

COMPLETE STREETS/"SMART GROWTH" AGENDA

The responsibility and mission of this Agency is to steward our road user fees (gas taxes) to improve road capacity to meet the present and future transportation demands of our community.

How does "Complete Streets" fit into that core mission?

Complete Streets is a euphemism for shrunken streets. It is an agenda that calls for double taxation through tolls and maximizes traffic congestion due to a reduction in road capacity. It is meant to compel people to get out of their cars and into government run transit. It is a brain child of SmartGrowthAmerica.org which engages in failed wishful thinking and social engineering.

Smart Growth or Complete Streets is centralized government planning. It concentrates growth into high density, tax subsidized urban centers and penalizes the free use of private cars. The agenda puts great pressure on citizens to resort to light rail, street cars and buses, stripping citizens of private property rights.

Vancouver and Portland are certainly free to set policies that set up an adversarial relationship with those who choose cars and trucks over transit. I believe this policy would be in direct conflict with the very mission of this organization, that of addressing the needs of our community, primarily but not exclusively, through road and corridor improvements.

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