

Complete Streets  
Implementation Workshop  
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# The Complete Streets Policy for the National Capital Region

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# What are Complete Streets?

**Complete Streets are streets for everyone.** They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. \*

\*<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets>

# Transportation Planning Board Citizens Advisory Committee Proposal leads to Regional Policy

- CAC called for a regional Complete Streets Policy in June 2011
- Reasons
  - Cost (cheaper than retrofitting)
  - Supports TPB Vision and Region Forward Goals
    - Walkable, mixed-use activity centers
    - Health and Fitness
    - Economic/retail activity & tourism
    - Climate/Environmental
    - Environmental justice
- TPB Chair directed staff to prepare a proposal in consultation with the relevant Committees
- Stakeholders Workshop January 30, 2012

# Complete Streets Policy for the National Capital Region

- R15-2012 adopted May 16, 2012
- Defined a “Complete Street” as follows:
  - “A complete street safely and adequately accommodates motorized and non-motorized users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, freight vehicles, emergency vehicles, and transit riders of all ages and abilities, in a manner appropriate to the function and context of the facility.”
- Endorsed the concept of Complete Streets
- Provided a *Complete Streets Guidance and Policy Template* as model
- Strongly encouraged TPB member jurisdictions and agencies to adopt a Complete Streets policy
  - Called for a follow-up survey of policy adoption and implementation, repeated every two years
  - Implementation of agency policies to be documented in the Transportation Improvement Program
- TPB to sponsor training on best practices for implementation

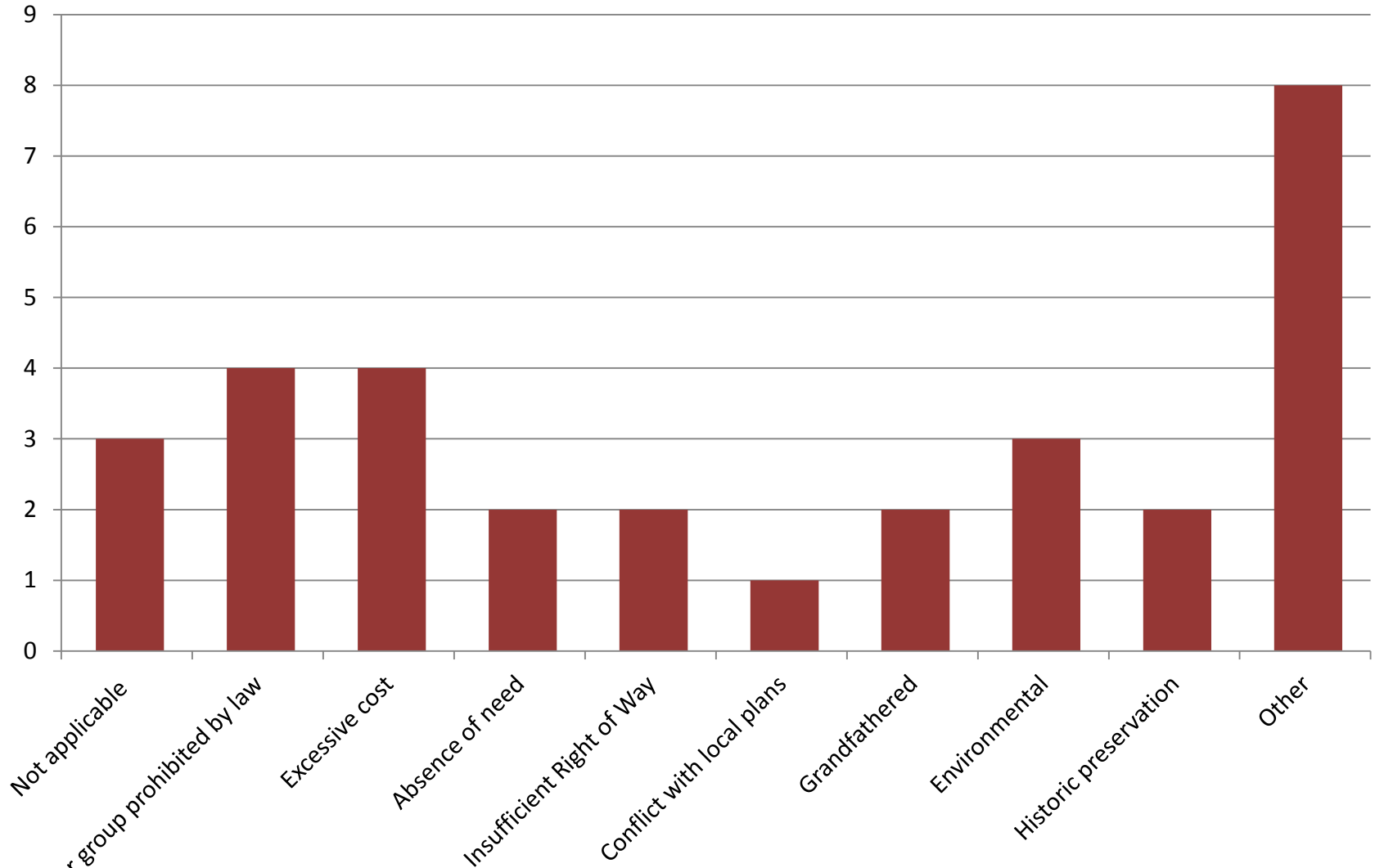
# Complete Streets 2012 Survey Results

- All three States and most major jurisdictions in the region have Complete Streets policies in place.
  - Ten Adopted Policies as of December 2012
- New or Revised Policies in 2012:
  - Montgomery County
  - Prince George's County
  - Maryland State Highway Administration
- Five Policies Under Development:
  - Prince William County
  - City of Falls Church
  - City of Frederick
  - City of Greenbelt
  - City of Manassas
- No Complete Streets policy, none under development:
  - National Park Service
  - Charles County
  - Frederick County
  - City of Bowie
  - City of College Park
  - City of Fairfax
  - City of Gaithersburg
  - Manassas Park

Jurisdiction/Agency	Complete Streets Policy	In Development	Date of Adoption	Policy Name	Type
DDOT	Yes		10/21/2010	DDOT Complete Streets Policy	Internal Directive
MDSHA	Yes		7/30/2012	SHA Complete Streets Policy	State Legislation, Internal Guidance
VDOT	Yes		3/18/2004	Policy for Integrating Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations	Internal guidance or directive
National Park Service	No	No			
City of Bowie	No	No			
City of College Park	No	No			
Charles County/Planning and Growth Management	No	No			
Frederick County	No	No			
Frederick City	No	Yes	4/2013*	Complete Streets Policy	
City of Gaithersburg	No	No			
City of Greenbelt	No	Yes			
Montgomery County/DOT	Yes		4/2/2012	Complete Streets Policy	Internal Directive
Prince George's County	Yes		12/2012	Complete Green Streets Policy, CB-83-2012	City/Council Resolution or Ordinance
Rockville	Yes		7/29/2009	Complete Streets Policy	City/Council Resolution or Ordinance
Alexandria	Yes		4/12/2011	City of Alexandria Complete Streets Policy	City/Council Resolution or Ordinance
Arlington	Yes		11/13/2007	Part of Arlington Master Transportation Plan	Comprehensive Plan
Falls Church	No	Yes			
Fairfax City	No	No			
Fairfax County/DOT	Yes		7/31/2006	Transportation Chapter, Fairfax County Plan	Comprehensive Plan
Loudoun County/Office of Transportation	Yes		6/15/2010	Design and Construction Standards Policies, Ch. 2, County Transportation Plan	Comprehensive Plan
City of Manassas	No	Yes	2013*		Comprehensive Plan
Manassas Park	No	No			
Prince William County		Yes	2013*	Complete Streets Concepts	City/Council Resolution or Ordinance

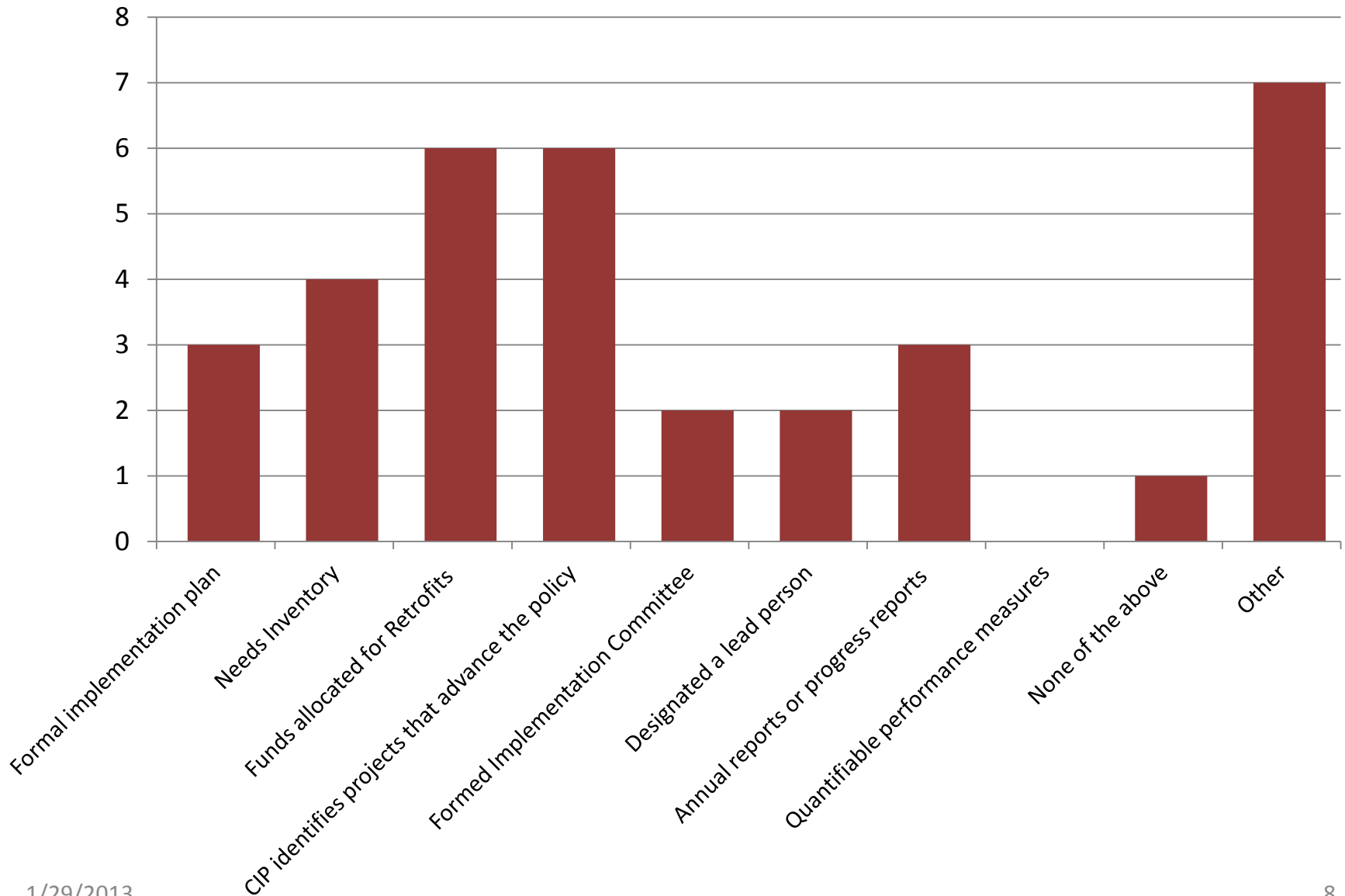
# Common Exemptions

What are the exemptions allowed in the policy? Please check all that apply. (N=8)



# Implementation Measures

Describe the implementation process for your Complete Streets Policy. Please check all that apply. (N = 11)





# Implementation Results

- 4/9 respondents have offered training to staff to help them implement the policy.
- 9/12 respondents reported little or no opposition to the policy.
  - Two reported strong opposition
- 7/8 respondents reported successful or very successful implementation
  - One reported “many difficulties”

# Questions?

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