



Village of Skokie
**Preliminary Plan Review Checklist for
Development Design and
Complete Streets Policy Implementation**

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The Village of Skokie will strive to accommodate and educate users of all ages and abilities by prioritizing the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users; adapting to the needs of emergency responders and commercial vehicle drivers; and acknowledging vehicular use and safety.

Please use this checklist to consider elements that need to be incorporated into a development project, in addition to passenger vehicles, to help the Village achieve its goals. It is advantageous to consider these elements as early on in the design process as possible.



Observation

- Walk and bike the area during peak and non-peak travel times to study the surroundings and human behavior
- Take photos and notes
- Look at aerial photos such as Skokie's GIS <http://www.skokie.org/Maps.cfm>, Google, NearMap, and/or <http://isgs.illinois.edu/ilhap> (ca. 1938)
- Look at historic Google street views
- Prepare a site plan that includes information of adjacent and across-the-street properties



Walking

- Sidewalks – 5' minimum clear walking path
- Crosswalks
- Pedestrian access to and from the property
- Pedestrian circulation on the property
- Minimize number of driveways and drive aisles to avoid conflicts with pedestrians
- Use minimum driveway and drive aisle widths to minimize pedestrian crossing distances yet provide vehicular access



Accessibility

- Physically impaired, including wheelchair users – ADA-compliant ramps, as needed
- Hearing impaired – audio assistance, as needed
- Visually impaired – high contrast colors and signage, as needed
- ADA parking width – 8' space + 8' diagonal striping/accessible parking space
- ADA building and site access – push button door openers



Bicycling

- Travel to and from the property
- Parking – within 40' of a building entrance; 2' x 6' area/parking space with 5' access area
- 1 bike rack = 2 bike parking spaces
- Select appropriate type of bicycle facility (open air, covered, indoors, etc.)



Bus

- Note bus service routes within ¼-mile radius of site
- Note the major destinations of these routes
- Note locations of nearest bus shelter(s) and stop(s)
- Show bus routes and shelters adjacent to the site
- Consider bus shelter, signs, and/or seating needs
- Consider the availability of bike racks on buses



Train

- Note distance of closest train station(s) from the property
- Note if there is a railroad crossing within ¼-mile of project area
- Show railroad if adjacent to the property



Elderly

- Note access to basic needs (food, doctors, senior living, etc.) nearby
- Minimize crossing distance of streets and driveways



Youth

- Note access to kid-friendly destinations (grocery, parks, etc.) nearby
- Consider opportunities to build independence for kids
- Consider any “childproofing” needs



Emergency and Commercial Vehicles

- Is best bike/ped solution in conflict with fire truck access?
- If so, what is the best compromise solution? Mountable curbs with stamped concrete? Other?
- Locate fire hydrants
- Provide turning templates for emergency vehicles and/or large delivery trucks on the site plan, and minimize conflicts with pedestrians, bicycles, and other vehicles

Notes: