# Title Slide – Shifting Gears

Header: MassDOT

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

## Slide 1 – Driver’s License Means…

* Independence
* Social Connection
* Quality of Life
  + Health and
  + Happiness
* Income

Image: seniors pose with hoops

## Slide 2 – Driver’s License is a Privilege…

Not a right

## Slide 3 – Today’s Older Drivers

* Driving More Miles
* Driving Later in Life
* Utilizing Technology
* Limiting or Regulating their Driving

But…

* Are Involved in More Crashes-Per-Mile-Driven Than Any Other Age Group.

Image: smiling senior in the car, steering wheel in one hand & notebook in the other. Passenger on phone

## Slide 4 – After 75, After 80

Image: arrow increasing

Motor Vehicle crashes and fatalities increase slightly after 75 and markedly after age 80

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

## Slide 5 – Driver Fitness and Assessment

* Physical Ability
* Cognitive Ability
* Functional Impairments
* Medical Conditions
* Medications
* Driving Evaluations @ Hospitals
* Competency Road Test @ RMV

Image: car keys

## Slide 6 – Having that “Difficult” Conversation

* Determine Who Will Initiate Discussion
* Observe
* Utilize Safe Driver Checklist
* Respect
* Decide When to Talk About Driving
* Ask the Driver About Their Needs
* Arm Yourself with Transportation Options
* Plan Ahead to Avoid Difficult Situations
* Use Alternative Forms of Transportation

Before Driving Becomes an Issue

Source: We Need To Talk: Family Conversations with Older Drivers

Image: car keys

## Slide 7 – Want to get involved?

### Older Driver Emphasis Group

Strategic Highway Safety Plan

### Older Driver Safety Summit: Planning a Safe and Mobile Future for Massachusetts

June 16, 2015 at UMass Boston

<http://scholarworks.umb.edu/olderdriversafetysummit/>

## Slide 8 – More Ways to Get Involved

Become a Volunteer Driver

* Councils on Aging
* ITN Greater Boston - (Independent Transportation Network), Itngreaterboston.org

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## Slide 9 – More Ways to Get Involved

Regional Coordinating Councils

* Identify & Address
* Transportation Needs in a Community

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