Key Economic Indicators



Category	Average 2009-2013							
Population	4,066							
Labor Force	1,336							
Unemployment	25%							
Jobs (2014 Only)	13,930							
Median Home Value	\$176,400							
Median Rent (Monthly)	\$1,339							
Lease Rates (per sq. ft.)	\$12.64							



- Springfield is connected economically to its surrounding cities and towns.
- Springfield, and the study area, serve as an employment center for the Pioneer Valley.
- Evidence for this interconnection is seen in through the surrounding community agreements with MGM.

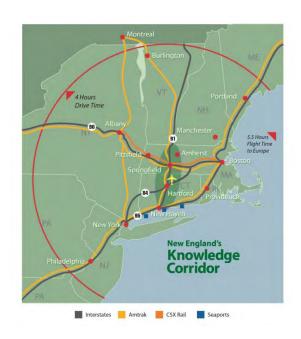
Springfield Casino	Official Status	Geographic Location						
Town of Agawam	Surrounding	Bordering						
City of Chicopee	Surrounding	Bordering						
Town of East Longmeadow	Surrounding	Bordering						
Town of Longmeadow	Surrounding	Bordering						
Town of Ludlow	Surrounding	Bordering						
Town of West Springfield	Surrounding	Bordering						
Town of Wilbraham	Surrounding	Bordering						
City of Holyoke	Surrounding	Does not border, nearby						



Regional Economic Structure









Housing Characteristics



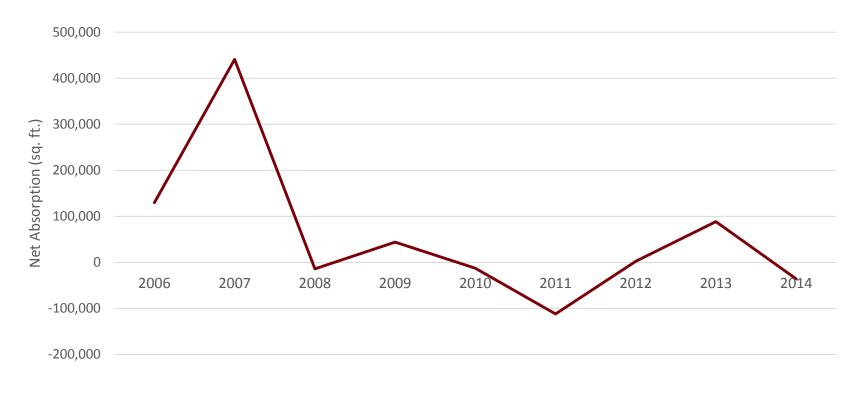
Value	2009-2013							
Less than \$50,000	22							
\$50,000 to \$99,999	69							
\$100,000 to \$149,999	69							
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0							
\$200,000 to \$299,999	0							
\$300,000 to \$499,999	0							
\$500,000 to \$999,999	21							
\$1,000,000 or more	0							
Total owner-occupied units	181							
Median value (nominal dollars)	\$176,400							

Gross Rent	2009-2013
Less than \$200	139
\$200 to \$299	293
\$300 to \$499	350
\$500 to \$749	324
\$750 to \$999	481
\$1,000 to \$1,499	208
\$1,500 or more	36
Units with no rent paid	45
Total rented units	1,876
Median rent (nominal dollars)	\$1,339



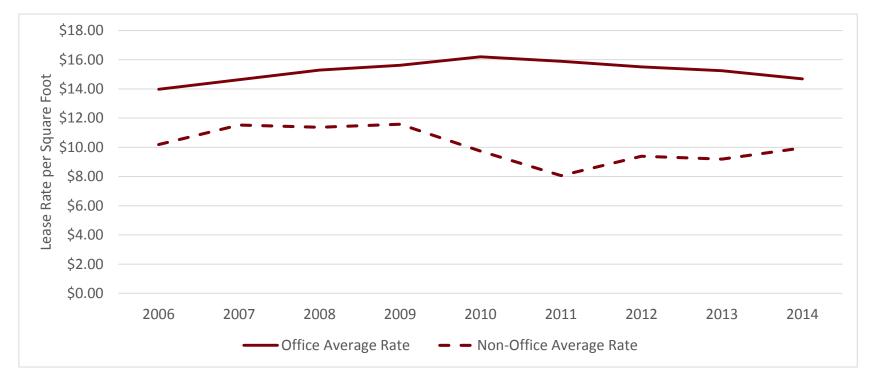
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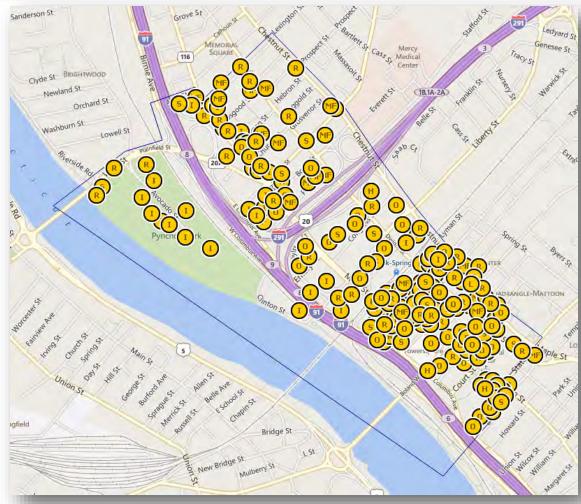






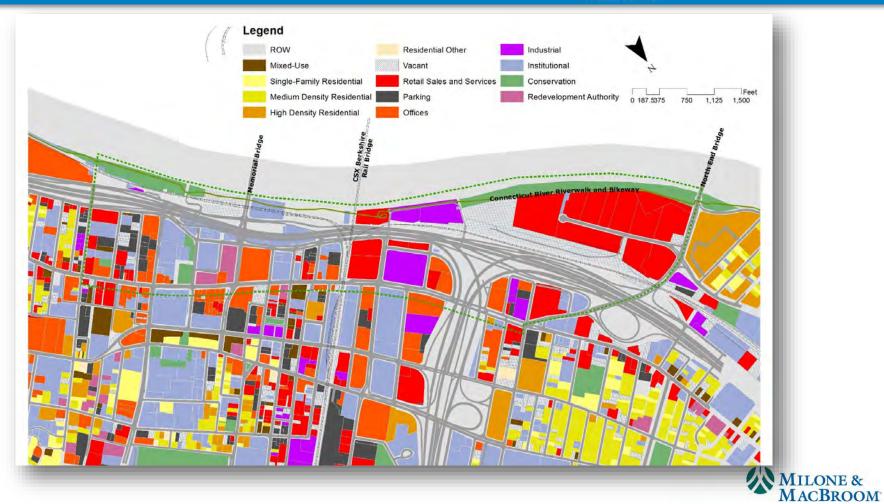
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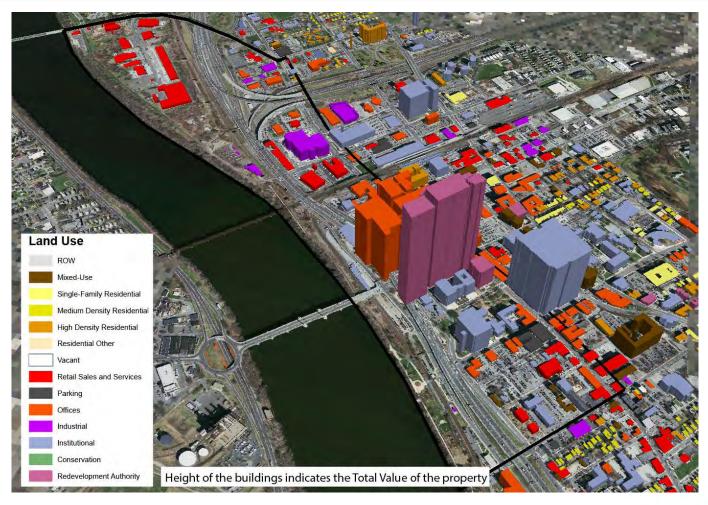






Property Values by Land Use



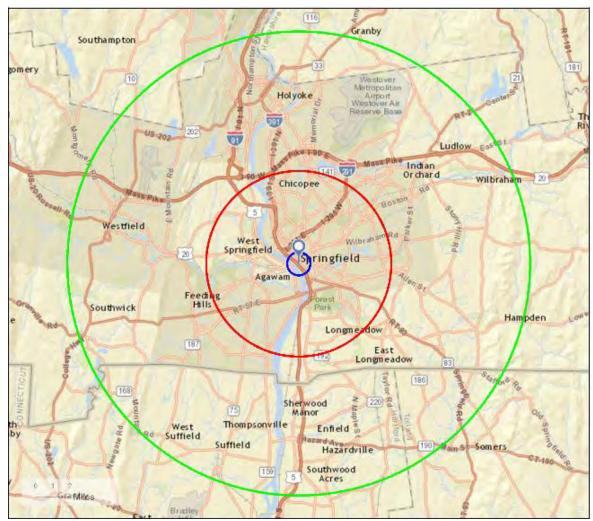






Tapestry Analysis Areas



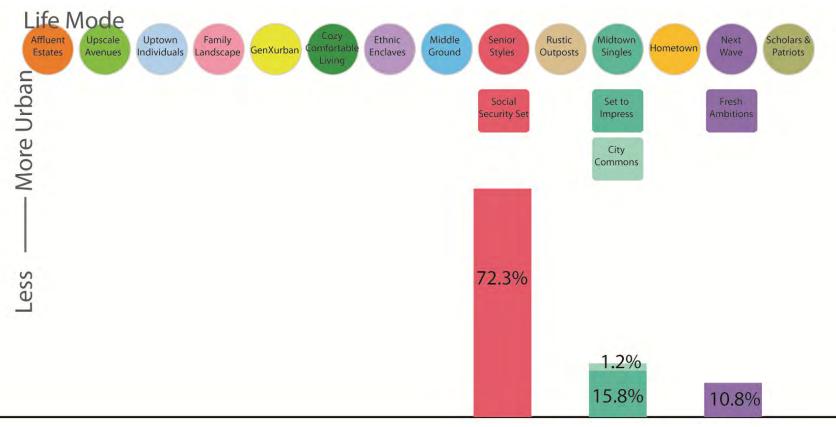






Residential Tapestry 1/2 Mile Radius





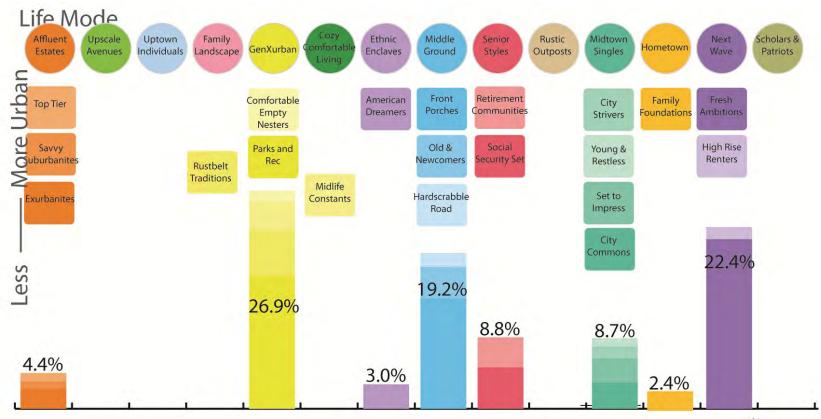




Residential Tapestry 4 Mile Radius



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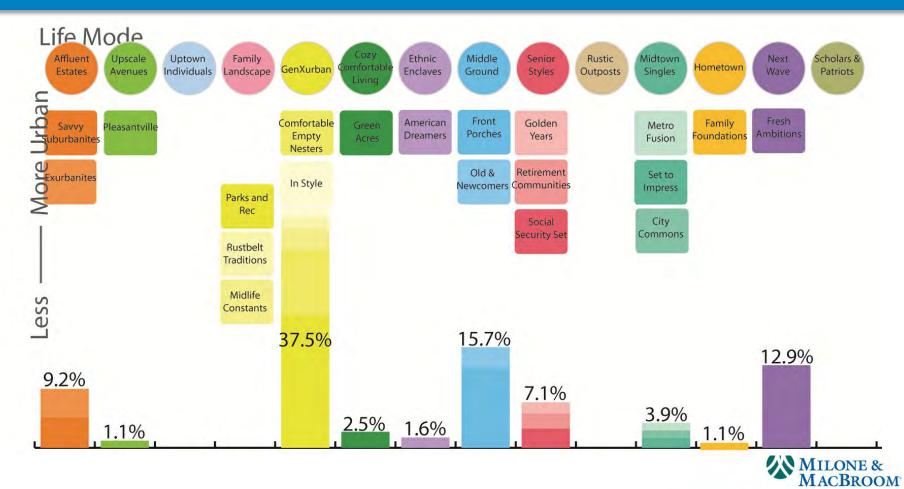






Residential Tapestry 10 Mile Radius







Economic Development Opportunities



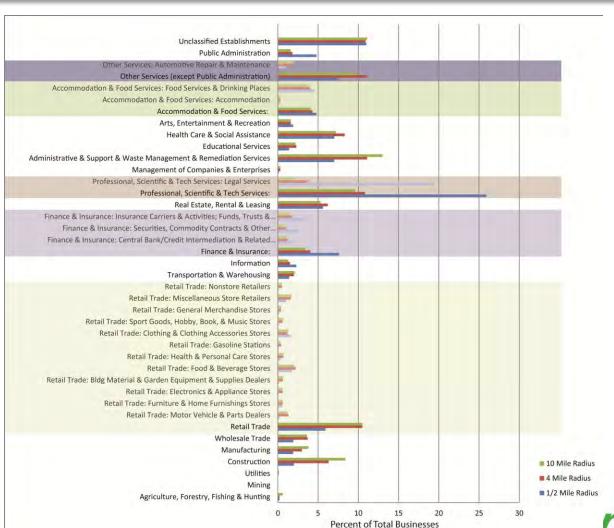






Local & Regional Business Patterns



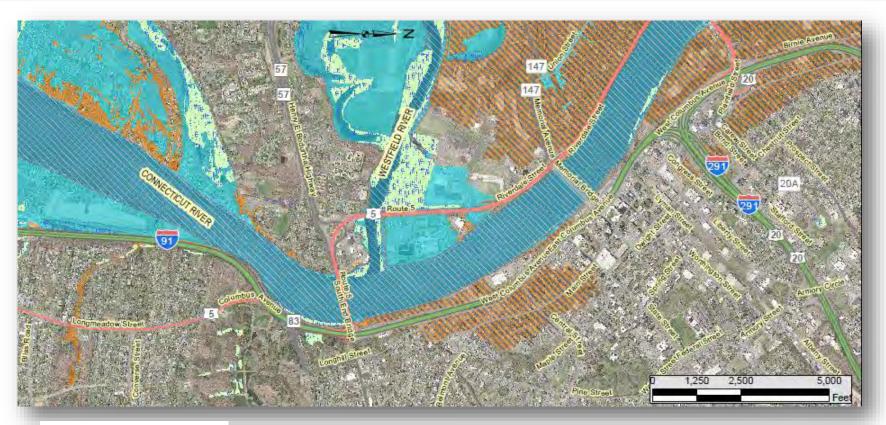






Wetlands & FEMA National Flood Hazard



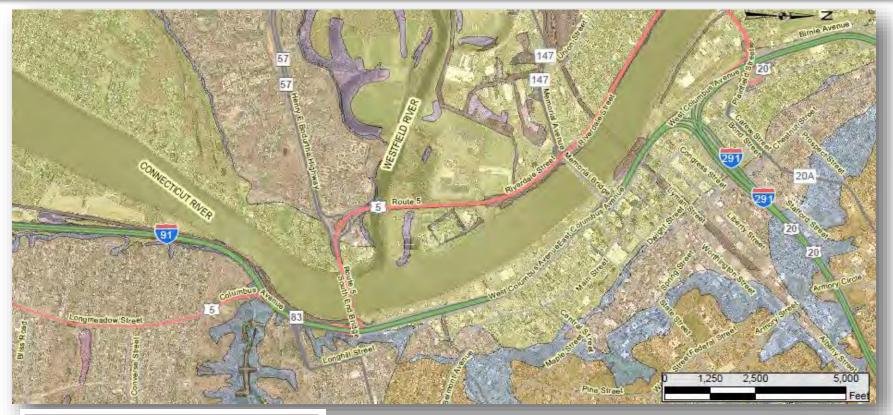






Surficial Geology





Surficial Geology	
Artificial Fill	Coarse
Swamp and Marsh Deposits	Glaciolacustrine Fine
Alluvium	Glaciomarine Fine
Valley-floor Fluvial Deposits	Stagnant-ice Deposits
Alluvial Fan	Thick Till
Inland Dune	Thrust Moraine
Marine Regressive	Till Overlying Sand Deposits
Stream-Terrace	End Moraine Deposits
Talus	





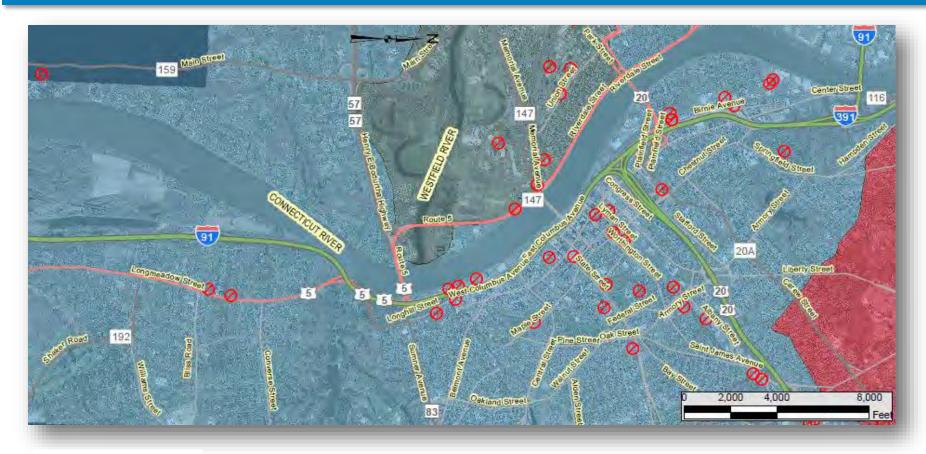






MassDEP AUL Sites & Watershed Delineations





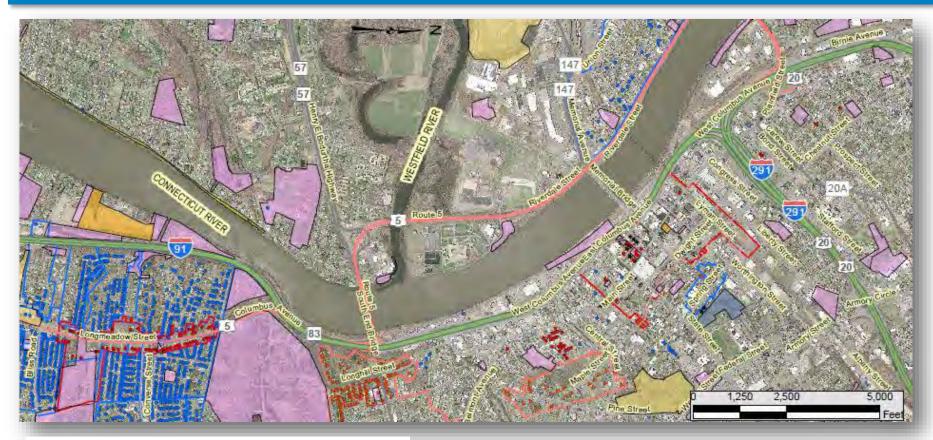




Protected Open Space & Cultural Resources



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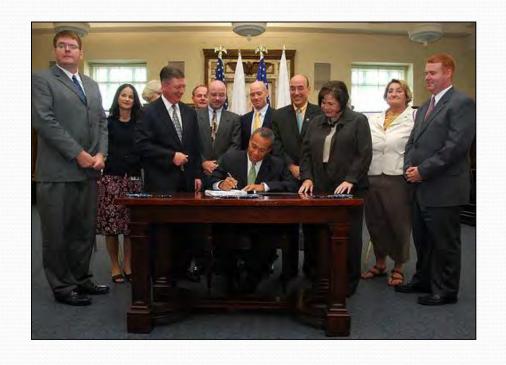






1. Transportation Reform in Massachusetts

In June 2009 Governor Deval Patrick signed the Transportation Reform Law – M.G.L. Chapter 6C



The primary goal was to consolidate all state transportation agencies in Massachusetts to reduce duplicate efforts and enhance transportation planning

I. Transportation Reform in Massachusetts

- M.G.L Chapter 6C established the Healthy Transportation Compact composed of:
 - Secretary of Transportation (co-chair)
 - Secretary of Health and Human Services (co-chair)
 - Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs
 - Administrator of Transportation for Highways
 - Administrator of Transportation for Mass Transit
 - Commissioner of Public Health
- Under M.G.L. Chapter 6C, Section 33 the Healthy Transportation Compact is directed to:
 - (v) establish methods to implement the use of health impact assessments (HIAs) to determine the effect of transportation projects on public health and vulnerable populations; and
 - (x) institute a health impact assessment for use by planners, transportation administrators, public health administrators and developers.

II. Steps of Conducting a Pilot HIA

- **Screening** Determines the need and value of a HIA
- Scoping Determines which health impacts to evaluate, methods for analysis and a work plan
- **Assessment** Provides (1) describes baseline health conditions and (2) predicts potential health impacts
- **Recommendations** Provides strategies to manage identified adverse health impacts
- **Reporting** Includes the development of the HIA report and communication of findings and recommendations
- Monitoring Tracks the impact on decision-making processes and the decision and the impacts of the decision on health determinants

B. Step 2: Scoping

Research Questions: What are the public health impacts/benefits associated with changes in:

Air Quality

 Modeled vehicle emissions of current air pollution impacts and future technology changes; Evaluated proximity within 200 meters of roadway (for higher exposure gradient); and elevation of corridor.

Noise

 Noise along corridor and adjacent streets from increases in vehicles in intersections, proximity, and technology changes; elevation of corridor.

Mobility and connectivity

Vehicle use on corridor; vehicle use in adjacent areas; pedestrian/bicycle use

Public Safety

• Injuries and fatalities associated with vehicle collisions; crime and fear of crime.

Land Use and Economic Development

• Access to goods (e.g., grocery store, pharmacy) and services (e.g., health care providers, schools, libraries); Housing (including possibility of gentrification and displacement); Land use (e.g., Inner Belt and Brickbottom); Availability and access to parks, open space, and community path;

C. Step 3: Assessment

- Assessment of Existing Conditions
 - Demographic and Socioeconomic data
 - Identifying vulnerable populations
 - Characterizing baseline health information
 - Hospitalization data, Cancer data, and Pediatric asthma data from the MDPH/BEH Environmental Public Health Tracking Portal,
 - School health data on obesity, overweight, and depression in children living in Somerville
- Assessment of Alternatives

Health Data	Geography	Data Sources	Methods (3)					
Hospitalization (inpatient) data • Asthma (inpatient and ED) • Myocardial infarction	By zip code and Community	MDPH/ BEH EPHT Portal (2)	Rate of health outcomes in study area by zip code for 2010					
Hospitalization (inpatient) dataCongestive heart failureStrokeHypertension	By zip code and Community	Center for Health Information and Analysis	Rate of health outcomes in study area by zip code for 2010					
Pediatric obesityPediatric overweightPediatric depression	Community	School Health Services, DPH Bureau of Community Health and Prevention	2009-2011 for grades 1, 4, 7 and 10					
 Adult obesity data Adult hypertension Adult diabetes No exercise Eats 5 fruits and vegetables/day 	Community	BRFSS (5)	Outcomes for 2009 in Somerville					
Low birth weight	By census tract and statewide	Registry of Vital Records and Statistics	Calculated birth weight statistics					
Pediatric asthma (Grades K-8)	Elementary schools in pilot HIA study area and community	MDPH/BEH EPHT Portal (2)	Prevalence rates in 2008-2009					
Pediatric diabetes (Grades K-8)	Community	MDPH/BEH EPHT Portal (2)	Prevalence rates in 2008-2009					
Lung and bronchus cancer	By census tract and community	MDPH/ BEH EPHT Portal and MA Cancer Registry	SIR (4)					

Issues & Constraints Transportation



- Number of Pedestrian Fatalities
- Lack of Designated Provisions for Bicycles
- Number of On & Off Ramps in a Short Distance
- Weaving and Merging Traffic along Ramps
- No connection to Memorial Bridge from I-291
- Locations of N-S Rail Line
 - Only 3 connections between the Riverfront & the Bikeway with Downtown Core
 - At-grade crossing @ Riverfront Park is a Passive Crossing



Issues & Constraints Economic Development & Land Use



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Economic & Land Use

- Economic Renaissance in Infancy Future?
- Shift in Local Market to Live/Work Areas
- Cohesive Redevelopment
- Physical Barriers



Issues & Constraints Environmental & Public Health



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Natural Resources

Connecticut, Mill & Westfield Rivers

Public Health

- Water, Air & Noise Quality
- Recreation, Parks & Open Space
- Business & Residential

Cultural Resources

Historic Properties





Opportunities



- Reconfiguration of the I-91 Viaduct and Longmeadow curve will facilitate safety and circulation improvements for all modes
- Link Riverwalks in Agawam and Springfield
- Link Forest Park to the Riverwalk
- Create Stronger Link to the New Union Station
- Create a Regional Draw to an expanded Riverfront
- Transit Oriented Development's
- Economic Development Areas



Next Steps



- Finalize Existing Conditions
- Continue to Task 2 Future Year Conditions
 - Travel Demand Model
 - Operation Analysis
 - Working Group Meeting #3 (New Format)
 - Public Meeting #1



Study Schedule



		2014			2015											2016					
		SEPT	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Task 1	Study Area, Goals & Objectives, Evaluation Criteria, and Public Involvement Plan			A																	
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Task 4	Alternatives Analysis												Ī		A		A *				
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Working Group Meeting

Public Meeting

Questions & Comments





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