# MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP

**April Meeting** 

- -This meeting will be recorded.
- -Please mute yourself after arrival.
- -Please submit your questions via the chat

function. Questions will be answered

during Q&A.

# **AGENDA**

Welcome and Introduction Recent Updates About FFIO **Upcoming Federal Funding Opportunities** FHWA- Safe Streets for All Program Overview MassDOT- Support for SS4A Applications MARPA-Coordination with RPAs on SS4A Q/A

# RECENT WINS!

# \$3.7 Million to MassDOT for Worcester Route 20 Flooding

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced awards for the **PROTECT Discretionary Program**. MassDOT will upgrade drainage infrastructure in **Worcester** to mitigate flooding along the Route 20 and Grafton Street Interchange



#### USDOT Announces New Bedford Award to facilitate Community Engagement

The City of New Bedford will receive funds from the Thriving Communities Program to advance community engagement related to projects including commuter rail access, the construction of a parking garage, and intersection redesign. This award will ensure the communities of New Bedford will have a voice in future key infrastructure projects.

# \$156 million award through Solar for All program

Joint application between the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), MassHousing, and the Boston Housing Authority requesting clean energy investments for up to 31,000 low-income and affordable homes from the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.



# ABOUT THE FEDERAL FUNDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICE

Officially created by recently signed Executive Order No. 624, and tasked with implementing a whole-of-government to compete for federal funding by:



Identifying key federal funding opportunities



Leading bi-weekly meetings of the interagency Advisory Council on Federal Funds and Infrastructure

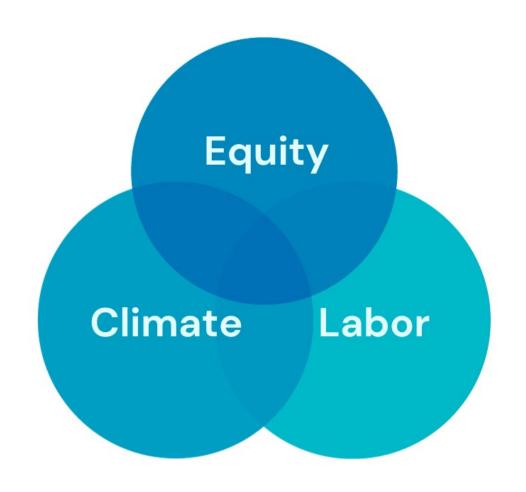


Tracking available federal grant opportunities and Massachusetts applications through the State Clearinghouse

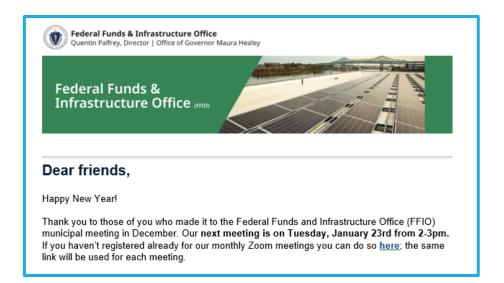


Leading the Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership to support municipalities and tribes in their applications for federal funding

# INCORPORATING ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES AND PARTNERS



# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



- Monthly Federal Funds Partnership meetings with targeted information on recently announced grant programs where local governments are the eligible applicant
  - Monthly emails in advance of and following Partnership with meeting notes, video clips, and additional info on grant opportunities and resources

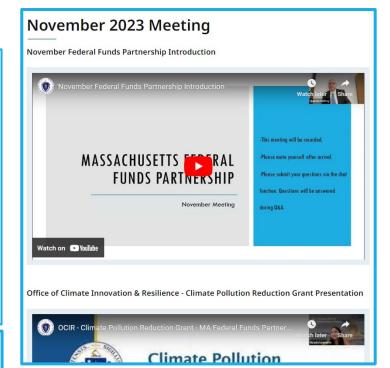
# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Information also available on the Federal Funds Local

Governments page:







#### **Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership**

FFIO leads the monthly Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership meeting. This forum not only delivers critical updates but also offers a platform for addressing questions related to the many funding possibilities at the disposal of cities, towns and tribal organizations.

Register Here for Upcoming Meetings →

#### **Additional Resources**



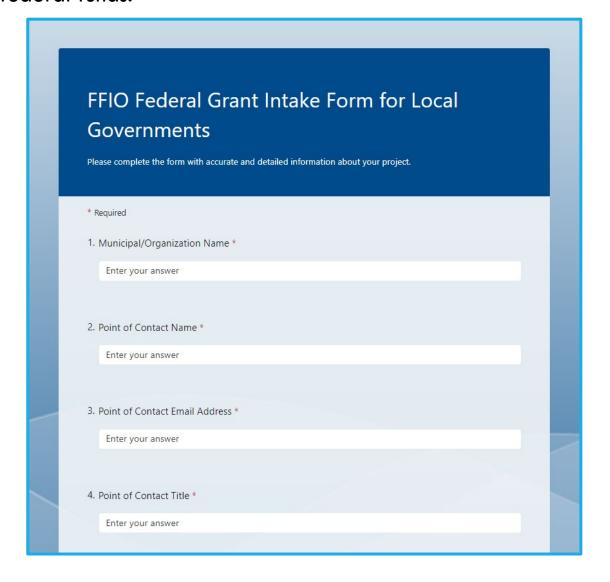
November 2023 Federal Funds Partnership Slides (English, PDF 4.39 MB)



October 2023 Federal Funds Partnership Slides (English, PDF 2.8 MB)

# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Use the <u>FFIO Project Intake Form</u> to notify FFIO of in-progress or submitted federal grant applications, or projects that could be eligible for federal funds:



# SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Access to additional resources for matching funds and technical assistance pending recently filed legislation

Feel free to contact the FFIO email inbox (FedFundsInfra@mass.gov) for questions about federal grant applications!

# STATE MATCHING FUNDS / TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

- Legislation leverages interest on the state's Stabilization
   Fund to:
  - unlock an estimated \$750 million in resources to pursue federal funding opportunities in the next three years
- \$50 million matching grants and loans to municipalities and tribes
- **\$12 million** towards local government technical assistance
- Add to the over \$2 billion in existing resources Massachusetts has made available for state match to give Massachusetts a competitive edge in the pursuit of historic federal grant opportunities
- Bill **S.2554** An Act to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts **passed** unanimously by the Massachusetts Senate on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
- Passed **unanimously in the Massachusetts House** as **H.4446** on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Final passage pending approval by a House and Senate conference committee

# CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (CLFRF)

The American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARPA) allocated \$3.4B to the local governments of Massachusetts through <u>CLFRF</u>. As of December 31, 2023, <u>Treasury reports</u> \$1.56B in obligations among the local governments of Massachusetts

#### Eligible Uses

- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- Provide emergency relief from natural disasters or their negative economic impacts
- Support surface transportation projects, utilizing funds for eligible projects through three pathways
- Support Title I projects that are eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant and Indian Community Development Block Grant programs
- Key Deadlines
  - All funds must be obligated by 12/31/2024
  - All funds must be expended by 12/31/2026
- Contact: <u>SLFRF@Treasury.gov</u>

### OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING MUNICIPAL AND TRIBAL ELIGIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Program Name	Deadline	Policy Area	Eligibility
Rural Surface Transportation Program	5/6/2024	Transportation	State, RTA, Local Government, Tribe
Clean Ports Program: (2 Grants)	5/28/2024	Environment	State, Tribe, Local Government, Port Authority, Private
Cops Hiring Program (CHP)	6/6/2024	Transportation	Law Enforcement Agencies
Renew Americas Schools	6/13/2024	Environment	Local Education Agencies
Community Change Grants Program	November 2024	Environmental Justice	CBO, Tribe, Local Government, Nonprofit, University

# RURAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Eligibility: State, RTA, Local Gov

Maximum Award: N/A

Cost Share: 20%

#### **About**

 This program provides funds to improve roads and bridges in rural areas, with the goals of increasing connectivity, safety, and economic growth.

**Deadline: 5/6/2024** 

Contact: MPDGrants@dot.gov

# COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP)

Eligibility: Law Enforcement Agencies

Maximum Award: \$150,000

Cost Share: 25%

#### **About**

 CHP is a "competitive award program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts."

**Deadline: 6/6/2024** 

Contact: AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov

# RENEW AMERICAS SCHOOLS

**Eligibility:** Public Local Education Agencies

Maximum Award: \$15,000,000

**Cost Share:** 0-25%

#### **About**

• The Renew America's Schools program "provides investments to transform decaying public school infrastructure into healthier, more energy efficient learning environments."

**Deadline: 6/13/2024** 

Contact: <a href="mailto:luke.gomes@hq.doe.gov">luke.gomes@hq.doe.gov</a>

# CLEAN PORTS PROGRAM: CLIMATE AND AIR QUALITY PLANNING COMPETITION

CLEAN PORTS
PROGRAM: ZEROEMISSION TECHNOLOGY
DEPLOYMENT
COMPETITION

- Eligibility: State, Tribe, Local Government, Port Authority, Private
- Maximum Award: \$3,000,000
- About:
  - "The EPA's Clean Ports Program will fund climate and air quality planning activities at United States ports – including emissions inventories, strategy analysis, community engagement, and resiliency measure identification – that will build the capacity of port stakeholders to continue to reduce pollution and transition to zero-emissions (ZE) operations over time"
- Deadline: 5/28/2024
- Contact: <u>cleanports@epa.gov</u>

- Eligibility: State, Tribe, Local Government, Port Authority, Private
- Maximum Award: \$500,000,000
- Tiers:
  - Tier A \$150,000,000 \$500,000,000
  - Tier B \$5,000,000 \$149,999,999
  - Tier C (Tribe Only) \$2,000,000 \$50,000,000
- Deadline: 5/28/2024
- Contact: <u>cleanports@epa.gov</u>

# ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM

#### About the program

• Provides \$2 billion in funds to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.

#### **Funding information:**

- The grant program has two tracks—one that will award \$10-20 million grants on climate action and pollution reduction, and one that will award \$1-3 million grants to support the engagement of environmental justice communities in governmental processes
- Note: Technical assistance available

### **Eligibility:**

- Requires either a partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs), or
- A partnership between a CBO and a Federally-Recognized Tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education.

**Deadline: Rolling until November 2024** 

**Community Change Grant Workshop** recording

# SAFE STREETS FOR ALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

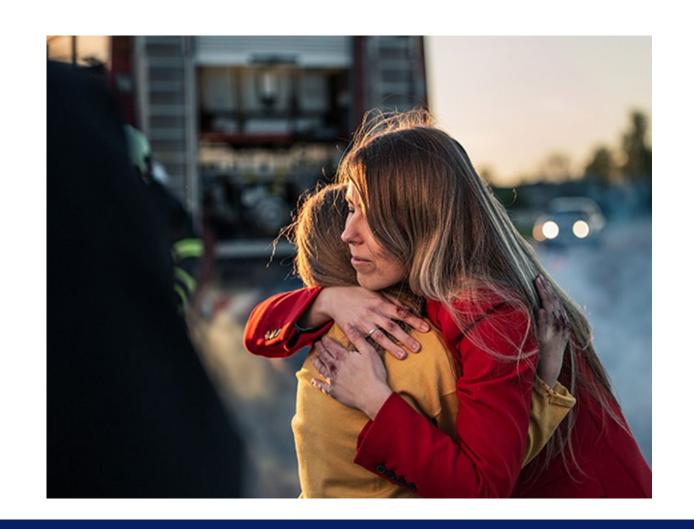
Ken Miller

Deputy Division Administrator, Massachusetts Division Federal Highway Administration

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

### Safe Streets and Roads for All

- \$5 billion discretionary grant program, with ~\$1 billion/year over five years
- Purpose: prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roadways
- Focus on comprehensive safety action planning, and implementing those plans
- Inclusive of all types of roadway safety interventions using the Safe System Approach
- http://www.transportation.gov/S
   S4A



# SS4A Overview: Eligibility

## **Eligible Recipients**

- Metropolitan planning organization (MPOs)
- Political subdivision of a State
- Federally recognized Tribal government
- Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the above

## Planning and Demonstration Grant Activities

#### **Action Plan**

- Develop, update, or complete a Comprehensive Safety **Action Plan**
- Eight components to an **Action Plan**

Quick Build Example



Source: Solomon Foundation

### **Supplemental Planning**

- Topical safety plans
- Road safety audits
- Additional safety analysis and data collection
- Targeted equity assessments
- Follow-up stakeholder engagement

#### **Demonstration Activities**

- Feasibility studies using quick-build strategies
- Pilot programs for behavioral or operational activities
- Pilot programs for new technology
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Device (MUTCD) engineering studies

## **Implementation Grants**

- Implementation Grants applications must fund projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address a roadway safety problem.
- Infrastructure, behavioral, and operational safety activities are all eligible.
- Applicants must have a qualifying Action Plan in place to apply for Implementation Grants.
- Implementation applications may also include supplemental planning and demonstration activities.



## 2022 SS4A Awards

	Program	Recipient	Title	Award
1	Action Plan	Berkshire County MPO	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	198,593
2	Action Plan	Boston MPO	Action Plan	2,160,435
3	Action Plan	Cape Cod MPO	Regional Safety Action Plan	240,000
4	Action Plan	Dedham	Local Roads Safety Plan	207,841
5	Action Plan	Franklin County, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	460,000
6	Action Plan	Merrimack Valley and N. Middlesex MPOs	Northeast MA Safety Action Plan	375,233
7	Action Plan	Montachusetts MPO	SS4A Action Plan	750,000
8	Action Plan	Old Colony MPO	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	320,000
9	Action Plan	Salem	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	200,000
10	Action Plan	Southbridge	SS4A Action Plan	60,000
11	Action Plan	Southeast MA MPO	Regional Safety Action Plan	880,000
12	Action Plan	Ware	SS4A Action Plan Development	40,500
13	Action Plan	Weymouth	SS4A Vision Zero Action Plan	336,000
14	Action Plan	Worcester	Roadway Safety Action Plan	200,000
15	Demo	Somerville	Temporary Quick-build Treatments	116,800
16	Implementation	Boston	Safety at Nine Key Intersections	9,000,000
17	Implementation	Springfield	Citywide Systemic Safety Interventions	15,012,800
				30,558,202

## 2023 SS4A Awards

	Program	Recipient	Title	Award
1	Action Plan	Chelsea	SS4A Action Plan	280,000
2	Action Plan	Holyoke	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	158,280
3	Action Plan	Lawrence	Developing an Action Plan	200,000
4	Action Plan	Westfield	SS4A Planning and Demonstration	200,000
5	Demo/SuppPlan	Everett	Planning and Demonstration	90,720
6	Demo/SuppPlan	Haverhill	Intersection Safety Demonstration	200,000
7	Demo/SuppPlan	Somerville	Quick Build Protected Bike Lanes	3,984,000
8	Plan/Demo/Supp	Central MA MPO	SS4A Plan and Worc. Demo Proj.	480,000
9	Plan/Demo/Supp	Chicopee	Plan and Implement SS4A	320,000
10	Plan/Demo/Supp	Gardner	Vision Zero and Supplemental Plan	230,000
11	Plan/Demo/Supp	Pioneer Valley MPO	Safety Action Plan and Demo Project	1,000,000
12	Planning/Demo	Brockton	Safety Pilot at Three Intersections	188,480
13	Planning/Demo	Pittsfield	Safety in the Heart of the Berkshires	310,060
14	Supplemental Plan	Lowell	Supplemental Safety Plans	200,000
15	Implementation	Boston	New Traffic Signal Operations	14,400,000
				22,241,540

## SS4A Project Requirements

Reimbursement agreements and require conformance with all applicable Federal laws and regulations:

- Matching funds
- Project programmed on MPO and State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (Uniform Act)
- Buy America
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise contract goals
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Brooks Act

## SS4A NOFO Is Now Open!



**Apply** by May 16, and August 29, at 5:00 p.m. EDT for Planning and Demonstration

May 16, at 5:00 p.m. EDT for Implementation



Additional resources about SS4A and the NOFO can be found at

https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A

Email: SS4A@dot.gov

## **Application Aids**

 A series of checklists, planning worksheets, and fillable forms is available on the SS4A website and the Valid Eval application form to help guide applicants through the eligibility and application process.

# $\frac{S}{4} | \frac{S}{A}$ Safe Streets and Roads for All Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet

All applicants should follow the instructions in the NOFO to correctly apply for a grant. See the <u>SS4A website</u> for more information.

Table 1 of the SS4A NOFO describes <u>eight components of an Action Plan</u>, which correspond to the questions in this worksheet. Applicants should use this worksheet to determine whether their existing plan(s) contains the required components to be considered an eligible Action Plan for SS4A.

This worksheet is required for all SS4A Implemapplications to conduct Supplemental Planni entirety, do not adjust the formatting or headin

#### Eligibility

An Action Plan is considered eligible for an SS4.

Demonstration Grant to conduct Supplemental

- You can answer "YES" to Questions 3, 7
- You can answer "YES" to at least four c

If both conditions are not met, an applicant is st creation of a new Action Plan or updates to an a

#### **Applicant Information**

Lead Applicant:

#### Action Plan Documents

In the table below, list the relevant Action Plan: Please provide a hyperlink to any documents avuploaded in Valid Eval as part of your applicatio coverage must be broader than just a corridor,

Document Title		



Safe Streets and Roads for All Standard Forms (SF)

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program requires applicants to submit Standard Form (SF) 424 family forms to detail proposed funding, project, and lobbying information. **The required forms are available via the application submission software platform, Valid Evaluation (Valid Eval)**. See Section D Application and Submission Information in the <u>SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)</u> for complete application submission instructions. To assist in completing required SF forms, please consider these questions: please consider these questions:

#### **Overall Requirements**

#### What Standard Forms (SF) are applicants required to submit?

Note that the OMB Number and Expiration Date for the correct form version are provided below. Please confirm that the forms that you use have the same information in the top right corner of the form.

- Applications for Planning and Demonstration Grants must submit:
  - SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
    - OMB Number: 4040-0004
    - Expiration Date: 11/30/2025
  - SF-424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs
    - In FY 2024, Sections D and E on page 3 of this form are no longer required.
    - OMB Number: 4040-0006
    - Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

# **SS4A Webinars for Potential Applicants**

Stakeholder webinars to help potential applicants learn about the program were recorded and available on the SS4A website:

- Action Plans
- Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities
- Implementation Grants

www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/webinars

### **SS4A** Website

# www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A Email: SS4A@dot.gov



# SUPPORT FOR SAFE STREETS FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Jackie DeWolfe

Director of Mobility Policy and Program Development Massachusetts Department of Transportation



# Federal SS4A – MassDOT Supports!

April 22, 2024

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## **Background: Vision Zero & Safe System Approach**

#### **Vision Zero**

A strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all.

#### TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are INEVITABLE

**PERFECT** human behaviour

Prevent COLLISIONS

**INDIVIDUAL** responsibility

Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE** 

#### **VISION ZERO**

Traffic deaths are PREVENTABLE

Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach

Prevent FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES

**SYSTEMS** approach

Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE** 



#### Safe System Approach

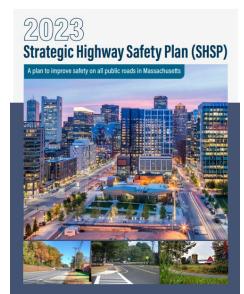
Anticipating human mistakes and keeping impact energy on the human body at tolerable levels.

## **How Can MassDOT Help?**

Recent published safety resources

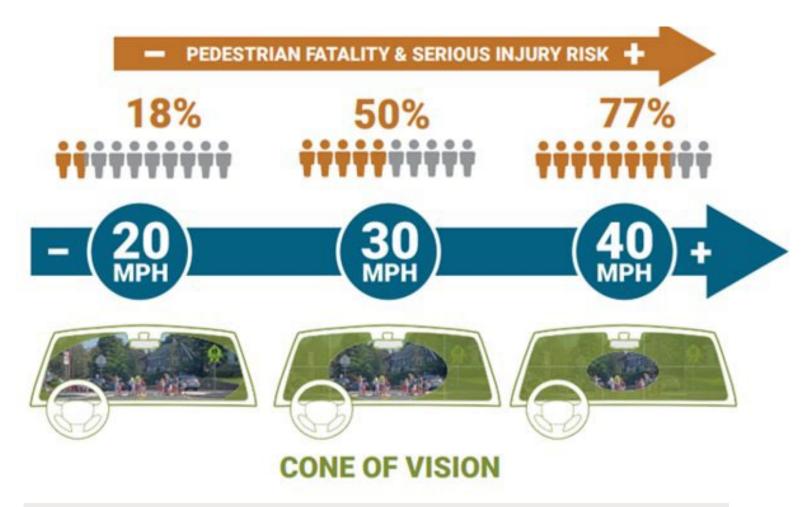
- Safe System approach <a href="https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/zerodeaths/zero\_deaths\_">https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/zerodeaths/zero\_deaths\_</a> vision.cfm
- MassDOT new approach to speed management, including target speed setting and roadway treatment guide [Jan 2022]
   Safe Streets <a href="https://www.mass.gov/safe-speeds">https://www.mass.gov/safe-speeds</a>
   \* Releasing more in the coming months via new

Project Development and Design Guide!



mass.gov/doc/mass achusetts-shsp-2023/download





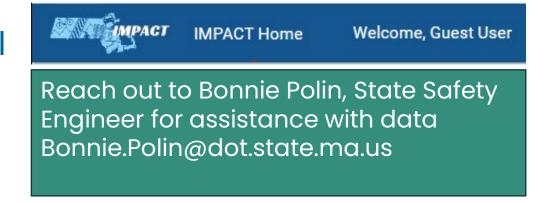
Source: 2020 FHWA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST ROAD SAFETY AUDIT (RSA)
GUIDE AND PROMPT LIST



## **How Can MassDOT Help?**

Storymap of MassDOT SS4A Data Resources: <a href="https://arcg.is/1Knnv1">https://arcg.is/1Knnv1</a>

- Top 5% Crash Clusters Ranked by RPA, Town
- IMPACT Safety Analysis Tools
  - Crash-Based Network Screening Tool
  - Risk Based Network Screening Tool
  - Test of Proportions
  - Crash Report Tools
    - Community Crash Summary
    - Community Non-Motorist Person Level Crash Summary

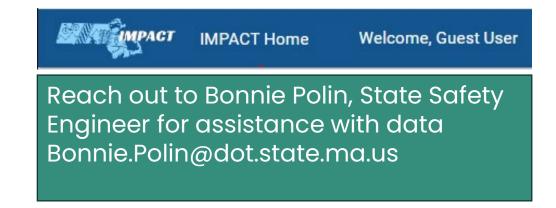




## **How Can MassDOT Help?**

Vulnerable Road User Assessment: mass.gov/doc/2023massachusetts-vulnerable-road-user-assessment/download

- Key Findings:
  - 40% Pedestrian and 35% Bicyclists within 300 Feet of a Bus Stop
  - 40% Pedestrian and Bicyclists within 2,000 Feet of School
  - 1/3 Pedestrian within ¼ mile of home

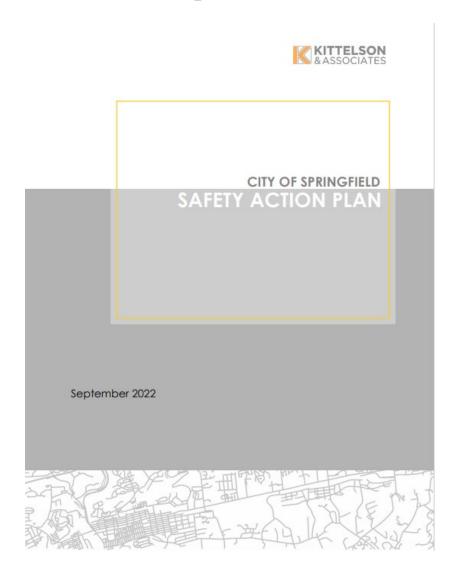






## Example - Check out Springfield Safety Action Plan

www.springfieldma.gov/dpw/fileadmin/forms/En gineering/Safe\_Streets/Saftey\_Pl an.pdf





# COORDINATION WITH RPAS ON SAFE STREETS FOR ALL

#### Elizabeth Giannini

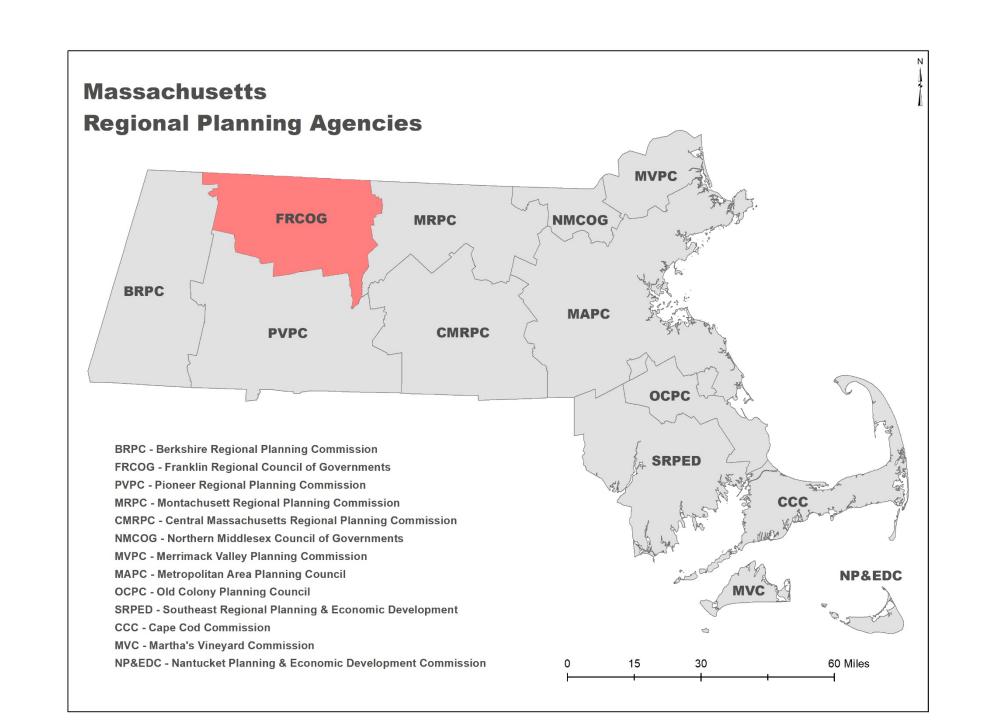
Transportation Program Manager Franklin Regional Council of Governments

#### Sujatha Krishnan

Deputy Executive Director, Transportation Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

#### **Eric Gemperline**

Associate Planner, Transportation Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission



# RPA AS RESOURCES

Capacity to provide regional transportation planning technical assistance.

Knowledge of the region and communities.

Access to data and information that are helpful to the application.

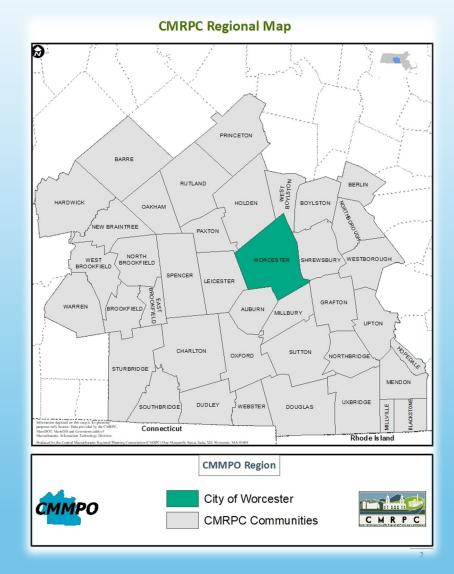
Experience with the requirements of Federal transportation funding and contracting.

Assistance in identifying opportunities for collaborative projects that could make applications stronger.

Understanding of the SS4A Program and the requirements.

# Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

**CMRPC** and City of Worcester Collaboration



Federal Funds Partnership for Municipalities and Tribes
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

# Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) and City of Worcester - Collaboration

#### **Project Status**

- CMRPC region 40 communities
- FY '22 Worcester and Southbridge SS4A action Plan Grant
- FY '23 CMRPC Regional SS4A action plan and Worcester Demonstration Project
- FY '25 Worcester Implementation Project (potential grant application)

#### Strengths - Collaboration FY '23 Grant

- Staffing Capacity
- Operate Faster
- Strengthen Relationship
- Learning Demo project/s in other RPA communities

#### **Pre-Project Planning Considerations**

- Coordinating Timetables
- Contract and Construction Management
- Project Champion in sub-recipient agency

# Massachusetts RPA Contact Information

#### **Transportation Program Managers**

- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission : Clete Kus <a href="mailto:ckus@berkshireplanning.org">ckus@berkshireplanning.org</a>
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- Merrimack Valley Planning Commission : Patrick Reed <u>preed@mvpc.org</u>
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council Eric Bourassa: Eric Bourassa ebourassa@mapc.org
- Montachusett Regional Planning Commission: Brian Doherty bdoherty@mrpc.org
- Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission: Mike Burns mburns@nantucket-ma.gov
- Northern Middlesex Council of Governments: Kelly Lynema klynema@nmcog.org
- Old Colony Planning Council: Charles Kilmer ckilmer@ocpcrpa.org
- Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: Gary Roux <u>Gmroux@pvpc.org</u> and Dana Roscoe <u>Droscoe@pvpc.org</u>
- Southeast Regional Planning Commission Lisa Estrela <u>lestrela@srpedd.org</u>

# FFIO POLL

Please take a minute to respond to a few questions about the next Partnership meeting in the pop-up window.

# FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

4th Tuesday of each month

- Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm
- Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm
- Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm

# Q&A

# Put questions in the chat you would like our speakers to answer!

If we are unable to get to your question today, please send it to us at <a href="mailto:FedFundsInfra@mass.gov">FedFundsInfra@mass.gov</a>.