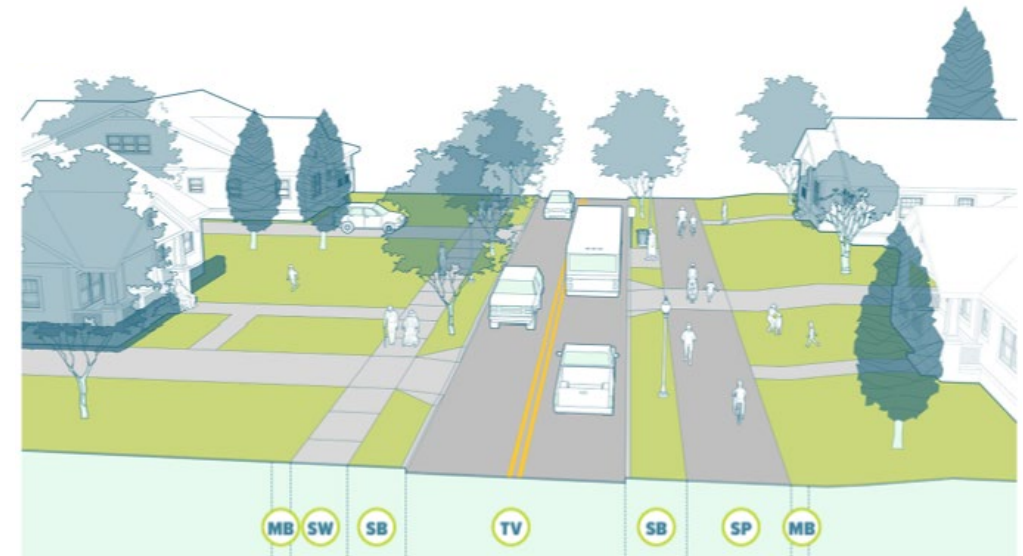
- Complete Streets Design Manual
- Baseline Performance Measures
- Vision Zero Policy Development
- Coordinating Capital Projects
- Coordinating with broader city initiatives





DESIGN MANUAL

- Created for staff, developers, and others shaping safer and more accessible complete streets.
- Designed to be user-friendly and comprehensive.
- Sets clear design and engineering standards that complement existing regulations.
- Outlines goals for both new development and retrofitting existing roads.
- It recognizes our community's diverse contexts – not a one size fits all approach.

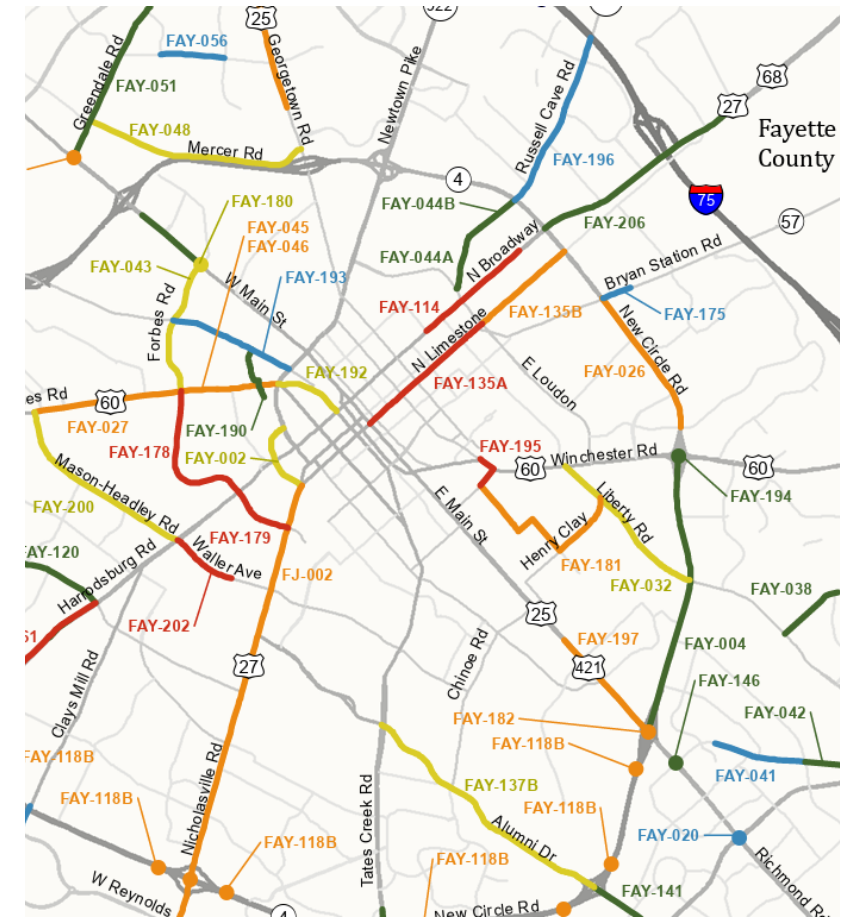


**Example Diagrams from Montgomery County, Maryland Complete Streets Design Guide, May 2024*



BASELINE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Establishing a baseline to assess the current state of Lexington's street network
- Developing a comprehensive GIS database of the existing street and intersection network
 - Street layer alone will include approx. 15,000 segments
 - Additional GIS layers to be created to evaluate intersections
- Framework allows evaluation across various parameters and thresholds—designed to evolve over time





Progress on policy implementation will be reported every two years, with the first report expected in 2026.

Key performance measures include:

- Updates to policies, procedures, and design guidelines
- Staff training on Complete Streets principles
- Initiation or completion of Complete Streets projects
- Community engagement on project design and prioritization
- Construction of sidewalks, bike facilities, and transit infrastructure
- Projects addressing ADA compliance and green infrastructure
- Analysis of sidewalk availability by roadway classification and speed limit





VISION ZERO POLICY

- LFUCG policy drafted & coming before Council soon
- LexArea MPO adopted Vision Zero Policy April 2023
- What is Vision Zero?
 - A community goal to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
 - Data-driven and proactive approach focused on designing safer streets, lowering speeds, and promoting responsible behavior.
 - Recognizes human mistakes but ensures streets and policies reduce severe consequences.



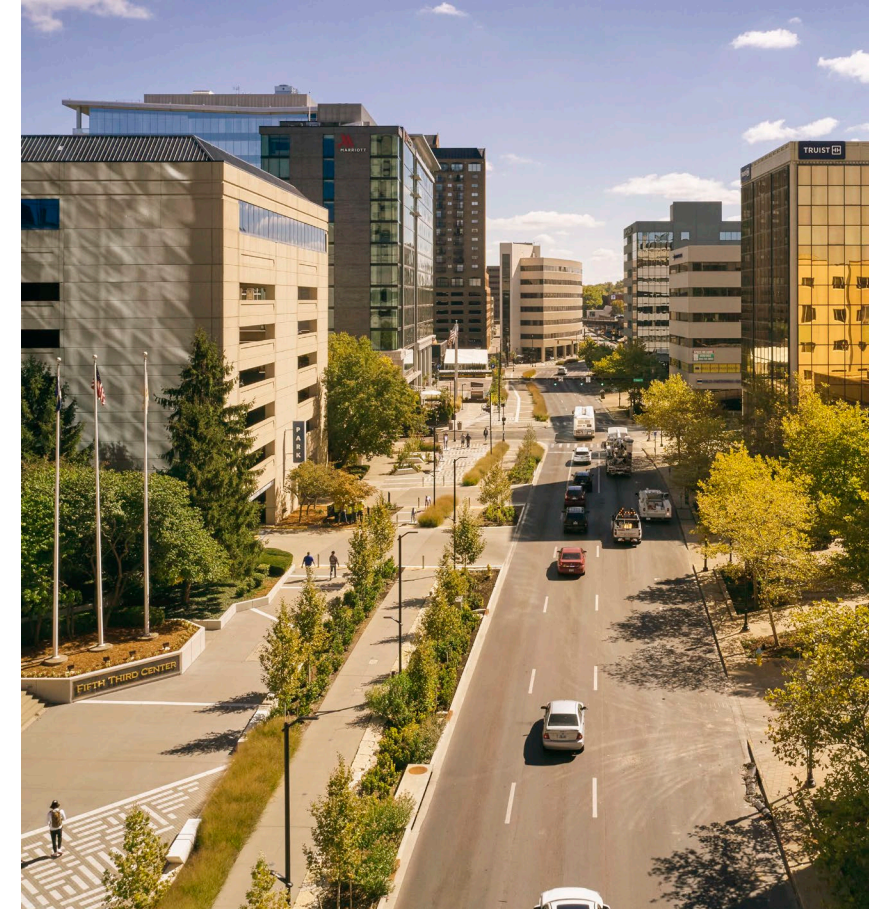
** Diagram from Miami Dade County, Florida, Vision Zero website*





COORDINATING WITH BROADER INITIATIVES

- Greenways Master Plan (Environ. Serv.)
- Downtown Master Plan (Planning)
- Vision Zero (MPO/Planning/Eng/Traffic)
- Infrastructure Funding Plan (Planning/EQPW/Finance)
- StrEEETs Work Group (Council Offices)
- Community Opportunity Assessment (Mayor's Office)
- 10-Min Walk Campaign (Parks & Rec)
- Neigh. Traffic Management Program (Traffic)
- Statewide Complete Streets (KYTC)





LOOKING AHEAD



- Modal Priority Corridor Plan* *Planning/Mayor's Office*
- Design Manual Adoption & Trainings* *Planning/Mayor's Office*
- Public Engagement & Education* *Planning/MPO/PIE/Mayor's Office/Council*
- Approach for organizational implementation structure* *Mayor's Office*
- Corridor Land Use & Transportation Plan: Winchester Rd* *MPO*
- Corridor Capital Improvement Projects * *Engineering*
- Sidewalk Capital Improvement Projects * *Engineering*
- Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Review * *Traffic*
- Pilot Projects and Case Studies * *Planning/Traffic/Mayor's Office/Council*
- Zoning Ordinance and Policy Amendments
- Coordination with Community Entities
- Staff Training * *MO/Planning/Eng/Traffic*





Complete Streets is an investment in our people & our future.

It focuses on safer, more connected, & inviting streets where everyone in Lexington can walk, bike, drive, & gather.

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Questions?



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