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Subject: Complete Streets Language Included in Chairman Oberstar's Transportation White Paper



**Complete Streets Language Included in Chairman Oberstar's
 Transportation White Paper**

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House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman James Oberstar (MN) released a white paper on Thursday, outlining the Surface Transportation Authorization Act of 2009. ASLA is pleased to announce that the "blueprint" includes complete streets policies, ensuring that roadways are built with the needs of all users in mind by requiring: "that States and metropolitan regions consider comprehensive street design principles. Comprehensive street design takes into account the needs of all users, including motorists, motorcyclists, transit riders, cyclists, pedestrians, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities." Additionally, the blueprint announces the creation of the Office of Livability within the U.S. DOT, which will focus on transportation planning and design techniques to create livable and environmentally sustainable communities. Despite U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Ray LaHood's announcement that the Obama Administration wants to seek an 18-month extension of the current surface transportation bill, Chairman Oberstar hopes to finalize the legislation by the September 30 deadline. The section of the paper regarding complete streets policies reads:

The Office of Livability will establish a focal point within FHWA to advance environmentally sustainable modes of transportation, including transit, walking, and bicycling. This Office will encourage integrated planning, linking land use and transportation planning, to support the creation of livable communities. To ensure that roadways are built with the needs of all users in mind, the Surface Transportation Authorization Act requires that States and metropolitan regions consider comprehensive street design principles. Comprehensive street design takes into account the needs of all users, including motorists, motorcyclists, transit riders, cyclists, pedestrians, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. Comprehensive street design principles are not prescriptive, do not mandate any particular design elements, and result in greatly varied facilities, depending on the specific needs of the community in which they are located.

Click [here](#) to view the complete version of Chairman Oberstar's Surface Transportation Authorization Act of 2009, Blueprint for Investment and Reform Executive Summary.

Thank you for your persistent advocacy for Complete Streets. We are pleased to see that

the extensive efforts of the Society have really paid off.

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Subject: Support Complete Streets Today!

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Support Complete Streets Today!

Take Action!

Ask Your Representatives and Senators to Become a Complete Streets Cosponsor

As legislators begin to write a new surface transportation bill, it is paramount that landscape architects and other advocates continue to urge their legislators to show support for Complete Streets policies. **Encourage your Representative and Senators to add their names as cosponsors of the Complete Streets legislation** that was introduced in the House (H.R. 1443) by Representative Doris Matsui (CA) and in the Senate (S. 584) by Senator Tom Harkin (IA). Simply use the ASLA-provided template by clicking "**TAKE ACTION**" above to contact your legislators to become a cosponsor.

As you know, Complete Streets make our communities safer, healthier and accessible for people of all ages and mobility. Please ask your Legislators to cosponsor Complete Streets legislation because it would:

- Provide safe travel options that incorporate physical activity including walking, bicycling, or riding transit in communities across the country
- Allow the one-third of Americans who do not drive, including many elderly and low income residents, safe access to get to work, school, shops and medical visits, and to take part in social, civic and volunteer activities.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion and costly road repairs by reducing our dependency on cars.

Click on "**TAKE ACTION**" above to use the prepared text to encourage your Senators and Representative to become cosigners of Complete Streets Legislation.

Thank you for your advocacy,

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