

Madison Mayor Rhodes-Conway: Statement of Mayor Rhodes-Conway regarding council approval of Madison's Complete Green Streets policy

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This week, the Madison Common Council approved the new Complete Green Streets policy. The Complete Green Streets approach provides a consistent process for planning, designing, building, and operating streets in a way that better reflects our community values while increasing safety and equity. Safe, connected, and resilient streets are critical to the quality of life, health, and mobility of residents and visitors to the City of Madison.

Many of the elements in the program, such as pedestrian and bicycle safety, promotion of mass transit, protecting and improving our urban tree canopy and making our streets and neighborhoods safer, more livable and equitable, have been important parts of street design in the City. However, now these concepts are codified and organized into a Guide to assist staff in implementing projects and provide more information for our residents. This Guide is a flexible tool that can evolve as the City evolves.

The Complete Green Streets policy has benefited from substantial input from a diverse group of residents throughout the City over many months. I want to thank the Council for their unanimous support, and Alders Furman and Foster for co-sponsoring this policy with me. The finalization of this project was the culmination of hours of meetings, of not

only residents and City Committees, but also countless staff hours and I am grateful the hard work has paid off with changes that will help build a safer and more sustainable Madison.