Today

Outline
• Progress Update
• Plan Outline
• Municipal Resource Guide
• Preliminary Results of Critical Gap Analysis
• Next Steps

Objectives
• Get your input on preliminary results
• Discuss ideas on how to address identified topic areas
• Gather suggestions for municipalities to include as case studies, best practices
Plan Outcomes

Core Goals
• Improve accessibility
• Improve safety
• Improve maintenance and usability
• Invest prudently

Deliverables
• Prioritized Investment Strategy
• Municipal Resource Guide
What we heard from you

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• Seek input from an informed audience (municipal staff, MassDOT staff, Mass in Motion) rather than general public
• Address the equity of safety
• Influence rural, non-federal aid roads
• Make the case for why walking is important
• Uncover the institutional barriers to developing walkable communities
Completed Interviews

MassDOT
• Safety Section
• Office of Civil Rights
• MBTA
• Complete Streets Funding Program
• Office of the Secretary
• Highway Division
• Snow & Ice Operations
• Safe Routes to School
• Traffic Engineering Section
• Walking and Biking Working Group

WalkBoston

MA Department of Public Health

Mass Municipal Association
Planned Interviews

• MassDOT Districts
• Regional Planning Agencies
• Regional Transit Agencies
• MA Office on Disability
• Mass in Motion Coordinators
• Municipal Staff
The Plan should address the following areas:

• Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility
• Pedestrian Access to Transit
• Statewide Safety Trends
• Snow Clearance
• Ongoing Facility Maintenance
• Support for Small Projects
• Meaningful Performance Measures (e.g., SRTS)
• Project Evaluation and Selection
Plan Structure

Core Goal

• Area
  • Testimonial describing how the issue affects MA residents on a daily basis
  • What is the issue?
  • What is the existing condition?
  • What are current initiatives related to this area?
  • What are the opportunities to address the issue? (statewide and municipal)
  • What performance measures should be applied to this area?
Plan Outline

Goal: Improve Accessibility
- ADA Accessibility
- Pedestrian Access to Transit

Goal: Improve Safety
- Context/State of the Practice
- Safety Trends in MA and Recommendations

Goal: Improve Maintenance
- Snow Clearance
- Ongoing Facility Maintenance

Goal: Prudent Investment
- Support for Small Projects
- Meaningful Performance Measures
- Project Selection

Prioritized Investment Strategy
Municipal Resource Guide
Municipal Resource Guide

Goal
• Connect practitioners to resources and best practices

Format
• Concise and graphic
• Checklists
• Toolkits (8)
• Case studies (6)
• Templates, samples
Resource Guide Topics

- Why is walkability important?
- Elements of walkable communities
- ADA Transition Plan template
- Bus stop checklists
- Ped safety countermeasures
- Setting speed limits/Municipal Modernization

- Maintenance
  - Best practices
  - Sample inspection programs
- Snow Clearance
  - Best practices
  - Developing a prioritization plan
  - Sample policy, maintenance contract
Thoughts So Far?

• Are we missing or misreading anything?
  • Are we hitting the mark?
  • Thoughts on municipalities to highlight for best practices, case studies?
Critical Gap Analysis and Prioritization
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Objectives

• Identify top priority areas for investment in walking
• Identify major types of barriers and improvements that are needed in priority areas

Data Sources

• MAPC Local Access Score
• MassDOT Sidewalk Inventory
• MassDOT Crash Data
• US Census ACS 2010-2014
• MassDOT Office of Civil Rights
Critical Gap Analysis and Prioritization

**Inputs**

- Infrastructure
  - Utility/demand
    - Schools
    - Retail & restaurants
    - Parks
    - Transit
  - Sidewalk gaps
  - Safety

- Equity
  - % non-white
  - Low income
  - Limited English proficiency
  - Disability
Preliminary Results: Priority Areas for Investment in Walking
Next Steps

• Dive deeper into priority areas: what are the barriers to walking?
• Complete safety research and analysis
• Validate topics with public
• Interview practitioners: municipal and regional staff, MassDOT districts, etc.
• Gather testimonials

• Develop Municipal Resource Guide
  • Case studies, best practices
  • Toolkits, checklists, templates
• Develop prioritized investment strategy