

Malone Complete Streets Advisory Board 2018—2019 Annual Report



Education achieves Main Street recommendations

Overview

Complete Streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation.

The Malone Complete Streets Advisory Board is a volunteer initiative sponsored by the Village & Town of Malone, with a dozen additional partnering agencies. It's initial activity was to develop a Plan.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to facilitate implementation of the Malone Complete Streets Plan and to make recommendations to departments and agencies on policy and implementation that promotes complete streets: walking, bicycling, safety, accessibility and other activities. Specifically:

- 1) Act in advisory capacity in matters pertaining to recreation and transportation so as to promote and support healthy lifestyles.

- 2) Consider the budgets for parks, recreation, leisure and transportation, making recommendations with respect thereto to the Town & Village Boards.

- 3) Assist in the planning of recreation and transportation initiatives; promote and stimulate public interest therein; and seek cooperation of public and private entities.

- 4) Develop recommendations that integrate pedestrian and bicycle travel into the Malone Complete Streets Plan to enable safe access for all users.

- 5) Make recommendations regarding healthy infrastructure improvements needed in the Town & Village.

- 6) Advocate for the implementation of adopted plans and policies related to complete streets.

GOALS

2018-2019

1. Provide Complete Streets education to public and officials
2. Village passage of Main Street recommendations to DOT
3. Education of Main Street recommendations to Malone residents

Project Goals:

1. Sidewalk to Walmart, continuing to Creighton Road
2. State St Sidewalk
3. Fenton Presentation
4. Local Foods, Local Places
5. Bike Share
6. Policy Priority: Education

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

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ROUTE 11 SIDEWALK

The Town of Malone and Franklin County applied for and received a TAP grant for sidewalks along Route 11 in the Town of Malone. Often folks are walking on the edge of this busy highway because there is no sidewalk. Sometimes there are families with small children or folks in wheelchairs because this is the route to Walmart and the Malone Town offices. It has become a serious safety issue for the many residents who must walk. The grant was won for



both sides of the road, however, the match for the Town of Malone was much higher than anticipated. The project was scaled down to accommodate only the south side of Route 11. The Town of Malone actively supported the Complete Streets initiative.

STATE STREET SIDEWALK

State Street continues to need sidewalks to connect College Avenue with the arena and rec park. The safety of walkers is at risk with the heavy traffic caused by the schools and arena events. While the Village originally approved the grant's application and acceptance, approval was later rescinded and the project monies turned down. Revisiting this project remains a priority of the Advisory Board.



THE FENTON PRESENTATION

Malone Complete Streets Advisory Board sent recommendations to the Village of Malone in 2016 for the reconstruction of Main Street. The goal is to create a safe downtown that is conducive to all modes of transportation. Encouraging pedestrians to walk Main Street has helped many communities improve their overall economic health. This in turn creates investment. The NYS DOT announced that it will be doing a \$2,000,000.00 safety renovation on Main Street. It has become apparent that now is the time for a Village proposal for the re-making of Main Street. Thus, with grant funds from the Healthy Heart Network, Complete Streets arranged for a 3 day workshop to discuss ways to improve Main Street for all stakeholders in Malone. With help from the Malone Chamber of Commerce and the Malone Revitalization Foundation, presentations were given to public officials, DOT engineers, senior citizens, students, civic organizations and local business owners. This resulted in a report from Mr. Fenton and the organization of the Transportation Committee that created a list of recommendations to the Village of Malone. DOT Engineer, Ken Bibbins, who attended the workshop, stated that the state would follow the recommendations wherever possible as long as Franklin County and the Town of Malone supported the recommendations.

https://heartnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Malone.NY_recommnds-1-3.pdf

THE FENTON WALK

Malone Citizens learned from an expert what is needed to improve the safety and economic success of Main Street.



Malone Middle School students attend a Malone Village Board meeting to request safety improvements in the streets around their school.

MAIN STREET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NYS DOT

Approved by the Town and Village of Malone and Franklin County

1. Starting at Wellington Street and going east, use a "Road Diet". Make Main St. two travel lanes with a center turning lane and a bike lane in each direction. Add parking where room is available.
2. Incorporate roundabouts wherever feasible such as at Elm - Main, Finney - Main, Academy – Brewster, Walmart – Airport Rd., Main – Brainardsville, Creighton – Meehan Rds.
3. Create entry "Gateway Monuments"
4. Continue two travel lanes with one turn lane and two bike lanes down Main St., across the bridge and to the Congregational Church where it matches up with the road design of the "Flats". Continue with bike lanes on "Flats."
5. In the Village center where Main St. is very wide, maintain two lanes with one turning lane and two bike lanes and create back in angled parking.
6. Back in angled parking at Arsenal Green and down the north side of Main St. to Elm St. wherever possible.
7. Increase the width of existing bump outs where there are no crossing lights for pedestrian crossing so as to increase visibility and safety.
8. Make all Main St. pedestrian crossings as straight and short as possible.
9. Incorporate bike lanes on all state highways.
10. Enhance current pedestrian cross walk on Elm Street at the edge of Memorial Park until roundabout is installed.

Submitted by: The Malone Transportation Committee

LOCAL FOODS, LOCAL PLACES

Malone Complete Streets and the Malone Chamber of Commerce received a Federal grant, "Local Foods, Local Places." The objective was to find ways to bring local food producers into downtown Malone so that there is easy access for the community. One idea generated was providing a Farmer's Market in downtown Malone that would not only bring pedestrians on Main Street but help the local farming community.

It was a two-day workshop attended by local officials, students, federal agency representatives and interested citizens. A plan was created that set goals and ways to achieve them based upon the needs of the community.

https://heartnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/LFLP-Malone_Final-Report-1.pdf



Many groups worked on the plan



Malone Middle School students added many ideas

BIKE SHARE

Bike Share In cooperation with Cycle Endurance Sport, Malone Complete Streets, the Malone Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County Public Health, Malone Revitalization Foundation and the YMCA, purchased four comfort bikes so that they could be loaned to the public at the YMCA. The goal is to encourage bike use in Malone.



all to join our efforts
in restoring Malone

BENCHES AND BIKE RACKS

Mini grants supported by Healthy Heart Network added benches to the park and bike racks around the Village.



NEW SIDEWALKS IN ARSENAL GREEN



JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF FUTURE COMPLETE STREETS AB GOALS

Webster Street sidewalk or walkway shoulder

Middle School safety issues addressed

Davis School—safety bump outs, crossings and sidewalks

NYS DOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan support