

AGING in MASSACHUSETTS



Shaping the Future

**Governor's Council to Address Aging in Massachusetts
Transportation Workgroup Plan
26 April 2018**

Charge and Members

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- Expand transportation for older adults by creating new solutions or scaling a best practice that already exists

Deliverables

- Recommend 2-3 pilot programs and implementation plans to:
 - Expand transportation options for older adults
 - Cover the “last 50 feet”

Members

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| | • Sandra Robinson, Needham Community Council |

Meeting Discussion and Process

Meeting Information

- Meetings were held on Friday, March 16th and Friday, April 13th
- Summary of meeting discussion
 - Challenges within current systems
 - Finding volunteer drivers
 - Limited wheel-chair accessible transportation
 - Vans are often not cost-effective
 - Best practice programs and initiatives
 - Existing community transportation options with UMass Boston Transportation Scan (Appendix A)
 - MassDOT's RideMatch and Travel Trainers
 - Uber/Lyft Concierge Service (Needham Community Council)
 - TRIP with volunteer drivers and payment (Mystic Valley Elder Services)
- Workgroup Focus
 - Focus on pilot projects in the short-term but also innovate for the longer time period
 - Focus on equity across communities (gateways cities and rural communities) – use demographics and the transportation scan to identify those communities

Path to Concrete Actions & Recommendations (by October 2018)

- Topics for consideration
 - Identify gaps in current transportation system
 - Healthy Aging Data reports will include scan information on transportation systems in community profiles (Appendix A)
 - Find solutions that address the pyramid of transportation needs including full mobility, transition and self-regulation, as well as supportive transportation (Appendix B)
 - Flexibility – non-fixed routes
 - Accessibility – wheel-chair accessible and door-to-door service
 - On demand service – unscheduled routes
 - Partner with businesses to provide transportation options for older adult
- Work plan
 - Next meeting in May
 - Further research/data needed
 - Better understand technology/innovation business models that may be an asset in transportation solutions

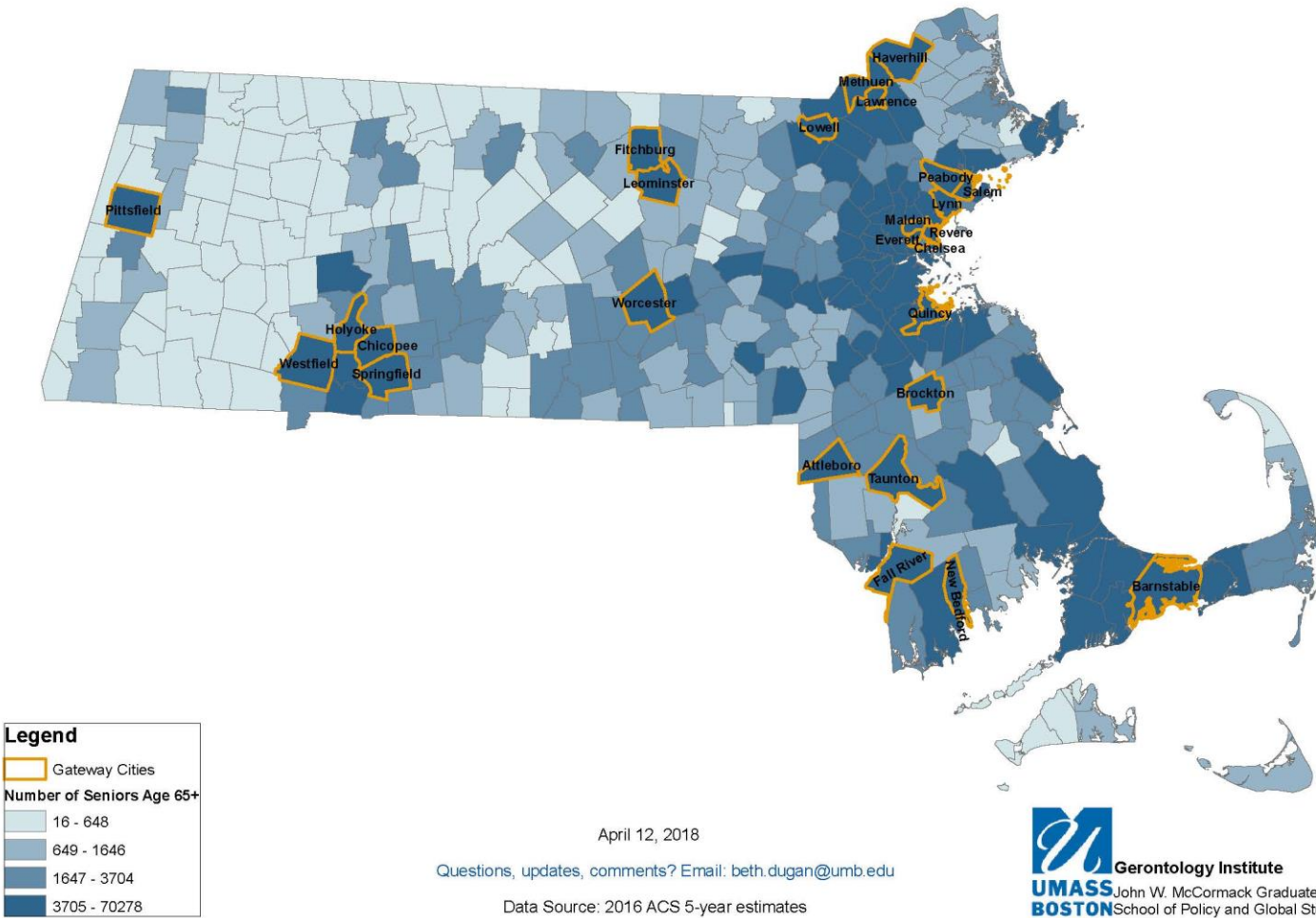
Challenges

- Transportation is often not “owned” by only one organization or agency at one level of government

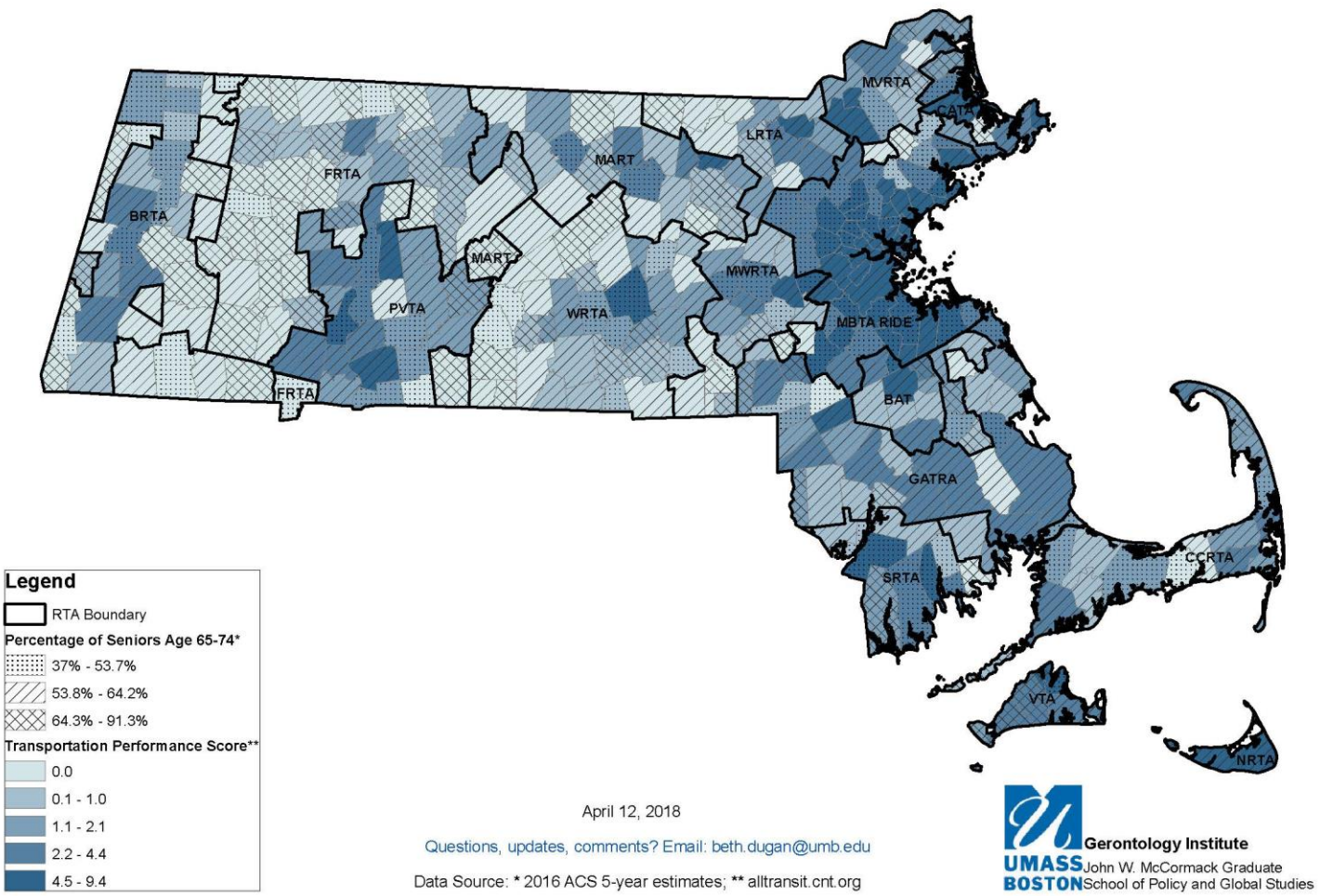
Collaboration with Other Workgroups

- Technology and innovation – Are there technology strategies to support transportation initiatives?

Gateway Cities and Number of Seniors Age 65+ by Communities in Massachusetts



Transportation Performance Score, Percentage of Seniors Age 65-74 and Regional Transit Authority Boundaries in Massachusetts



Transportation Performance Score, Percentage of Seniors Age 75-84
and Regional Transit Authority Boundaries in Massachusetts

