

Figure 1: Main Street Before



Figure 2: Main Street After

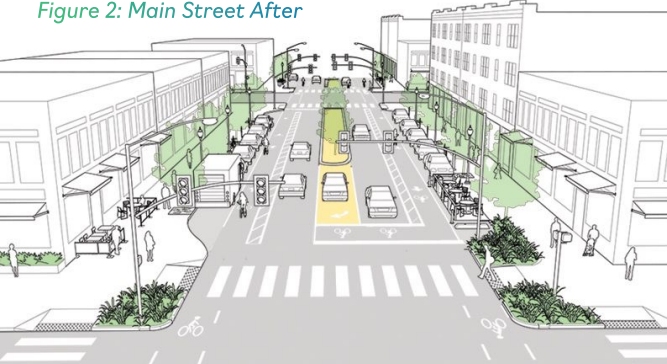


Figure 3: Neighborhood Street After



## WHAT ARE COMPLETE STREETS?

Complete Streets are roadways that are designed to accommodate all users, not just cars. This includes cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, drivers, and anyone else who may use our streets.

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## WHY DO WE NEED COMPLETE STREETS?

Many streets are designed for the primary purpose of transporting cars, which makes sense for major roads and highways, but might be a problem on your neighborhood streets or Main Street. By designing streets for all types of users - cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and drivers -- we can make streets safer for everyone and a more pleasant place to be!

### Benefits:

#### 1. SAFETY

Complete Streets make drivers slowdown, which saves lives! By reducing speeds from 40 mph to 30 mph, a pedestrian is 2.5 times more likely to survive a crash.

#### 2. COMFORT

Complete Streets create room for green infrastructure, which can create shade and reduce the impacts of flooding. They can also protect sidewalk users from the noise and discomfort of cars passing close by.

#### 3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Complete Streets create almost 50% more jobs after completion than road projects without pedestrian infrastructure. Complete Streets keep money in your pocket, too! A 2015 study found that Complete Streets saved drivers millions of dollars per year in collision and injury costs.

## WHAT DOES A COMPLETE STREET LOOK LIKE?

Not all Complete Streets look the same - the most successful Complete Streets are those that consider the community context. For a neighborhood street, a Complete Street might include sidewalks, street trees, and curb extensions. A Main Street Complete Street includes many of the same components, but also might reduce the number of lanes, add turning lanes, bike lanes, or bus lanes, depending on what's best for the street.

## COMMON COMPLETE STREET COMPONENTS

- ✓ Sidewalks - Creating or widening
- ✓ Pedestrian crossings - Creating or adding signage and lights
- ✓ Extended sidewalks at intersections (curb bump-outs)
- ✓ Travel Lane changes - Reduce width, number, or configuration
- ✓ Bike and Bus Lanes
- ✓ Sidewalk Amenities - Trees, planters and planting strips, stormwater gardens, and furniture

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Between 2011 and 2015 in Chemung County, more fatal crashes involved pedestrians than drunk and impaired drivers? In fact, 32% of all crashes with serious injuries in the County's urban and suburban areas involved pedestrians or cyclists!*

