

Clark County Public Health

Community Transformation Grant —Success Stories

Complete Streets

Safe and healthy streets pave the way to wellness

Physical activity is critical for good health. Creating a built environment, systems and policies that support activity helps to prevent chronic diseases by making the healthy choice the easy choice. Street design policies that incorporate a provision for multi-modal transportation for people of all ages and abilities helps to ensure that active transportation is accessible for everyone. This work takes time and persistence and gains come in small incremental steps. Although complete streets ordinances have not yet been implemented in Clark County, local jurisdictions have completed much of the work necessary and several anticipate full adoption within the next two years.



As a result of work undertaken through the Community Transformation Grant:

- Health and equity measures are now included in selection criteria for sidewalk projects in Clark County.
- Gap assessments are complete for policies in Battle Ground, Clark County, Ridgefield, and Vancouver to help these jurisdictions prepare for Complete Streets grant opportunities.
- National experts have trained local planners, engineers, and policy makers in complete streets workshops in 2012.
- In 2014, intensive technical assistance was provided by national complete streets experts for Battle Ground, Ridgefield and the City of Vancouver to support their interest in implementing complete streets policies.
- Bike/pedestrian counts are in process for Battle Ground and street/sidewalk inventories are complete for Battle Ground and Ridgefield.
- Citizen members of the Neighborhood Transportation Safety Alliance recommended adoption of a Neighborhood Safe Streets ordinance to the Vancouver Council. The City of Vancouver anticipates adoption in 2014/2015.



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