Brookline Complete Streets Forum

June 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Green Caucus and BrooklineCAN*
Hunneman Hall, Brookline Public Library, 361 Washington Street

Seats are free but limited—register here: http://brookline-streets.eventbrite.com

What are "Complete Streets," and how could they benefit Brookline? Join us at Brookline's first *Complete Streets Forum* to find out, and share your own vision.

Complete Streets are streets for everyone, no matter who they are or how they travel—walking, biking, taking transit, or driving. Here in Brookline, we have a head start in becoming a Complete Streets community because much of town is walkable, we have great access to public transit, and we've begun incorporating Complete Streets concepts. Brookline's neighbors, as well as communities across Massachusetts, have already adopted formal Complete Streets policies. The Complete Streets approach can improve quality of life and economic vitality, with streets that are both great public spaces and sustainable transportation networks. And adopting a Complete Streets policy here in Brookline will make us eligible for significant funding recently passed by the Legislature for Complete Streets infrastructure and planning.

Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe and convenient access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or how they travel. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work or school. They allow buses and trolleys to run on time and make it safe for people to walk to train stations. Complete Streets also incorporate green design elements to reduce energy use, flooding, and pollution. Components such as intelligent signals, smart meters, electric vehicle sharing, car and bicycle-sharing, way-finding, and social networks provide greater system efficiencies and user convenience.

Join us the evening of June 12 for an inspiring dialog with a panel of Complete Streets experts, and learn how this approach can make Brookline a better place to live. You'll get to see real world examples of Complete Streets design concepts and learn about the benefits Complete Streets have had in communities around the world.

Featured Speakers:

- Jacqueline Douglas, Executive Director, LivableStreets Alliance
- Nick Jackson, Vice President, Toole Design Group.
- George Metzger, AIA, President, Central Square Business Association; Sr. Principal, HMFH Architects
- Steven Miller, Executive Director, New England Healthy Weight Initiative, Harvard School of Public Health; Board of Directors, LivableStreets Alliance

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