

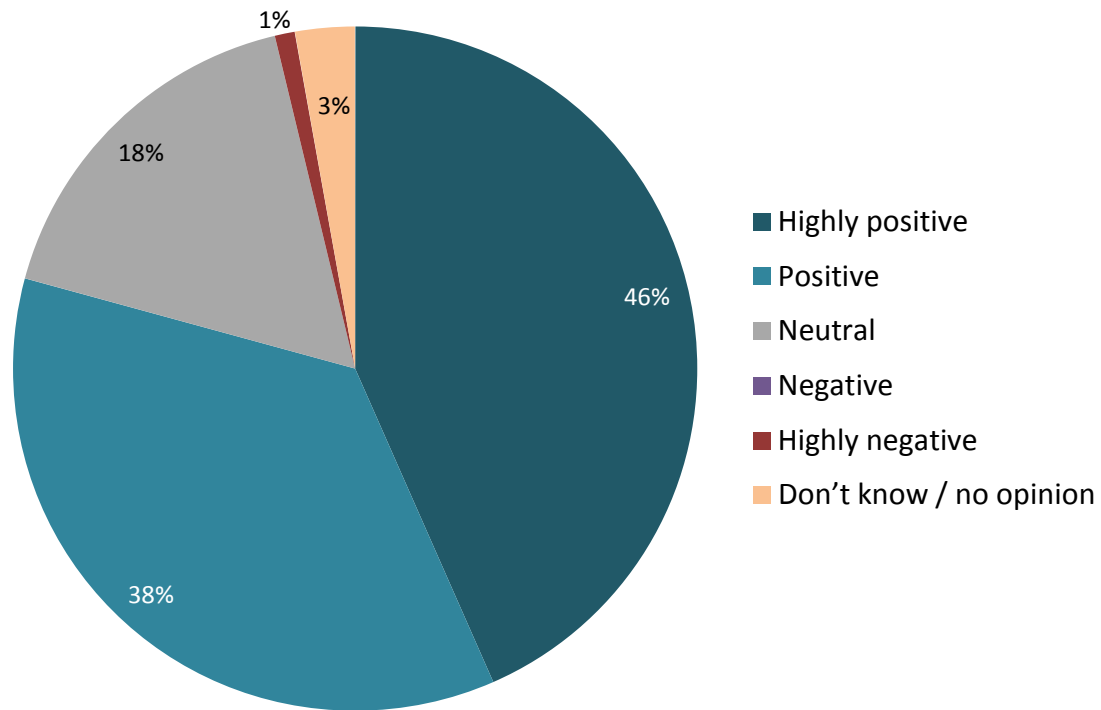
Complete Streets

Roadways that are safe, comfortable, and accessible for users of all ages, abilities, and income, regardless of how one travels

Complete Streets Certification Program

Municipal Planners, DPW's, and Boards of Health support complete streets*

What is your view of Complete Streets concepts and principles?
(All participants)

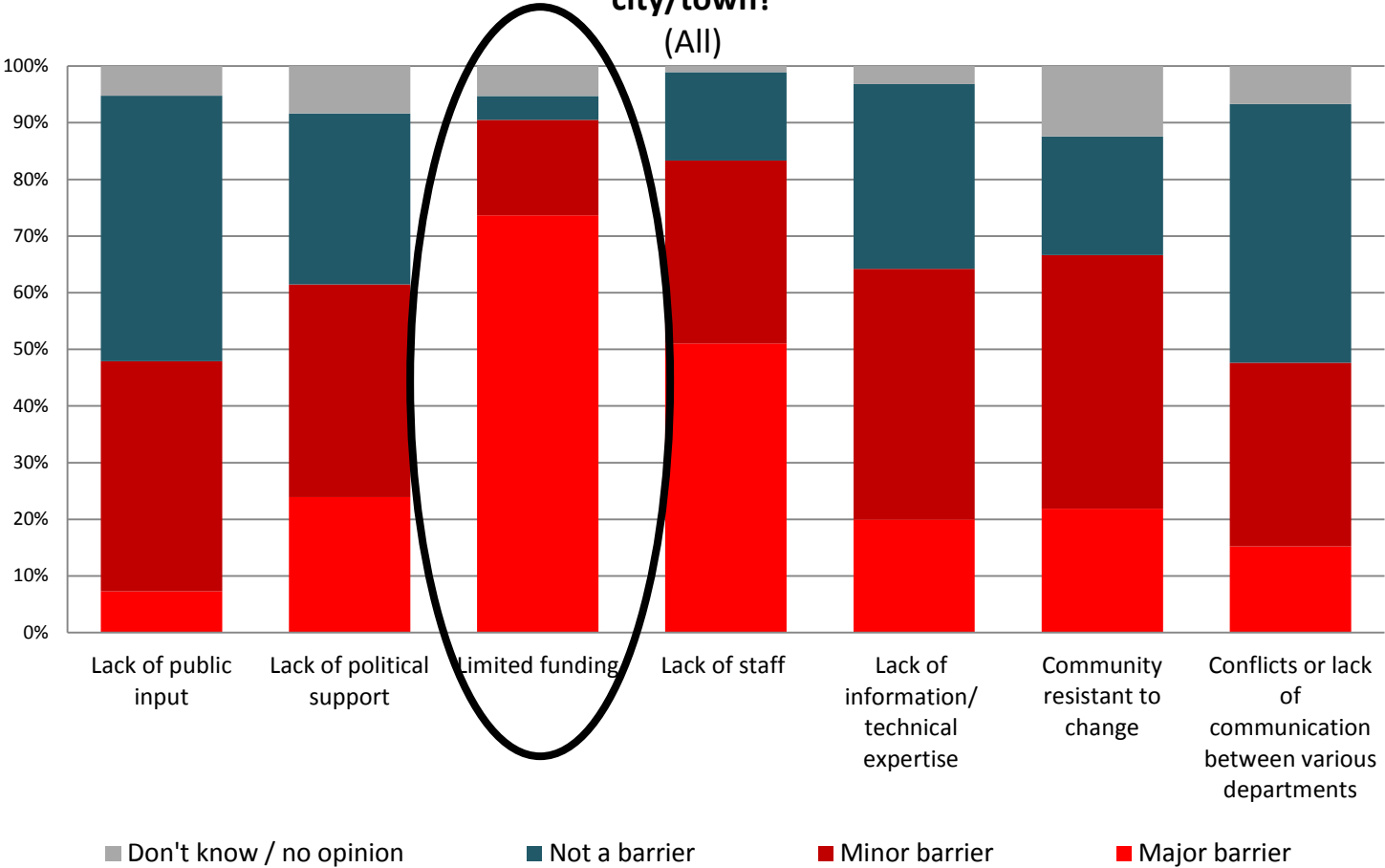


*Survey conducted in January 2013, 106 participants in Middlesex County

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Limited funding is considered the biggest barrier

Barriers: Please indicate the extent to which the following issues pose barriers to advancing Complete Streets concepts and principles in your city/town?



MAPC is working with communities to adopt a “complete streets” policies

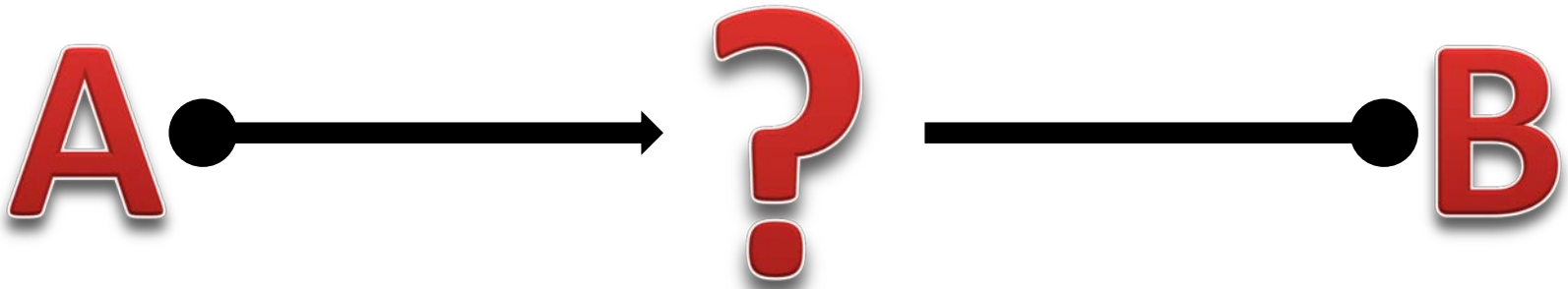
- Three communities have adopted policies so far:
 - Maynard
 - Littleton
 - Everett
- Several other communities working towards a policy
- Other communities have adopted on their own
 - Plymouth
 - Somerville

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Littleton's policy was recognized as best in the nation

- Smart Growth American selected Littleton's Complete Streets Policy as the best in the country for 2013
- Among over 80 policies adopted nationally in 2013

Progress is being made, but...



What can be done to encourage and incentivize more cities and towns of all types to implement Complete Streets?

Legislation to Encourage Complete Streets

“An Act relative to Active Streets and Healthy Communities”



- Creates a Complete Streets Certification Program
- Certified municipalities would be able to apply for competitive grant funding to implement Complete Streets

Opt-In Incentive Program

Encourage cities and towns to routinely include contextually appropriate complete streets design elements in locally funded road projects



Requirements for Certification



- Work with MassDOT to confirm existing bicycle/pedestrian accommodations in order to prioritize projects.

- Adopt a complete streets bylaw, ordinance, or administrative policy.



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- Identify procedures for conducting municipal road repairs, upgrades, or expansion projects on public rights-of-way to incorporate complete streets elements.
- Confirm the existence of a review process for all private development proposals to ensure complete streets components are incorporated into new construction.
- Set a municipal goal for an increased mode share for walking, cycling, and public transportation where applicable to be met within five years and develop a program to reach that goal.



Current Status

- Included in the Transportation Bond Bill passed by the House of Representatives and Senate
- Authorized for \$10 million per year for five (5) years
- Signed into law by Governor Patrick on April 18
- Working to ensure funding is allocated

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