What are Complete Streets?

Streets that are truly “complete” provide all of us—children, older adults, and people living with disabilities—with a choice of mobility options.

Complete Streets does not mean a bike lane on every street. It is an approach to rethink about how best to fully use, design, and develop our street networks more comprehensively as a connected system for all modes of travel.

Why Complete Streets?

- Safety
- Resilience
- Economy
- Health
- Livability

Virginia ranked as the 23rd most dangerous state for people walking, using the Smart Growth America “Pedestrian Danger Index” (PDI), which measures the number of people struck and killed while walking, controlling for population size and walking rates. Between 2008-2017, Virginia received a PDI score of 43.3, compared to a national PDI of 55.3.
Between 2008 and 2017, 143 pedestrians were struck and killed by drivers while walking. Of these fatalities, the majority occurred in Henrico County, the City of Richmond, and Chesterfield County.

Source: 2018 Department of Motor Vehicles, Traffic Records Electronic Data System (TREDS)

**What’s Next?**

Due to its urban, suburban, and rural character, the Town of Ashland has served as the pilot community, contributing to a comprehensive region-wide analysis of specific design practices and principles that can make a street function effectively for all users and modes of travel. Working with our local partners, PlanRVA will use the findings from the pilot project and input from this Open House to create a complete streets tool kit for the region’s localities to consider as they plan, design and maintain their travel networks.

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