SOME REASONS WHY COMPLETE STREETS:

Empowers All to Contribute to Society:

- Many people cannot own a car. Complete Streets allow them to get out and participate in their communities. In Utah: 31% are under 18, 15% are disabled, 13% are Seniors, and 13% are in Poverty.\(^1,2,3,4\)

Creates a Safer and Healthier You:

- Sidewalks make walking 88% safer, bike lanes biking 50% safer, & medians driving 40% safer.\(^8,9,10\)
- Reducing speeds from 40 mph to 30 mph cuts the pedestrian fatality rate by 50%.\(^11\)
- Economists have estimated that the additional activity induced by more bike lanes could save an area the size of the Wasatch Front up to 15,500 cases of cancer, diabetes, & heart disease.\(^15\)

Enables us to Greater Personal Wealth:

- The average Davis County Resident works until March 23\(^{rd}\) each year to pay for transportation.\(^17\)
- Each car eliminated saves a family $10,000 on average.\(^19\)
- Home values grow by $700 to $3,000 for each percent increase in the neighborhood walk score.\(^21\)

Makes for Cleaner Air:

- If everyone didn’t drive for trips under a mile we could eliminate up to 12% of our vehicle emissions.\(^5,6\)
- Reduces problem births & respiratory disease for those living in vehicle emission ‘hot spots’.\(^14a,14b\)

Strengthens Our Country

Each year we pay an unsustainable $4,433 per person in our country for the following:

- $438 billion for imported oil.\(^29,30,31\)
- $360 billion for ‘free parking’.\(^27,28,28a\)
- Up to $280 billion for excess air pollution.\(^25\)
- $252 billion in medical and absenteeism due to the weight of nearly a third of our population.\(^12,23,24\)

Simple Enjoyment:

- Although building complete streets can begin to assist us in addressing these and other very serious societal problems, maybe the largest and most immediate benefits come from the pure enjoyment of being able to take a family or personal walk, ride or jog through our communities.

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