

Community Focus Statement E: Improve roads and other public infrastructure throughout the community while preserving the desert landscape and rural character.

Action Statement E.4: Embrace the Complete Streets approach to the construction and operation of the community's transportation network, balancing the needs of all modes of travel.

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Benchmark: Community has prepared a complete streets plan for the community streets and submitted to the County for review and possible action.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: Variable.



Caltrans Complete Streets Elements Toolbox

Because of the community's desire to preserve the low-density, rural atmosphere in Joshua Tree, the transportation network generally comprises roadways that favor automobiles over other alternative modes of transportation. Most of the community's roadways lack the infrastructure, such as sidewalks and bicycle lanes. This deficiency creates conditions that aren't ideal for pedestrians walking along the shoulders of roadways and bicyclists who are forced to use the roadways' travel lanes. To balance the needs

of all users, the community can embrace a Complete Streets approach to the construction and operation of its transportation network.

The Complete Streets approach involves the planning, design, and operation of streets in a manner that provides for the safe movement and access of all users, regardless of age and mode of transportation. There is no single example of what a Complete Street entails; streets designed using the approach vary depending on their location, size, and intended users. In Joshua Tree, the application of Complete Streets principles will likely translate into construction of dedicated facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists, potentially buffered from automobile traffic, and transit stations.

The Joshua Tree community can prepare a Complete Streets plan, for consideration by the County. After the plan has been adopted, the community can secure funding sources such as grants, or expanding the responsibilities of the CSA through the Special Districts Department through formation of a Streets and Streetlighting Special District. Formation of a special district will allow for assessing property owners to raise funding to help fund and maintain street improvements.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Establish a Complete Streets Committee	Champion	Month 1	Smart Growth America Coalition
2. Establish a community complete street focus group to discuss Complete Streets approaches and applicability to the community.	Committee, local community leaders	Months 1 – 3	https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/
3. Develop a list of goals and project ideas specific to Joshua Tree in order to demonstrate the practical uses and benefits to the community.	Committee, local community leaders	Months 4 – 10	Caltrans Complete Streets Program http://www.dot.ca.gov/transplanning/ocp/complete-streets.html
4. Approach the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors with the focus group’s findings and encourage support of Complete Streets considerations in future projects.	Committee, local community leaders	Month 11	American Planning Association Complete Streets https://www.planning.org/research/streets/
5. Coordinate with San Bernardino County Public Works to express the support for future Complete Streets considerations.	Committee, local community leaders	Month 12	
6. Expand the Joshua Tree CSA responsibilities to help fund and maintain streets through formation of a Streets and Streetlighting special district.	Committee with Joshua Tree County Service Area, Special Districts Department, Property Owners in CSA.	Month 12-24	