

There's Something Happenin' Here:

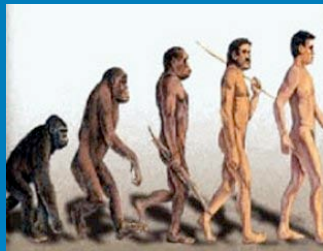
Sacramento takes Complete Streets to the World

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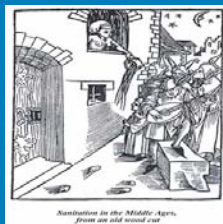
History, in brief:

- Beginnings
- Medieval period
- Good Roads Movement (1880s to 1900s)
- The Transit City (1890s-1950s)
- Motorization (1900s - present)
- Bike boom, bicycle and pedestrian master plans (1970s to present)
- Complete streets (2000-)

Beginnings: Walking is fundamental



Medieval streets were REALLY complete



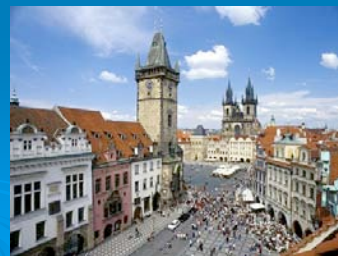
*Sanitation in the Middle Ages,
from an old wood cut*



*Fig. 274.—Orphan, Orlin, and the Family of the Grand Count.—From painted Hangings and
Tapestry from the Town of Rheims, executed during the Fifteenth Century.*



*Fig. 282.—Meal of Justice, held by King Philippe de Valois, on the 10th April, 1312, in the Town
of Reims, Count of Artois.—From a French woodcut in an Original Manuscript (Arch. of
the Vatican)*



Good Roads Movement



The Transit City 1880s-1950s



Motorization



Complete Streets in context:

Elements of 20th century traffic law and regulation

- Planning, design, construction
- Operations (LOS, signalization, speed limits)
- Codes
- Funding
- Licensing
- Enforcement

Doesn't Yelena deserve complete streets?



Don't all the children?



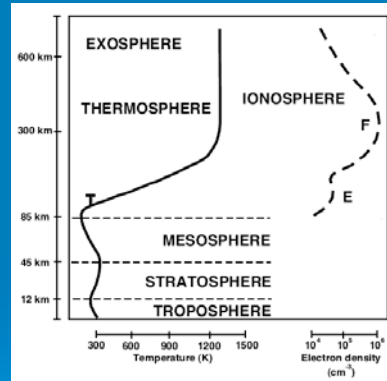
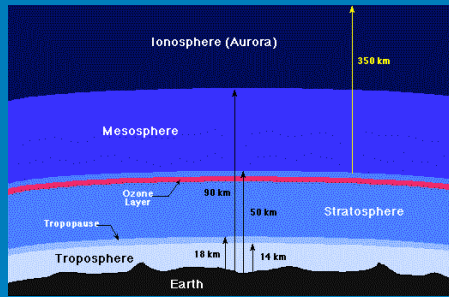
Doesn't everyone?



Why is the complete streets movement succeeding?

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- quality of life, safety, health
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- What's in a name?
- maturation of a movement
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We live in the troposphere



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let's complete america's streets

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(partial list)

- AARP
- American Association of Landscape Architects
- American Council of the Blind
- American Planning Association
- American Public Transportation Association
- Institute of Transportation Engineers
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Safe Routes to School National Partnership
- Smart Growth America
- Blue Cross Blue Shield

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Barbara McCann, Complete Streets Hero



Policy Snapshot

- 101 policies in 96 jurisdictions
- Half in cities
- 70 new policies since 2006



Our woman in Washington (1)



Our man in Washington



House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee bill: Office of Livability

Comprehensive street design policy or principle: “a transportation law or policy ... that ensures—

- (A) the adequate accommodation, in all phases of project planning and development, of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, children, older individuals, motorists (including motorcyclists), and individuals with disabilities;
- (B) the consideration of the safety and convenience of all users in all phases of project planning and development; and
- (C) the consideration of the context in which any facility is planned to be constructed as part of the project to determine the appropriate facility design.”

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee bill: Title 23, Section 109

- *“The Secretary shall ensure that the plans and specifications for each proposed highway project under this chapter provide for a facility that will [be] consistent with comprehensive street design policies...”*

Our woman in Washington (2)

“Complete streets ... means including bike paths, sidewalks, and ramps for the disabled at the beginning of the planning process—not treating them as an afterthought...”

“If we make walking and biking a more practical choice for all ages, we can combat congestion, improve air quality, and promote better health all at the same time.”

Senator Barbara Boxer

Mobility 21 Conference
October 30, 2006



Friends in even higher places



Maintaining Our Region's Leadership Role

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- SACOG and STA project checklist
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Maintenance and operations are opportunities to complete the streets



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New York City, 1909



New York City, 2009



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Thank you!

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