

Complete Streets

Supports safer, more accessible, and sustainable transportation infrastructure for all users across Montclair State University.

What Are Complete Streets?

Complete Streets is an approach to transportation planning and infrastructure design that considers the safety, mobility, and accessibility needs of users of all ages and abilities.

According to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT):

“Complete Streets refers to an approach to making transportation decisions where infrastructure is designed and operated with the safety, mobility, and accessibility needs of users of all ages and abilities in mind.”

The Montclair State University Board of Trustees formally approved a resolution adopting a Complete Streets commitment on February 11, 2022.

Complete Streets at Montclair State University

Montclair State University defines Complete Streets as:

“A means to provide a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options through planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofitted transportation facilities along the entire right-of-way for all users of all ages and abilities.”

The University uses NJDOT resources and statewide guidance to support the development of campus transportation policies and accessibility improvements.

What Are Complete & Green Streets?

Complete & Green Streets expands upon Complete Streets principles by incorporating sustainable and environmentally responsible infrastructure into transportation planning.

Examples include:

- Stormwater management infrastructure
- Sustainable landscaping
- Recycled construction materials
- Green infrastructure improvements
- Sustainable seating, signage, and paving materials

Complete Streets Goals

Initiative Focus	Purpose
<i>Accessibility</i>	Improve mobility for users of all ages and abilities
<i>Multi-Modal Transportation</i>	Support walking, biking, driving, transit, and other transportation options
<i>Safety</i>	Improve campus pedestrian and vehicle safety
<i>Sustainability</i>	Integrate environmentally responsible infrastructure
<i>Campus Connectivity</i>	Create a more connected transportation network

Complete Streets in New Jersey

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) adopted a statewide Complete Streets Policy in 2009.

To support municipalities, campuses, and organizations across the state, NJDOT provides:

- Model policies
- Resolution templates
- Project checklists
- Planning guidance
- Accessibility resources

Statewide Collaboration

NJDOT's:

“Complete & Green Streets for All: Model Complete Streets Policy & Guide” was developed in collaboration with numerous statewide organizations including:

- Tri-State Transportation Campaign
- Rutgers University Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy
- American Heart Association – NJ Chapter
- New Jersey Future
- AARP New Jersey
- Sustainable Jersey
- Regional Transportation Management Associations
- Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia

Complete Streets at Montclair

Montclair State University began its Complete Streets efforts in 2019 through the Office of Capital Planning & Project Management.

The initiative was supported through a two-year grant opportunity provided by the: New Jersey Healthy Communities Network

The grants were designed to:

- support policy development
- encourage sustainable infrastructure improvements
- create long-term environmental and operational benefits
- leverage institutional investment for campus improvements

Grant Funding & Support

Grant Information	Details
<i>Funding Organization</i>	<u>Partners for Health</u>
<i>Grant Period</i>	2020–2021
<i>Coordinating Office</i>	Capital Planning & Project Management
<i>Primary Purpose</i>	Data analysis, assessments, and policy development

Year 1 (2020): Data Analysis & Assessments

During the first year of the grant, the University completed multiple transportation and accessibility assessments including:

- NJDOT Vehicle Collision Data Analysis (2001–2018)
- Campus Vehicle & Pedestrian Traffic Audit (2019)
- Campus Automobile & Pedestrian Safety Audit (2019)
- Aging Policy Course Research Projects (2020)
- ADA Accessibility Assessments across key campus areas

These assessments helped identify:

- transportation trends
- pedestrian safety concerns
- accessibility challenges
- infrastructure improvement opportunities

Year 2 (2021): Policy & Document Development

During the second year of the initiative, the University focused on drafting policies, procedures, and campus planning resources.

Projects included:

Initiative	Status
<i>Board of Trustees Resolution</i>	Approved February 11, 2022
<i>Complete Streets Policy</i>	Draft in progress
<i>Complete Streets Project Checklists</i>	Draft in progress
<i>Campus-wide Facilities & Accessibility Survey</i>	Report in progress

Sustainability & Accessibility Impact

The Complete Streets initiative supports:

- safer pedestrian movement
- improved accessibility
- more sustainable transportation infrastructure
- campus connectivity
- long-term resiliency planning

The initiative also strengthens the University's broader sustainability and campus accessibility goals.

Ongoing Development

Montclair State University continues to evaluate transportation and infrastructure projects using Complete Streets principles and planning tools.

Future updates will continue as:

- draft policies progress
- assessments are completed
- infrastructure projects are evaluated
- accessibility initiatives expand across campus