# **Toronto Complete Streets Guidelines / Draft Material for SAG Review**

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## **Guiding principles**

#### **STREETS FOR PEOPLE**

## **Improve Safety & Accessibility**

Complete streets must be safe and accessible for people of all ages and abilities, especially children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

### **Give People Mobility Choices**

Complete streets should give people more choices for how they move around the city.

#### **Make Connected Networks**

Complete streets should help make connected networks for a variety of different travel modes: pedestrians, cyclists, transit, and cars.

#### **Promote Healthy & Active Living**

Complete streets should help promote healthy and active lifestyles by making streets more comfortable and inviting for people to walk and bicycle.

#### **STREETS AS PLACES**

# Create Beautiful & Vibrant Public Spaces

Complete streets should strive to be vibrant and attractive public spaces where people want to spend time engaging in social, civic, and recreational activities.

#### **Respond to Local Area Context**

Complete streets should respond to the local area context, adjacent current and future land uses, and the unique character of surrounding neighbourhoods.

# Improve Environmental Sustainability

Complete streets should improve the city's environmental sustainability by enhancing the tree canopy along our streets and reducing stormwater runoff.

#### **STREETS FOR PROSPERITY**

## **Support Economic Vitality**

Complete streets should support the city's economic vitality by helping move people and goods more efficiently and by supporting local neighbourhood shopping areas.

#### **Foster Social Equity**

Complete streets should be equitable, inclusive, and improve the quality of life for groups that face a social disadvantage.

# **Balance Flexibility & Cost- Effectiveness**

Complete streets should balance flexibility and cost-effectiveness, having the ability to adapt to the city's changing needs over time, while also understanding a street's economic, social, and environmental life-cycle costs.