



June 24, 2010

Michigan House of Representatives  
Michigan House Transportation Committee  
State of Michigan  
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RE: COMPLETE STREETS, H.B. 6151 and 6152

Dear Committee Members,

Concerned Citizens for Improved Transit (CCIT) would like to voice their support for the Complete Streets legislation, H.B. 6151 and 6152. CCIT is a group of Kent County residents interested in the quality and quantity of our area's public transportation services. We are committed to working to achieve a universally accessible, area-wide public transportation system.

Unfortunately today many of our routes are really inaccessible. On streets like 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Plainfield Avenue in Kent County, many sections have no sidewalks. This means many people can not get to a bus stop or their desired destination. Walking or wheeling on these streets is extremely dangerous. In the winter time, when snow piles up, these routes are virtually impassable.

Complete Streets legislation will ensure that engineers and planners design roadways to accommodate all users, regardless of age or ability. There is no 'one-size-fits-all' when it comes to Complete Streets – they look different in different communities, depending on local context.

Passing this legislation will result in an increase of sidewalks and bike lanes, as well as curb ramps and benches near transit stops. Improving roadway infrastructure will encourage citizens to walk, bicycle, and ride public transit. As a consequence, we will have a healthier, more sustainable community.

Concerned Citizens for Improved Transit believes that this legislation will create a stronger and safer Michigan – helping to encourage more citizens to walk, bike and ride public transit.

Sincerely,

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