Complete Streets: A Part of AARP’s Mobility Agenda

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Is Louisiana prepared?

Louisiana’s 65+ population is projected to grow 81% in the next 20 years.

Louisiana needs streets designed to be:

• Safe, convenient and accessible
• For travel by automobile,
• Foot, bicycle and transit,
• Regardless of age or ability.

AARP
No more of this...
WHY LOUISIANA?

- Increase safety and availability of older adults’ travel options
- Get residents out for physical activity—improve our poor health rankings
- Connect neighborhoods, towns and cities
- Help residents age in place
AARP LOUISIANA’S

Livable Communities COUNCIL

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AGES
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• AARP’s Livable Communities Council made CS its top priority for 2009-2010

• Formed Complete Streets Advocacy Team that introduced legislation in 2010 supporting LADOTD’s internal policy changes

• Focused on incremental changes to existing statutes and policy changes within LADOTD

• LADOTD adopted 2nd strongest complete streets policy in the nation.*

AARP  |  *National Complete Streets Coalition
AARP and CPEX-A Partnership

• CPEX carried the momentum from the success of the Complete Streets workgroup through CONNECT
• CONNECT provided a forum for AARP to engage new partners in education and outreach efforts around complete streets.
• CONNECT’s partners began sharing the opportunities for local complete street policies.
Education and Outreach

(Create The Good: Street and Sidewalk Survey)

AARP
New Orleans
Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee
STAC-Complete Streets Agenda

- Advises the New Orleans City Council Transportation Committee
- Many members of STAC are also members of CONNECT
- STAC provided the technical support to the Transportation Committee on complete streets
- December 2011 the New Orleans City Council passed a complete streets ordinance—the first local ordinance in Louisiana.
THE ROAD AHEAD

• AARP and CONNECT work to educate other communities about complete streets.
• CONNECT offers an opportunity to measure the implementation of LADOTD’s CS policy.
• AARP is the “lobbying arm” for CONNECT’s legislative agenda on complete streets, TODs, and transit.
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