



# Complete Streets Forum

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## 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

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### 9:00 Opening Remarks

**Eva Ligeti**, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership

**His Worship David Miller**, Mayor, City of Toronto

**Scott Thompson**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Planning, Ontario Ministry of Transportation

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### 9:20 Welcome from the Morning Chair

**Geoff Noxon**, Principal, Noxon Associates

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### 9:30 Complete Streets in the U.S.: Updates on a Success Story

**Barbara McCann**, Executive Director, National Complete Streets Coalition

- » Overview of Complete Streets in the U.S.
  - » What makes Complete Streets unique from other policies and initiatives?
  - » Strategies for building political support at municipal, state and federal levels
  - » What are design and implementation strategies for Complete Streets?
  - » Municipal Case Studies: Charlotte, NC, Seattle, WA, and Rochester, MN.
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### 10:30 Networking Coffee Break

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### 10:45 Complete Communities and Active Transportation in Growth Planning

**Jamie Austin**, Manager, Growth Policy, Ontario Growth Secretariat, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure

- » How does active transportation fit into growth policy in Ontario?
  - » How does it contribute to the development of complete and sustainable communities?
  - » Update on the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area (GGHA)
  - » Update on the proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario
  - » Urban Form Case Studies: Illustrating effective policy approaches for the GGHA
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### 11:15 Foresight Planning: Forwarding Active Transportation Planning in GTHA

**Leslie Woo**, VP, Policy and Planning, Metrolinx

- » The Big Move and Active Transportation
  - » Mutual benefits: Active transport and public transport
  - » Opportunities in mobility hub development
  - » Stepping it Up: Using promotions to build a culture of active transportation
  - » What is the future direction of active transportation policy in the GTHA?
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### 11:45 The Public Health Role: Influencing Street Design with Health in Mind

**David McKeown**, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health, City of Toronto

- » Making the case: benefits of complete streets for public health
  - » Assessing impacts of transportation choices
  - » Street design to support public health
  - » Collaboration and partnership to promote cycling and walking
  - » Ways ahead to equitable access to transportation
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### 12:15 Networking Lunch

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### 1:15 Welcome from the Afternoon Chair

**Dan Leeming**, Partner, The Planning Partnership

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### 1:20 A Step-by-Step Guide to Complete Streets Implementation

**Mark Cole**, Design Section Manager, City of Charlotte Department of Transportation

- » Complete Streets Implementation in Charlotte
- » The Urban Street Design Guidelines and a Six-Step Implementation Process
- » Example projects
- » Challenges in implementing policy
- » Thoughts related to monitoring the effectiveness of completed projects

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## 1:50 NYC Street Design Manual: The Making of Urban Street Design

**Andy Wiley-Schwartz**, Assistant Commissioner, Planning and Sustainability, New York City Department of Transportation

- » What were the needs that drove the development of the manual?
- » Urban Retrofitting Case Studies in NYC
- » How does the manual increase cost efficiency of projects?
- » What has been the consultation process with stakeholders?
- » What are projected figures for active transportation in NYC?

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## 2:20 Networking Coffee Break

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### 2:30 Breakout Sessions

#### i) Municipal Best Practice Case Studies: Halton, Peel & York Regions - Quebec Room - mezzanine

MODERATOR: **David McLaughlin**, Senior Project Manager, Transportation Planning, MMM Group

*Complete Streets as Practiced in York Region*

**Loy Cheah**, Director, Infrastructure Planning, Planning and Development Services, York Region

*Downtown 21 - Complete Streets in Mississauga's Downtown*

**Andrew McNeil**, Project Lead, Downtown 21 Master Plan, City of Mississauga

*Plains Road Case Study*

**Andrea Smith**, Development Planner, City of Burlington

**Vito Tolone**, Senior Transportation Planner, City of Burlington

- » What municipal planning and design policies address vulnerable road users?
- » Suburbia: What are the challenges and opportunities for active transportation?
- » What are case studies in Halton, Peel and York regions?
- » What are upcoming regional projects in active transportation planning?
- » How is active transportation planning being integrated into street design?

#### ii) Making the Tourism Case for Complete Streets - Alberta Room - mezzanine

MODERATOR: **Justin Lafontaine**, Project Director, Transportation Options

**Ken Forgeron**, Senior Planner, Niagara Region

**Marlaine Koehler**, Executive Director, Waterfront Regeneration Trust

**Louisa Mursell**, Project Manager, Welcome Cyclists Network

- » Regional case studies of successful cycle tourism initiatives in Ontario
- » What are the strategies to designing successful long distance cycling routes and trails?
- » Maps and Signage: How to integrate design and technological innovations in wayfinding?
- » Connecting multi-user routes and trails with multi-modal transportation options?
- » What are the profiles of users, types of activity and economic impact?

#### iii) The Holistic Design Approach to Complete Streets - Territories Room - mezzanine

MODERATOR: **Arlene Gould**, Strategic Director, Design Industry Advisory Committee

**Chris Hardwicke**, Associate, Sweeny Stirling and Finlayson & Co. Architects

**Wayne McCutcheon**, Principal, Entro Communications

**Scott Torrance**, Principal, Landscape Architect

- » How to evaluate Toronto streets from different design perspectives
- » Where does Toronto need to improve the most?
- » User Needs: What are they and how to balance them in integrated design
- » What are integrated design strategies for selected streets in Toronto
- » Where is street design headed in the next 20 years in Toronto?

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### 3:45 Open Floor: What are the next steps for implementing safer, livable streets in Ontario?

**Fiona Chapman**, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, City of Toronto

**Antonio Gomez-Palacio**, Founding Partner, Office for Urbanism

**Barbara McCann**, Executive Director, National Complete Streets Coalition

**Christopher Norris**, Director, Technical Services, Canadian Urban Transit Association

- » What are the challenges to designing safe, livable streets in Ontario?
- » How to juggle multiple stakeholders and associated political constraints
- » What are the key metrics for effective design and implementation?
- » Successful strategies for negotiating a shared community street vision
- » What are the next steps to making safer, livable streets a reality in Ontario?

### 4:45 Concluding Remarks

**Eva Ligeti**, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership

**Nancy Smith Lea**, Director, Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation

### 5:00 Networking Wine & Cheese Reception - Salon 1 & 2, 19<sup>th</sup> floor

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