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- The last Statewide Pedestrian Plan was adopted in 1998
- The 2018 draft plan prioritizes policies, programs, processes, and projects
 - with learning from pilots to test new processes (ex. snow removal)
- Companion documents to the plan will be the *Municipal Resource Guide for Walkability*
- MA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board serves as the steering committee on both plans



Vision

All people in Massachusetts have a **safe and comfortable** option to walk for short trips.



Goal 1

Eliminate

pedestrian fatalities
and serious injuries.

Increase

the percentage of
short trips made by walking.

Goal 2

**Treat people walking the same way
we treat people driving**

Principle 1



Principle 2

**Focus on systematic safety
improvements**

**Lead by example and support
municipalities to do the same**

Principle 3



- **Initiative 1:** Promote pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity in investment decision-making and project development processes.
- **Initiative 2:** Establish a set of prioritized pedestrian projects on MassDOT-owned roadways and bridges that address safety, equity, accessibility and critical gaps in connectivity.
- **Initiative 3:** Promote traffic calming and improve pedestrian visibility.
- **Initiative 4:** Improve pedestrian accessible paths of travel to transit.
- **Initiative 5:** Launch a year-round maintenance and operations plan for MassDOT-owned pedestrian facilities and support municipalities to do the same. Including a plan for the removal and treatment of snow and ice.
- **Initiative 6:** Invest in data collection to inform Initiatives 1-5 and to track progress.

Gap Analysis Results



Pedestrian Priority Corridors

District 1

Route 7A
Lenox

Route 9
Cummington, Goshen, Williamsburg

District 2

Route 33
Chicopee, South Hadley

Route 20
Westfield, West Springfield

District 3

Route 122
Oakham, Rutland, Paxton, Worcester, Blackstone, Milville, Uxbridge

Route 9
Worcester, Shrewsbury, Westborough, Southborough, Frammingham, Natick

District 4

Route 28
Lawrence, Andover

Route 114
Lawrence, North Andover

District 5

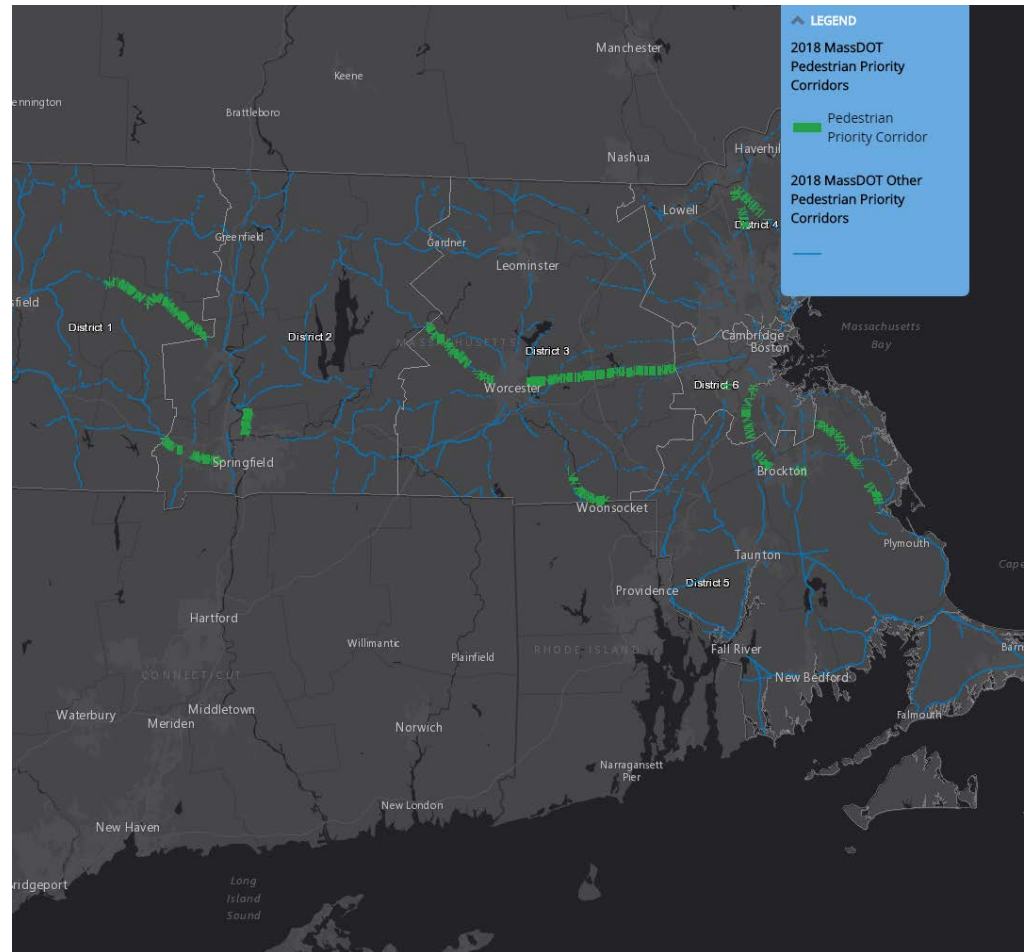
Route 27
Stoughton, Brockton

Route 53
Hingham, Norwell, Hanover, Pembroke, Duxbury

District 6

Route 138
Milton, Canton

Route 109
Dedham



Questions for Board Members



The 2018 draft plan was released for comment on Monday September 17, 2018. In order to inform the final plan, staff seeks feedback from the Board on:

- Level of interest in exploring best practices and learning from pilot projects/programs, which could ultimately impact both the capital and operating budgets?
- The Pedestrian Plan identifies priority corridors “network gaps” for focus when making capital investments.
 - Did staff get these places right?

Implementation Outline



- Identifying specific projects from Pedestrian Prioritization Analysis and begin project initiation
 - \$60 million is programmed in the CIP FY19-23 for Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan implementation
- New Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (MABPAB) members this fall.
 - Board will play a critical advisory role throughout implementation
- Bicycle and pedestrian count pilot program launching this fall
- Dissemination of the Municipal Resource Guide for Walkability
 - Internal and external trainings to increase design expertise
- Roundtable discussions and panels to discuss specific topics from the plan at MassDOT Moving Together Conference (November 1)
- Launch snow management pilot
 - Gather data and lessons learned

Next steps



- ☐ 30 day public comment – September 17th – October 17th 2018
- ☐ MABPAB Meeting with public open house September 20
- ☐ Finalize plan
- ☐ Publish final plan in November 2018
- ☐ Finalize implementation work plan
- ☐ Publicly report on progress annually