

# Town of Windham

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DATE: June 13, 2014

TO: Windham Town Council

THROUGH: Tony Plante, Town Manager

FROM: Ben Smith, Planning Director *BUS*

Cc: Doug Fortier, Public Works Director

RE: Complete Streets Policy

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Adopting a Complete Streets Policy for the Town was one of the high priority recommendations from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Downtown Plan. The Town's youngest and oldest residents have unique mobility needs, as do those with disabilities. Complete Streets are designed to meet transportation needs of all users. By adopting such a policy, the Town would take into account the needs of walkers and cyclists of all abilities, as well as cars and trucks, when designing or rebuilding roads and streets in Windham.

This draft policy would require that the Town puts into place processes to build and maintain appropriate transportation infrastructure based on location and anticipated users, and requires that the Town measure progress related to these goals.

Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) provided the Windham Active Lifestyle Coalition (WALC) with a draft Complete Streets Policy in February. Staff worked with WALC and Abby King of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to revise the draft, and included comments from Public Works Director Doug Fortier in the attached draft.