

Complete Streets Policy Language in Neighboring Towns/Cities

After several hours of reading the Complete Streets policies of our neighboring towns and cities, I could not find a single one that used the discretionary “may” language that is proposed for the Andover Complete Streets policy. Here is the source material for that claim.

[MassDOT Complete Streets Portal](#)

North Andover

[North Andover Complete Streets](#)

- “To the greatest extent feasible, the needs of all users and modes of transportation **shall** be accommodate in all publicly and privately funded street projects.”
- “Complete Streets principles **shall** be incorporated into policies, planning, and design of public or private projects requiring approval or funding from the Town of North Andover, as well as project receiving funding from federal, state, or private sources.”
- “The Town of North Andover **will** integrate Complete Streets principles into standard operating procedures related to the implementation, development, and management of street infrastructure and transportation projects.”

Lawrence

[Lawrence Complete Streets](#)

- “This policy **shall** direct decision-makers to consistently plan, design, and construct streets to accommodate all anticipated users including, but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, emergency vehicles, and freight and commercial vehicles.”
- “The City **will**, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated street network of facilities for people of all ages and abilities.”

Tewksbury

[Tewksbury Complete Streets](#)

- “Complete Streets design recommendations **shall** be evaluated for all public and privately funded projects, as appropriate and subject to the availability of funds.”

- “The Town **shall** apply the principles of Complete Streets design into practice for all transportation projects and programs, as these provide an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users.”

North Reading

[North Reading Complete Streets](#)

- “The town **will**, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated street network of facilities for people of all ages and abilities.”
- “Where feasible, Complete Streets design recommendations **shall** be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects.”
- “The Town **shall** make Complete Streets practices a routine part of transportation planning and construction, **shall** approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users, and **shall** work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.

Reading

[Reading Complete Streets](#)

- “The Town **will**, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated street network of facilities for people of all ages and abilities.”
- “Where feasible, complete Streets design recommendations **shall** be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects.”
- “The Town **shall** make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, **shall** approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users, and **shall** work in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.”

Middleton

[Middleton Complete Streets](#)

- “The Town **will**, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated street network of facilities for people of all ages and abilities.”
- “Complete Streets design recommendations **shall** be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects, as appropriate.”

- “Complete Streets **will** be integrated into policies, planning, and design of all types of public and private projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance of transportation facilities on streets and redevelopment projects.”

Lexington

[Lexington Complete Streets](#)

- “The Town **will**, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets and other travel systems to provide for a comprehensive and integrated network of facilities.”
- “Complete Streets design recommendations **shall** be evaluated for all transportation related capital projects, as appropriate and subject to the availability of funds.”
- “The Town **shall** apply the principles of Complete Streets design a practice for all transportation projects and programs, as these provide an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users.”

Concord

[Concord Complete Streets](#)

- “Complete Street design recommendations **shall** be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects in all phases.”
- “Complete Streets **will** be integrated into policies, planning, and design of all types of public and private projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance of transportation facilities on streets and redevelopment projects.”
- “The Town, through its Public Works Department, **will** consider Complete Streets Best Practices as a routine part of everyday operations, when designing transportation projects and programs, and **will** consider complete Streets Best Practices in coordination with other departments, agencies, and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.”

Burlington

[Burlington Complete Streets](#)

- “Burlington **will**, to its best ability, design, construct, maintain, and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated transportation network for all people or all ages and abilities.”
- “Where feasible, Complete Streets design recommendations **shall** be incorporated into all publicly and privately funded projects.”

- “Complete Streets **will** be integrated into policies, planning, and design of all types of public and private projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance of transportation facilities and in conjunction with redevelopment projects.”
- “The Town **will** consider Complete Streets Best Practices as a routine part of everyday operations when designing transportation projects and programs and **will** consider Complete Streets Best Practices in coordination with other Town Departments, agencies, and jurisdictions.”

Woburn

[Woburn Complete Streets](#)

- “The City **will**, to the maximum extent practical, design, construct, maintain and operate all streets to provide for a comprehensive and integrated street network of facilities for all users.”
- “Complete Streets design recommendations **shall** be incorporated into all publicly and privately-funded projects as appropriate.”
- “Complete Streets principles **will** be integrated into policies, planning, and the design of all types of public and private projects, including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of transportation facilities on streets and development projects.”
- “The City **shall** make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, **shall** approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve streets and the transportation network for all users, and **shall** coordinate the work of its departments with other departments, agencies and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets.”