

Chapter 3: Action Plan

Successful implementation of complete streets requires collaboration amongst several departments and stakeholders at the policy, planning, project delivery and maintenance and operations levels. The Action Plan of the guidebook outlines the requirements for coordinating inter-departmental tasks. A key component of the Action Plan involves updating training practices for planners, civil and traffic engineers, project managers, plan reviews, inspectors and other personnel responsible for design and construction of streets to integrate complete streets. A sample Action Plan is included as Appendix D, which integrates complete streets into every step of community development in a way that can be tailored to the needs of each jurisdiction. For example, instructions and training could be instituted for maintenance crews to assure their work complies with complete streets policies. Resources for updating specific manuals are also provided in Appendix D.

LEGAL STANDING OF STREET MANUAL

Local jurisdictions generally follow certain established standards for designing streets. Confusion can exist as to which standards to follow, what is merely guidance, when jurisdictions can adopt their own standards, and when they can use designs that differ from state standards. It is critical for cities and counties to understand how adopting the Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook in part or in whole meshes with other standards and guides Appendix E discusses the myriad of accepted design documents and is based on the Los Angeles County Model for Living Streets Design Manual discussion of design documents.