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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
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Date: January 29, 2018

Subject: **MA Community Transportation Coordination Conference / MassDOT's Innovation and Mobility Exchange**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the Massachusetts Community Transportation Coordination Conference / MassDOT's Innovation & Mobility Exchange, being held April 10th and 11th at The DCU Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester.

Background: Registration for the 2018 conference is now open. In order to better integrate mobility management with other transportation initiatives, the 2018 Massachusetts Community Transportation Coordination Conference will be held in conjunction with MassDOT's Innovation and Mobility Exchange. The inspiration behind combining conferences is the increasing interest among stakeholders in collaborating to address transportation barriers for pedestrians, seniors, and people with disabilities.

This combined event will be an invaluable opportunity for state, MPO/local, transit agencies, researchers, human service agency staff, advocates, planners and private sector practitioners to share ideas, sponsor peer-to-peer learning, and collaborate on issues of mutual interest.

The 2-day conference will offer more than 40 breakout sessions covering innovations being made in the fields of Construction/Materials, Planning/Design, Operations/Maintenance, Safety/Mobility, Technology, and Policy.

The event is open to all transportation professionals including MassDOT, municipalities, consultants, contractors, vendors and manufacturers, MPO/local, transit agencies, researchers, human service agency staff, advocates, planners, and private sector practitioners.

The annual conference put on by MassDOT is the largest innovation and tech transfer exchange in Massachusetts with the latest state of the art technology, interactive displays, and the chance to share ideas with peers in related fields. With over 60 sponsors and exhibitors, the conference will have countless opportunities to meet with experts, as well as interactive demonstrations and engaging displays of cutting edge technology.

The second day - April 11 - will highlight mobility management, featuring a number of panels and breakout sessions on topics relevant to improving mobility and access for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income commuters in Massachusetts. Attendees will also have access to many general conference sessions on emerging technologies and other innovations.

Conference registration is now open. Visit www.massdotinnovation.com for more information or to register. This event will bring together transportation providers, agency staff, and other stakeholders to share information, gain skills and knowledge, and network with one another.

If you or your agency cannot pay the registration fee, [apply for the Community Mobility Scholarship](#) that MassDOT is offering this year. Scholarship applicants should apply as soon as possible; applications are due by March 6 at 5 PM. All applicants will be notified by March 16 if they have been awarded the scholarship. Scholarship information is available on the conference website.

Action

Requested: Please share with staff and partners as appropriate.