

Complete Streets Summit 2018



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Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
The Sustainability Institute at Molloy College

This coalition is a contingent of chambers of commerce, civic associations, local governments, engineering and professional trade groups, transit advocates and members of the public who want safe streets for all modes of traffic. The group looks to coordinate Complete Streets planning efforts, communicate on finding opportunities for local projects, act as a clearinghouse for information and lobby with a united voice for safe roadways.

Long Island is home to some of the most dangerous roads in the state. Every week, it seems we hear about another pedestrian fatality on our roads. However, many of our streets also have the potential to transform into high quality public spaces that support surrounding neighborhoods and provide places for activity and social interaction.

While last year's summit focused on the top five roads that are "hot spots" for crashes, this year we are widening our net to look at locations all across Long Island that are dangerous for those on foot or on a bicycle. Whether it is an entire stretch of road, or just a specific intersection, we will draw attention to places around the island that need to be improved in order to make our streets safe for all users. Currently we aren't even reaching the most basic level of safety in many places which is the most fundamental aspect of walkability.

Beyond basic levels of safety, many of our streets in and around our downtowns have the potential to be so much more than they are. Streets make up the majority of publicly owned space in many communities. Creating streets that are also places, streets with "Walk Appeal," can add value to communities for both businesses and residents. Creating streets that are not just safe, but also attractive, interesting, and built for people, can help improve our well-being and quality of life.

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