

Montgomery County's Complete Streets Policy



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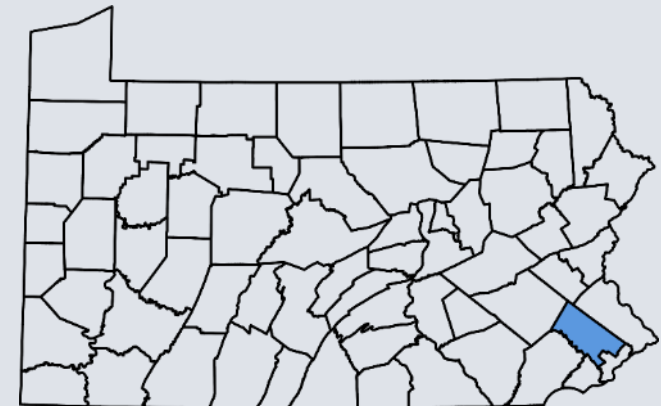
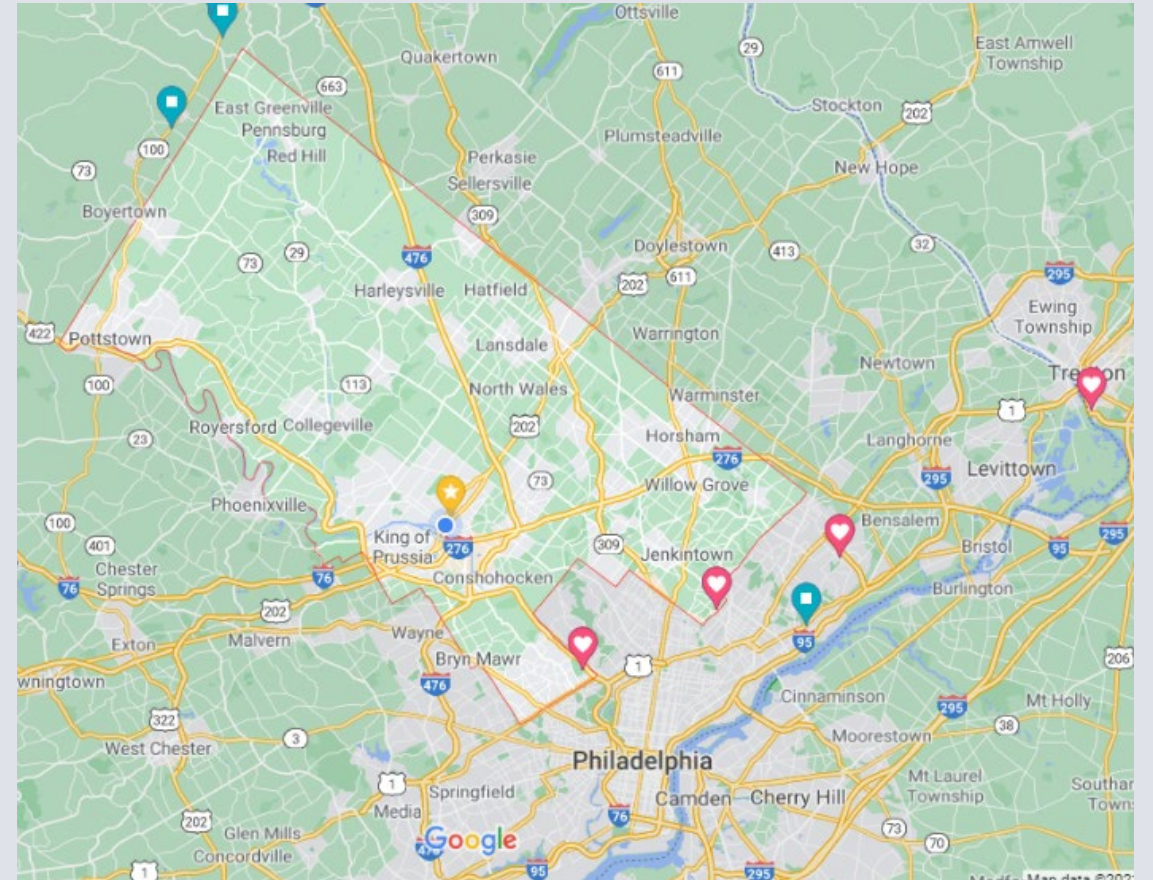
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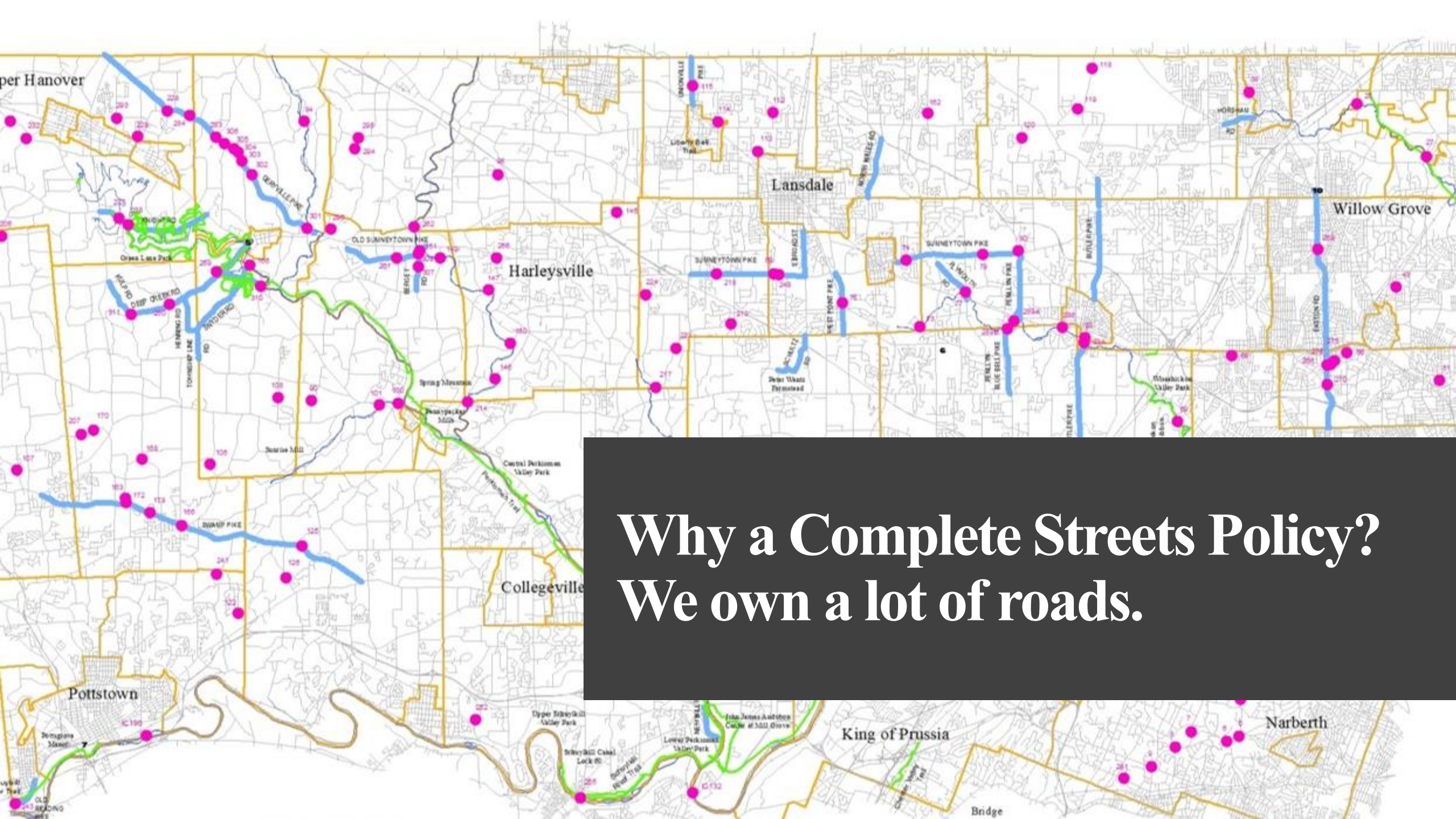
Montgomery County, PA

Adjacent to Philadelphia

850,000 residents and 450,000 jobs

Suburbs, boroughs, and rural areas





Why a Complete Streets Policy?
We own a lot of roads.



What's in the County's Complete Streets Policy?

Steering Committee



Various County Representatives

- Planning Commission Board
- Planning Commission Staff
- Department of Public Safety
- Transportation Authority Board
- Roads & Bridges Department
- Health and Human Services Department
- Commerce Department
- Commissioners' Office

Outside Partners

- PennDOT District 6-0
- SEPTA (transit)
- Partnership TMA
- Greater Valley Forge TMA
- Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
- ADA experts
- DVRPC (MPO)
- AARP

Montgomery County's CS Policy

Funded in part by WalkWorks
Adopted in 2019



Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Complete Streets Policy

Funding for this policy was provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health through the State Physical Activity and Nutrition grant and Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

1.0 VISION

Complete Streets are defined by this policy as enabling safe access for all users.

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, will develop and maintain safe, accessible county-owned roads and facilities that support all users. The Complete Streets policy will guide decision-making during the planning and design of capital improvement projects for roads and other county-owned facilities, as well as the projects and initiatives of the county's partners and other external stakeholders.

2.0 PRINCIPLES

2.1 Serve all users and modes

The Complete Streets policy will promote safe, accessible, and integrated transportation options that balance the needs of all users and modes, including but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists (including motorcyclists), freight carriers, emergency personnel, and agricultural vehicle operators.

2.2 Utilize context sensitive approaches

The Complete Streets policy will balance the safety of all users while considering a project's physical setting as well as scenic, aesthetic, and historic concerns, and universal design principles.

2.3 Promote sound environmental design

The Complete Streets policy will promote best management practices of stormwater management, environmental design, and place making. It will incorporate environmental mitigation features where practicable when implementing Complete Street designs.

2.4 Apply to all phases of a project, particularly during planning and design

Complete Streets designs shall be considered during the planning and design phases of county-led street, highway, and sidewalk projects, to the greatest extent practicable. County representatives shall note important Complete Street design elements in cooperation with local and regional projects during discussions.



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Vision Statement

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Principles

Serve all users and modes

Utilize context sensitive approaches

Promote sound environmental design

Apply to all phases of a project, particularly during planning and design

Be consistent with comp plans

Promote collaboration (inside & out)

Achieve public policy goals
(Public health, public safety, and health)

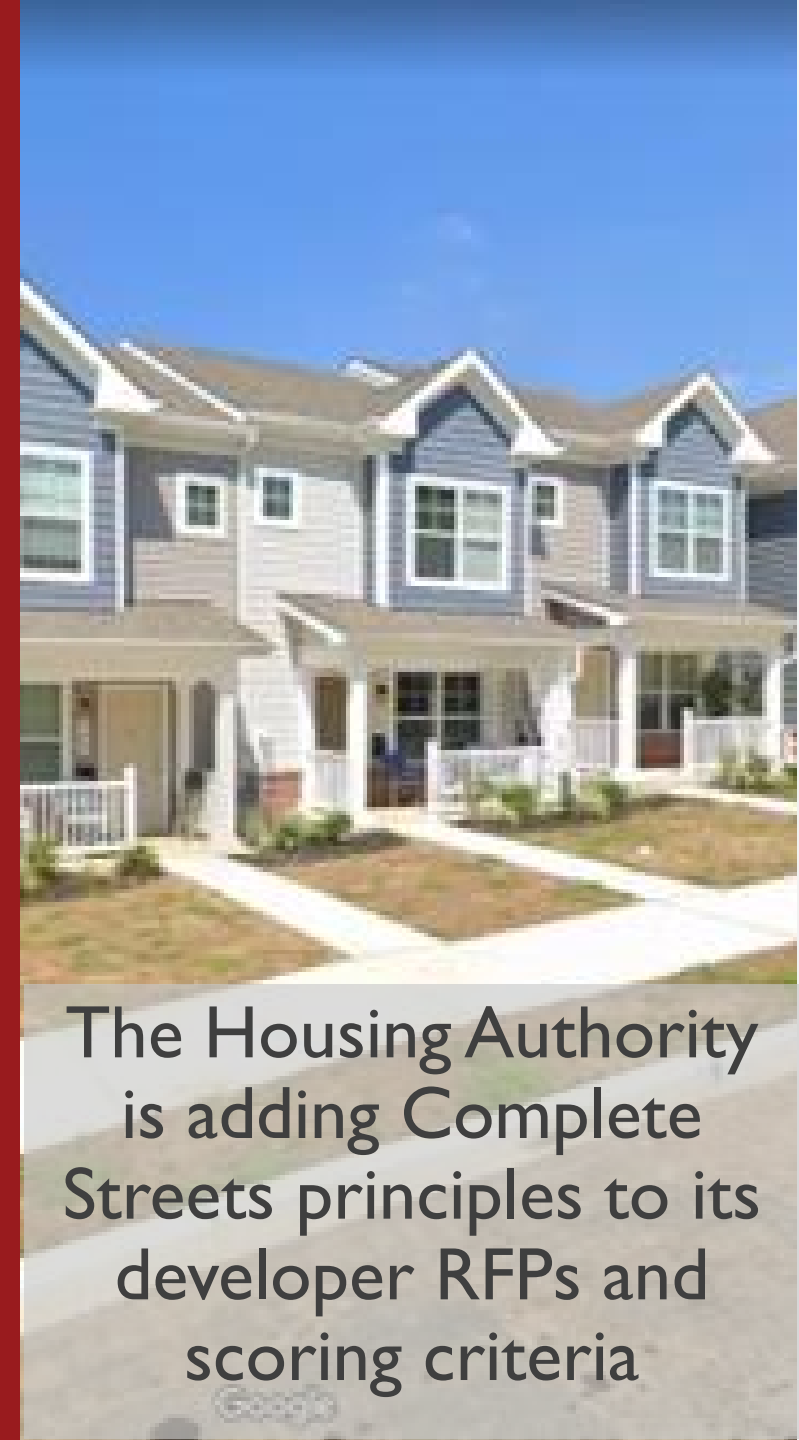


The county is adding sidewalks to a major road project – despite some homeowner objections

3.0



Implementation



The Housing Authority is adding Complete Streets principles to its developer RFPs and scoring criteria

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Performance Measures

Track the # of new...

Bike lanes

Sidewalk

Ped improvements

Bus stop amenities

Green streets

CS policies

KSI (decrease)



5.0



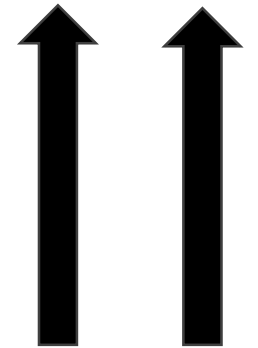
Exceptions



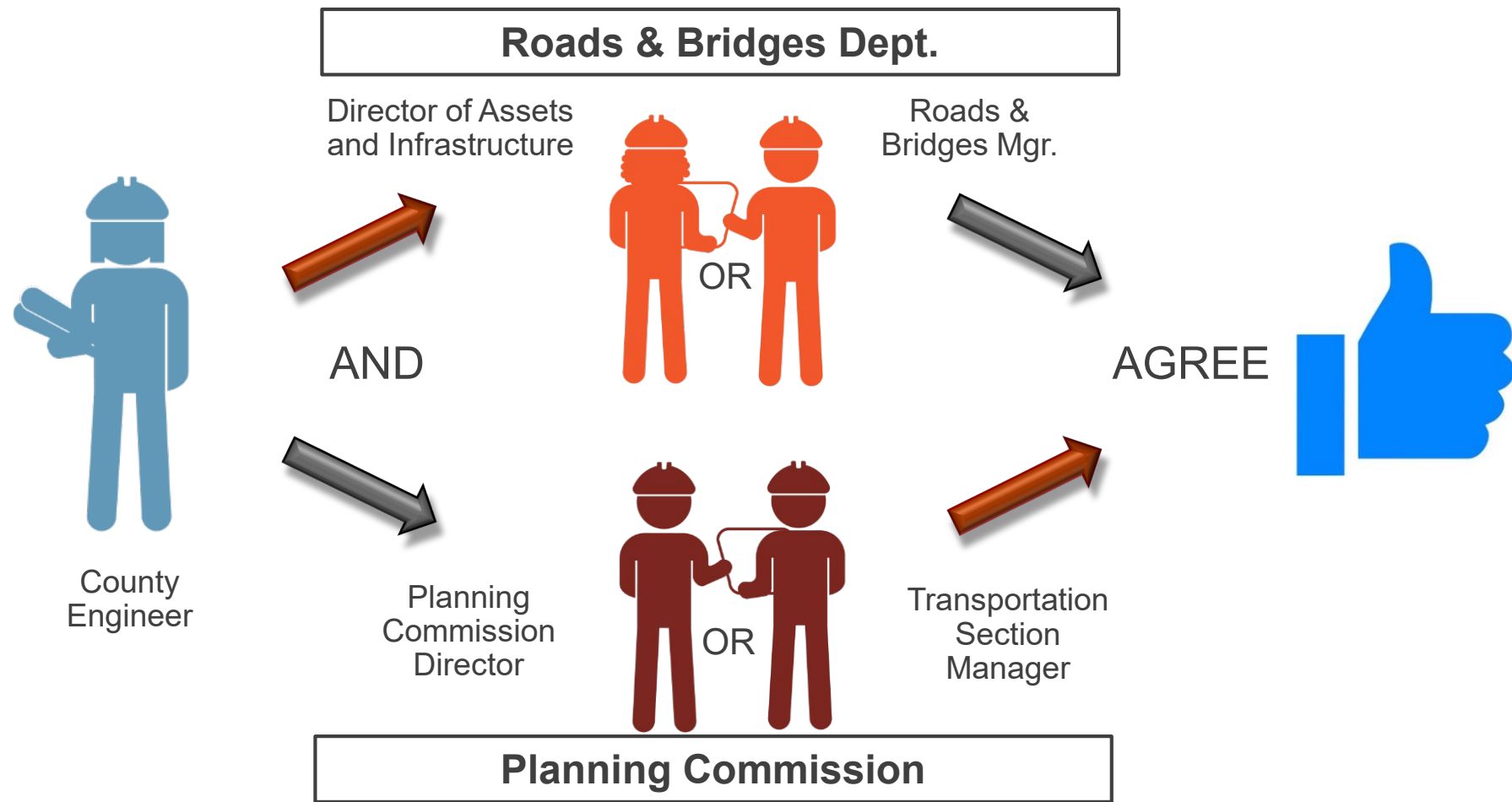
No predicted
need in 25 yrs



Cost is not
proportionate
to the need



There is or will
be a sufficient
parallel route



Procedure for Approving Exceptions

Follow Up & Accountability



*What does the county
Complete Streets Policy
require?*



Write it all down.



Post it publicly.



Track progress annually.



How We Use Our Complete Streets Policy



How do we make decisions? WE TALK.
