MnDOT Environmental Stewardship & Streamlining Workshop
Transportation Program and Project Development in a Changing Environment

Session 5: Complete Streets in Minnesota
1:55 - 2:40 pm

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TRENDS

• Aging
• Driving alternatives
• Communities for a lifetime

“aging in place”
Concern for older drivers’ safety is greater now than any time in our history

• More than 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 each day, a trend expected to continue for the next 19 years.
• By the year 2040, 1 in 5 Americans will be 70 or older.
• Men will outlive their driving life by 7 years and women by 10 years.
Living Life To Its Fullest!

- The dominance of the passenger automobile is changing
- Participation and engagement are critical to health
Aging with Medical Conditions

• Living longer … transportation mode will change

• Financial Planning, Living Wills ….

Transportation Planning
  – Appealing “features” when choosing communities
  – Walkability at a very fundamental level
  – Independence …. safety/shelter/reliability
“alternatives” are not optional

- Inaccessible / impassible curb-cuts pose danger to the pedestrian using wheeled mobility (scooter, power WC)
- Sidewalks offer safety
- Complete Streets features that “complete the street” are completing “access to mobility and participation” for all
Innovations

• Safe routes to schools

• Senior Initiatives:
  – Safe routes to transit
  – “think safe routes” … to assisted living?

Consider carefully what makes them unsafe
  – “small things” … Uneven pavement
  – Lack of rest options (benches/ islands, etc.)
Thank you!

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