Financially, Complete Streets Makes Sense

Smart Growth developments allow for Complete Streets policies to exist within them. These types of developments are more cost effective than the alternative – streets designed solely for cars.

On average, Smart Growth developments:

- Cost up to **one-third less** for upfront infrastructure
- Save an average of **10 percent** on ongoing delivery of services such as police, ambulance and fire service costs
- Generate **10 times more** tax revenue per acre than traditional suburban development
- Support public transportation and when individuals choose public transit over privately owned automobiles they can save up to **$9,581** per year.

Tarrant County Voices For Health

We are representatives from health and human services organizations, neighborhoods, businesses and local government, working together to implement a strategic community health improvement plan for all who live, learn, work and play in Tarrant County.

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Complete Our Streets

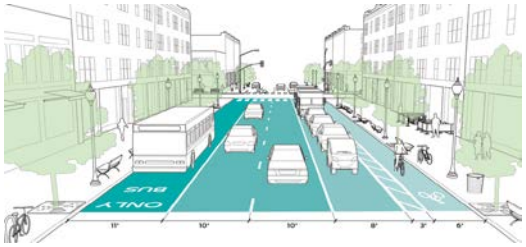
Help foster livable communities with Complete Streets policies…

Complete Streets enable walkable neighborhoods that play a major role in an area's economic vibrancy. They also provide safe and healthy access for everyone whether traveling on foot to school or by bus to work.

Complete Streets 101

Streets that are created only for cars deny people the opportunity to choose a more active lifestyle. Complete Streets allow our daily commutes to include walking, cycling and, connectivity to regional bus and train systems.

Complete Streets are designed to be safely crossed, traveled upon, and alongside by all users on the roadway, regardless of their choice of transportation or physical abilities.

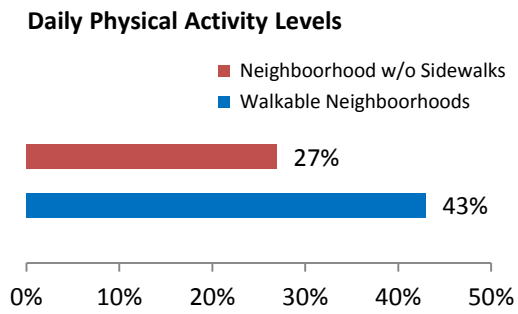


Complete Streets Benefits

The 2015 national survey, *Safer Streets, Stronger Economies* report, indicated that communities received:

- Safer Streets - Automobile collisions declined in **70 percent** of projects, and injuries declined in **56 percent** of projects.
- Economic Development - Support increased employment, net new businesses, higher property values, and new private investments.

How are Complete Streets and Public Health Associated?



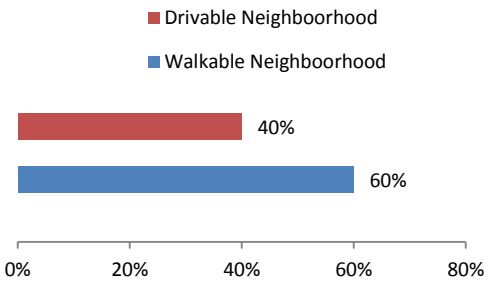
In addition to the survey above, the National Complete Streets Coalition also noted that individuals are **65 percent** more likely to walk in their neighborhood if it includes a sidewalk.

Complete Streets Increases Physical Activity Levels

- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention found that adults can lower their risk of dying by **40 percent** if they are physically active **at least 7 hours** a week.
- The CDC also notes that **55 percent** of adults do not met these activity levels.

Developing Walkable Communities

In a *2013 Community Preference Survey* conducted by the National Association of Realtors, **60 percent** of respondents were in favor of owning homes in walkable neighborhoods.



The direction in which the current real estate market is taking, implies that the desire to have easy and convenient access to places within a walkable distance will a be driving factor in the real estate market in years to come.

According to Real Capital Analytics Inc. in the April 2015 edition of the Wall Street Journal, prices for commercial properties in highly walkable locations show **125 percent** greater appreciation than car-dependent locations.