Florida Department of Transportation
Complete Streets Tenets
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The tenets for Complete Streets provide a common language and set of values for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). These tenets provide the foundation to test Complete Streets-related transportation procedures, programs, and standards against the goals outlined in the Florida Transportation Plan (2016) and the FDOT Complete Streets Policy (adopted September 2014).

These tenets are not intended to be a checklist, but to guide the implementation of the Complete Streets Policy. The Policy states that "It is the goal of the Department of Transportation to implement a policy that promotes safety, quality of life, and economic development in Florida. To implement this policy, the Department will routinely plan, design, construct, reconstruct and operate a context sensitive system of Complete Streets." The Department specifically recognizes Complete Streets are context-sensitive and require transportation system design that considers local land development patterns and built form.

Revised Complete Streets Tenets:

1. **Safety Always**: Develop and implement solutions that support the safety and comfort of all users of all ages and abilities, including but not limited to cyclists, freight handlers, motorists, pedestrians, and transit riders.
2. **Support the Context:** Plan and design for the existing and future transportation, land use and environmental context.
3. **Enhance All Modes**: Provide high-quality options for walking and bicycling and improve the efficiency and convenience of connections to and among local transit systems.
4. **Enhance System Performance:** Increase efficiency and reliability of all modes.
5. **Connect Community Centers:** Connect to employment centers and visitor destinations to support community economic development.
6. **Create Quality Places:** Integrate land use and transportation solutions that create quality places to live, work, and play.
7. **Invest in Existing and Emerging Communities:** Plan and develop transportation systems that reflect regional and community visions while preserving environmental resources.