

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 618

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to roads, bridges, and ferries;
8 providing definition of complete streets policy;
9 requiring Department of Transportation implement
10 complete streets policy; requiring Department
11 promulgate rules; requiring Department publish
12 certain report; construing clause; providing for
13 codification; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1913 of Title 69, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. For the purposes of this section "complete streets policy"
19 means the planning, scoping, design, implementation, operation and
20 maintenance of roads in order to reasonably address the safety and
21 accessibility needs of users of all ages and abilities. Complete
22 streets considers the needs of motorists, pedestrians, transit users
23 and vehicles, bicyclists and commercial and emergency vehicles
24 moving along and across roads, intersections and crossings in a

1 manner that is sensitive to the local context and recognizes that
2 the needs vary between urban, suburban and rural settings.

3 B. The Department of Transportation shall implement a complete
4 streets policy after consulting with state and regional agencies,
5 local governments and any other relevant authorities. The
6 Department, after consulting with these entities, shall consider
7 relevant protocols, guidance, standards, requirements and training,
8 and shall promulgate rules and regulations integrating related
9 principles of context-sensitive solutions.

10 The rules and regulations shall require counties and
11 municipalities to include components of complete streets in any
12 project utilizing funds provided by the state.

13 C. The Department shall publish a report on the implementation
14 of the complete streets policy on the Department's website by
15 December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter.

16 D. During the planning period of all projects related to street
17 infrastructure, the estimates of future traffic levels shall not be
18 used as justification for excluding investment in safety measures
19 that could improve pedestrian and general public safety.

20 For any project that may increase motor vehicle capacity, the
21 projections of future traffic levels shall be completed utilizing
22 the most current analysis methods that have been validated over
23 time. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting
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1 counties or municipalities from adopting a complete streets policy
2 that incorporates or exceeds Department complete streets principles.

3 E. When evaluating a request for a variance from the
4 engineering standards for projects seeking or receiving financial
5 support from the state in which the variance request is related to
6 complete streets, the Department shall consider the latest edition
7 of:

8 1. A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, from
9 the American Association of State Highway and Transportation
10 Officials;

11 2. For projects in urban areas, the Context-Sensitive Solutions
12 in Designing Major Urban Thoroughfares for Walkable Communities,
13 from the Institute of Transportation Engineers; and

14 F. If the Department denies a variance request related to
15 complete streets, the Department shall provide written reasons for
16 the denial to the political subdivision that submitted the request.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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