

MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP

July 2025 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

FFIO Updates

Federal Updates

Upcoming Federal Funding
Opportunities

Presentation from National League
of Cities on Budget Reconciliation

Presentation from MassDOT on Local
Early Actionable Planning Program

Q&A

FFIO UPDATES

FFIO COMMUNITY TOUR

Since November of 2024, FFIO has hosted 11 Community Tour events across Massachusetts to:

- Provide information on federal grant application resources made available by the new legislation
- Seek community input on priority projects seeking federal funding
- Solicit feedback on the Federal Funds Partnership and other FFIO processes

FFIO plans to host 3 more events later this year:

- Lynn
- Leominster
- Mashpee Wampanoag & Aquinnah

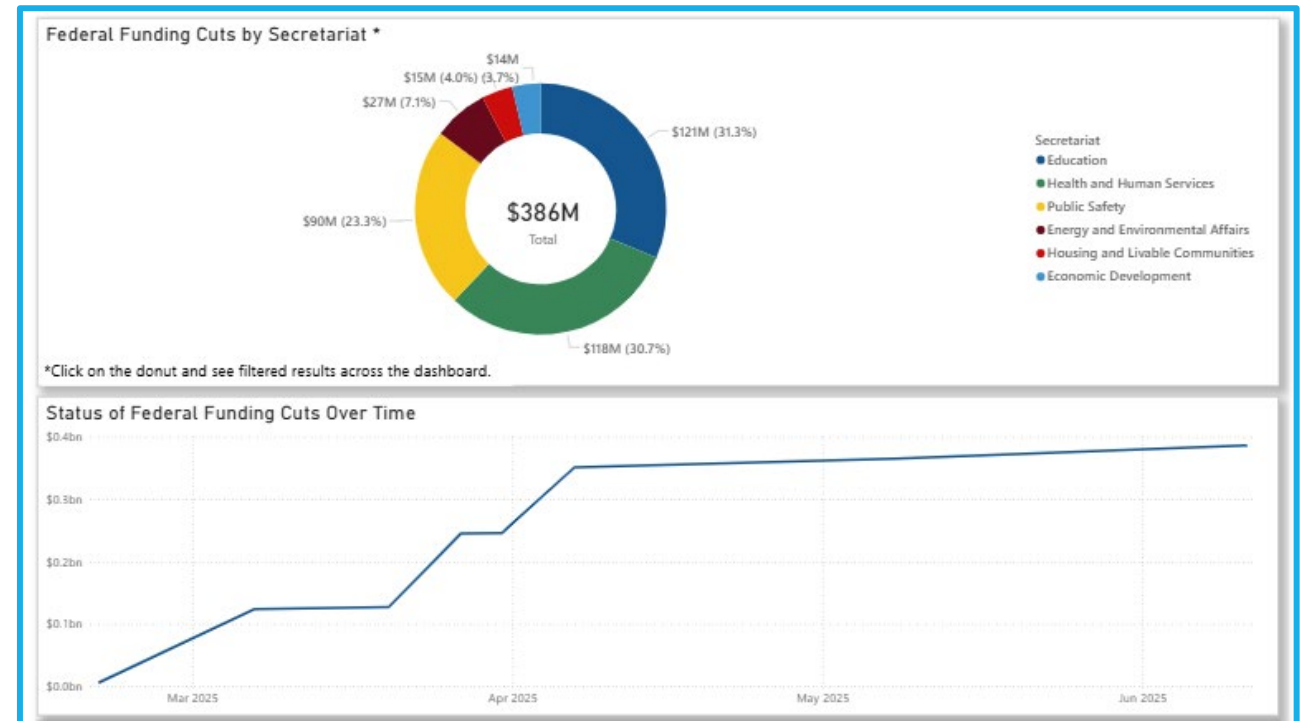
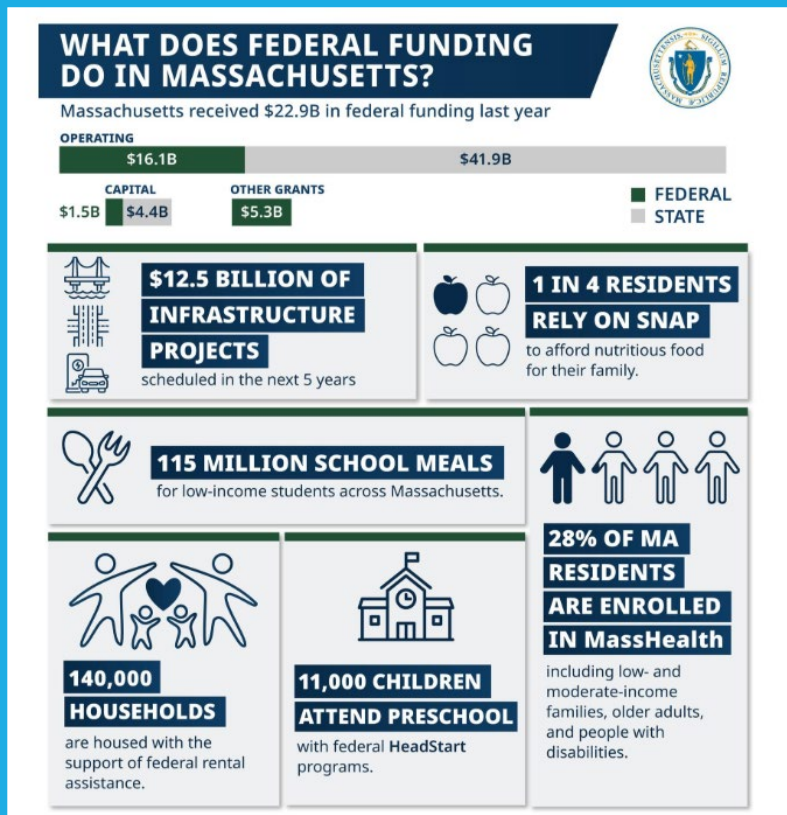


FFIO Director, Quentin Palfrey presents to Greenfield community leaders

FED-IMPACT EXERCISE & PUBLIC FACING RESOURCES

Massachusetts is Tracking and Communicating the Impact of Federal Funding Cuts

- Website updated on 6/6 with additional information on funding disruptions



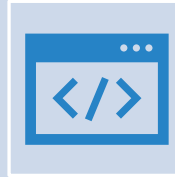
RESOURCES FOR FEDERAL GRANT AWARDEES

*Below are two external resources related to frozen or at-risk federal awards. **Please note that this message does not constitute legal advice.** We will stay in contact as we learn more about the availability of federal funds.*

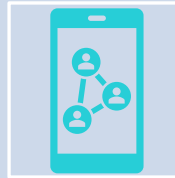
[Lawyers for Good Government \(L4GG\)](#), who are running a Fund Protection Clinic to support grantees and subawardees of federal programs facing threats to their funding. The intake form for the clinic is [here](#).

The [Environmental Protection Network](#), which maintains a network of hundreds of former EPA staff and appointees and has been providing extensive technical assistance to grantees and subawardees. [This](#) is the type of resource they are putting out and they are in close communication with many grantees and subawardees, including NGOs, municipalities, and Tribal governments. You can sign up for their email list [here](#) - they are sending out frequent updates and resources.

GET IN TOUCH WITH FFIO



Find more information on Federal Funds Partnership meetings, video recordings, grant lists, and other resources on the [FFIO website](#).



Follow [FFIO on LinkedIn](#) to see the latest updates from our office.



Contact the FFIO email inbox (FedFundsInfra@mass.gov) for questions about federal grant opportunities!

FEDERAL UPDATES



The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)

- Signed into law on July 4th
- Changes to Clean Energy Tax Credits
- Expands SNAP work requirements, adds state cost share
- 12% cut to Medicaid
- Repeals unobligated IRA funding

Federal FY2026 Budget

- The full President's Budget was released on 5/30, kicking off the annual budget process. The House and Senate are currently drafting appropriations bills in response to the President's Budget.
- It is unlikely Congress will pass all 12 appropriations bills by September 30, creating potential for another Continuing Resolution.

OPEN FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OPEN GRANTS

	Eligibility	Max Award	Cost Share	Deadline
<u>Port Infrastructure Development Program</u>	State, Local Governments, Tribes	\$125,000,000	20% (with exceptions)	9/10/2025
<u>Revolving Fund Program.</u>	NGOs, Tribes, Private organizations	N/A, 4 expected awards, 1M pot	20%	8/7/2025
<u>Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program</u>	States, Local Governments, Tribes, NGOs	\$700,000	No	8/7/2025
<u>Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence</u>	Municipalities, states, tribes , NGOs and universities	\$750,000	No	10/01/2025

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES - BUDGET RECONCILIATION

**MICHAEL WALLACE
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Municipal Planning & Support (MP&S) Team

LEAP

Local Early Actionable Planning



Introduction and Available Services



Background

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- MassDOT's Municipal Planning & Support Group's mission is to **connect municipalities with federal funding opportunities** to advance local and regional transportation needs.
- The group will also **provide technical assistance** to Massachusetts communities, with a focus on rural areas and Gateway Cities, to **prepare projects for the receipt of federal funding, develop discretionary grant applications, and assist with coordination efforts** across MassDOT, municipalities, and our partner agencies.



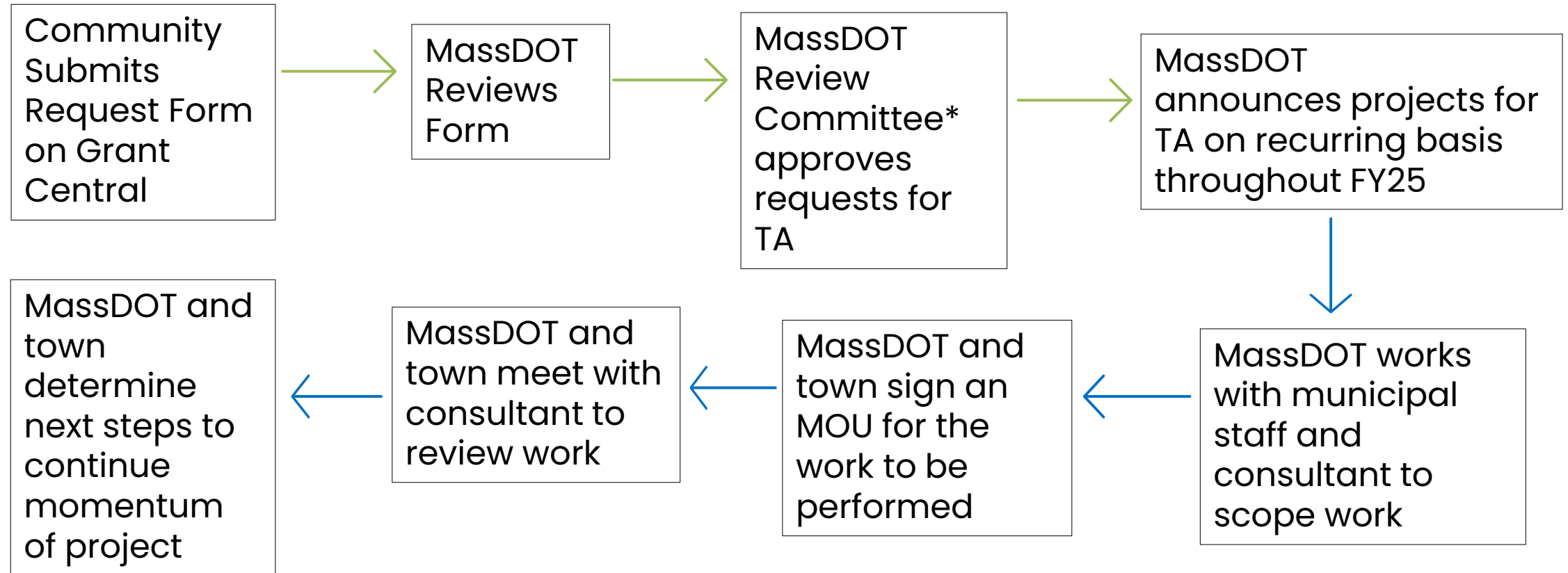
LEAP Program Overview

- MassDOT's Municipal Planning & Support (MP&S) Group is **procuring consultant support** to provide early-stage planning and project development activities (see next slide for details) for underserved municipalities in Massachusetts.
- Two consultant teams will be procured in the summer of 2025 with an expected notice to proceed in October 2025.
- MassDOT anticipates that individual tasks funded as part of this program and performed by these consultant teams on behalf of municipalities will be roughly between **\$25,000 – \$100,000 per project**.
- **Requests from municipalities are currently being accepted on a rolling basis. Municipalities can make requests using the form linked here:**
https://mbta.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d5YEu8i81ktYxIY



LEAP Program Proposed Process Flow

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*The Review Committee will be made up of MassDOT HQ and District Staff as well as RPAs

Eligible Activities

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Concept Development

- ☐ Develop conceptual designs or sketch plans
- ☐ Provide high-level alternatives for short-term improvements
- ☐ Provide high-level alternatives for long-term improvements

Complete Streets Engineering & Design

Safe Streets Network Strategy

- ☐ Identification of priority streets for improvement and development of strategies to support the creation of a safe network for all users, with an emphasis on walking, biking, and taking transit.
- ☐ For an example, please see the [Lynn Safe Streets for People Playbook](#)

Grant Application Development

- ☐ Draft technical components of federal or state grant application

Safety Analysis

- ☐ Create crash diagrams
- ☐ Conduct hot spot/crash pattern analysis

Traffic Analysis

- ☐ Conduct a traffic study
- ☐ Conduct a traffic impact assessment

Eligible Activities (cont.)

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Site Investigation and Data Collection

- ☐ Perform field reconnaissance of the project area / Field measurements
- ☐ Collect traffic volume data
- ☐ Conduct speed studies
- ☐ Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts

Design Documentation Support

- ☐ Assist with completing a Design Justification Workbook (DJW)
- ☐ Provide guidance on required documentation for project development

Cost Estimation

- ☐ Develop preliminary cost estimates for proposed improvements

Visual and Mapping Support

- ☐ Create maps to support project understanding or communication
- ☐ Provide graphic design for outreach materials or plan illustrations

Technical Analysis

- ☐ Conduct geotechnical analysis (e.g., soil and subsurface conditions)
- ☐ Conduct hydraulic analysis (e.g., drainage or flood impacts)

Review Process and Criteria

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MassDOT will work **in partnership with Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs) and MassDOT District offices** to review and score each request on a recurring (likely quarterly) basis.

A review team specific to each region will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

Scoring Criteria:

- **Community Designation (30%)**
Prioritizes **Rural and Gateway Cities**; also considers similar high-need communities.
- **Community Needs (30%)**
Assesses **municipal capacity** based on request form responses.
- **Project Momentum (20%)**
Favors projects with a **clear, realistic path to implementation** following LEAP Program assistance.
- **Availability of Alternative Funding (20%)**
Considers **local funding constraints** and how program support fills gaps.

Request Form

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***Project Description:** Please use the space below to describe the project for which you are seeking assistance.

If formal data is not available, please describe the issue as clearly as possible using observed conditions or community input.

Project Need Supporting Documentation



[Select a file](#) or drag here

***Project Need:** In the space below, please describe the need for the project.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- *Documentation from local or regional plans (e.g., transportation plans, master plans, hazard mitigation plans)*
- *Data that supports the need (e.g., crash data, traffic volumes, congestion, speed concerns, observed conflicts)*
- *Safety concerns or community-identified problem areas*
- *Equity or access issues (e.g., lack of safe facilities for people walking, biking, or using mobility devices)*
- *Observed or anticipated development pressures*
- *Community or stakeholder feedback*
- *Maintenance or infrastructure condition issues*
- *Other relevant factors (e.g., climate resilience, school access, freight movement)*

Request Form (cont.)

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***Project funding information:** What funding sources are you considering or planning to apply for with respect to long-term project funding?

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Local funds (e.g., capital improvement plan, override, etc.)
- ☐ Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding
- ☐ MassWorks / Community One Stop for Growth
- ☐ Complete Streets Grant Program
- ☐ Federal Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant
- ☐ Federal BUILD Grant
- ☐ Private / development-related funds
- ☐ Other (please specify):

***Has the project for which you are seeking planning and design assistance been approved by MassDOT's Project Review Committee (PRC)?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Momentum / Implementation: If your community receives the requested technical assistance, what next steps would you take to advance your project upon completion of your TA request.

Proposed Scope and Budget (If known): If available, please use the upload button to include any draft application or supporting documents on your project?



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Past and Planned Outreach

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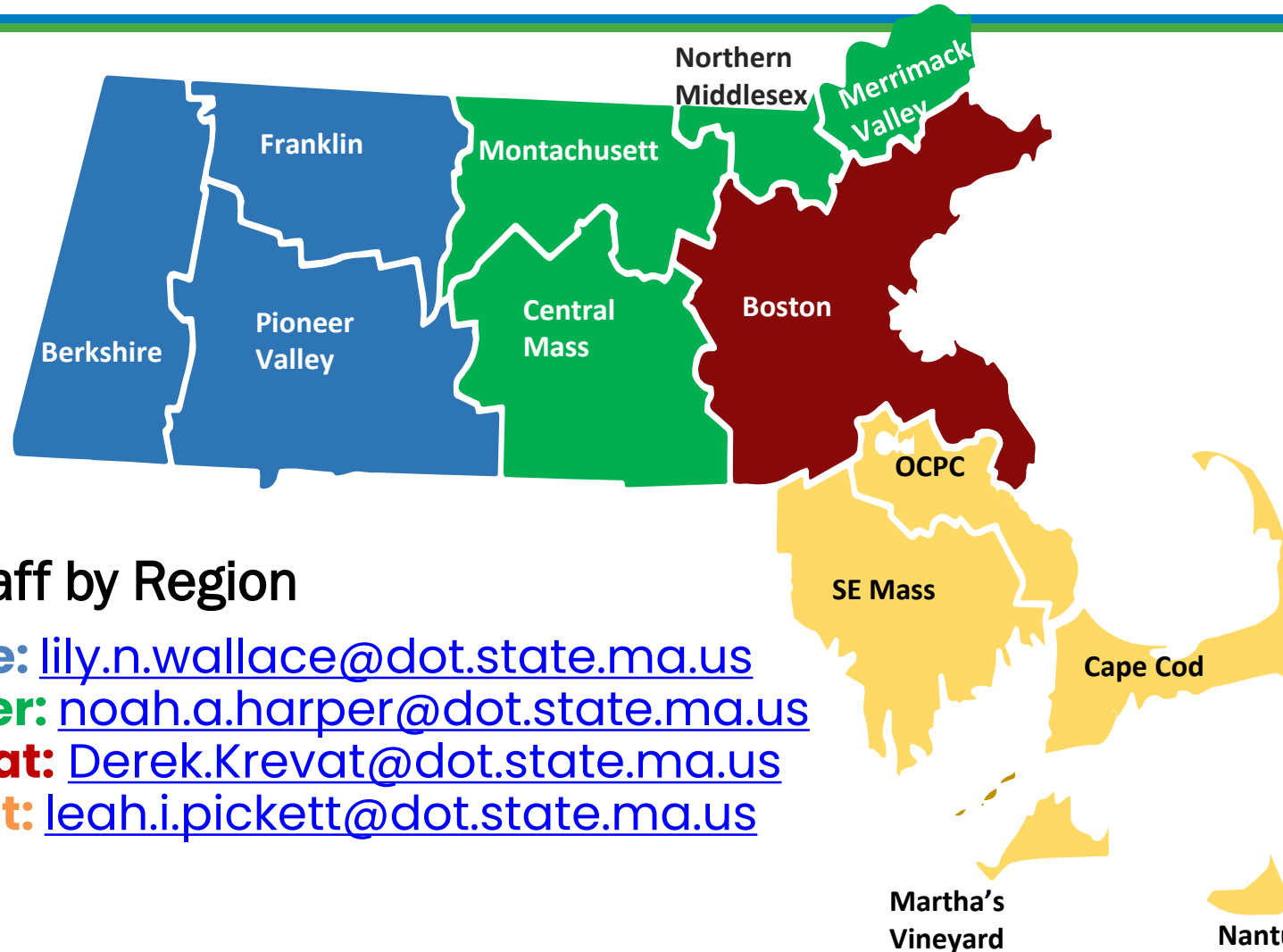
- Presentations have been made or will be made to the following groups

Date	Location	Time
7/16/2025	Martha's Vineyard (MVC) Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Meeting	10:00AM
7/17/2025	Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting	10:00 AM
7/22/2025	Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) Federal Funds Partnership Meeting	2:00 PM
8/7/2025	Old Colony JTC Meeting	12:00PM
8/13/2025	Montachusett JTC	2:30PM
9/12/2025	Cape Cod JTC Meeting	8:30AM

Meetings are also being coordinated with the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) and the Small Town Administrators of Massachusetts (STAM)

- MassDOT staff is also building an **inventory of potential project locations** that may be good candidates for LEAP Program support based on completed local or regional plans (e.g. Vision Zero Plans, corridor studies, etc.) and will be contacting individual RPAs and municipalities about potential needs.

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Questions?

FFIO SURVEY

*Please take a minute to
respond to our municipal
technical assistance
needs survey, linked in the chat.*



FEDERAL FUNDS PARTNERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Meetings:

4th Tuesday of each month

- Tuesday, September 23rd, 2-3pm
- Tuesday, October 28th, 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 FedFundsInfra@mass.gov.