

# Tales from the Statehouse: A Summary of State Bicycling Legislative Trends



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## What is NCSL?

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# Complete Streets



What are complete streets?

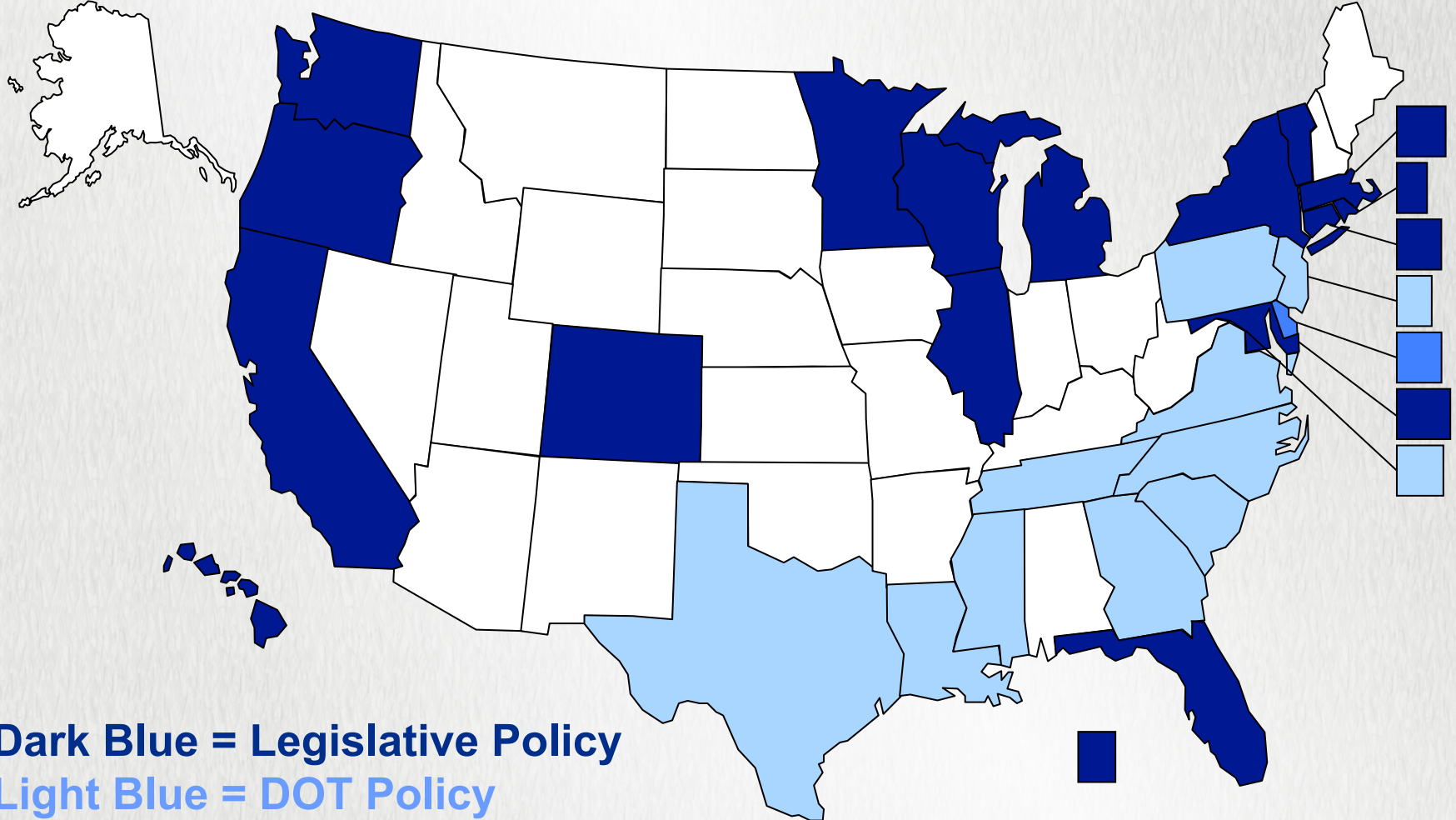
A transportation policy that considers the needs of a variety of users—bicyclists, people with disabilities, automobile drivers and pedestrians—when planning and designing a transportation network.

The purpose is to create streets, sidewalks, bike paths, etc. that are more welcoming, easier to navigate, and safer for all transportation users.





# State Complete Streets Policies







# Typical Components of Complete Streets

- Policy Jurisdiction
- Project Coverage
- Users
- Exceptions







# Bicycle Funding

- Dedicated Minimums (Examples: HI, MI, OR)
- Appropriations (Example: DE)
- Motor Fuel Taxes (Example: CA)
- Dedicated Funds (Examples: DC, IL)
- Bike-sharing (Examples: CO, FL, HI, MD, VA)







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# Safe Routes to School







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# Safe Passing Laws







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# Vulnerable Road User Laws







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# Bicycle Operation







## NCSL Resources

- NCSL/NHTSA State Traffic Safety Legislation Database:  
<http://www.ncsl.org/issues-research/transport/state-traffic-safety-legislation-database.aspx>
- NCSL *Bicycle and Pedestrians* Resource page:  
<http://www.ncsl.org/issues-research.aspx?tabs=951,72,1207>
- The State Legislative Role in Encouraging Bicycling and Walking (2008 report):  
<http://www.ncsl.org/issues-research/transport/encouraging-bicycling-and-walking-the-state-legis.aspx>







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