



Take Action to Support Active Streets

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- 37 member organization dedicated to transpo investment, reform and sustainability
- Supporting all modes with an emphasis on public transportation, walking and cycling
- Members include MAPC, MPHA, WalkBoston, MA Smart Growth Alliance, MassBike
- Advocated for funding in the 2013 Transportation Finance Act

Active Streets Funding

- \$50 million in Transportation Bond Bill
- Result of relentless and organized advocacy by MPHA, MAPC, T4MA, Act FRESH and others
- Tireless legislative leadership and strong bipartisan support
- 28 municipal leaders supported Active Streets funding

Planning for Success

- **\$50 million / 5 years is just a start**
 - Fraction of what is spent on roads statewide
- **Mobilize**
 - Demonstrate real benefits and small costs
 - Economic, health, environmental
- **Certify your community**
 - Collaborate: DPW, health, schools, planning
 - Recruit local champions for the new status quo

Certification Requires Teamwork

1. **File** an application with MassDOT
2. **Adopt** a complete streets bylaw, ordinance, or policy after at least one public hearing
3. **Coordinate** with MassDOT on baseline accuracy of pedestrian/bicycle accommodations to prioritize projects
4. Set Active Streets **procedures** for municipal road repairs, upgrades, or expansion projects
5. **Confirm review process** for all private development proposals to ensure new construction includes Active Streets
6. Set a municipal **5 year goal** and strategy for increased walking, cycling, and public transportation
7. Submit **annual progress report** to MassDOT

Active Streets go Uphill

- This changes the status quo
- Traditional roadway projects are easier
- Encourage peer sharing for city/town leadership
- Show successful examples
- Bring departments and boards together

Defending Active Streets Funding

- Bond bill is authorization - not a commitment
- 2013 Transportation Finance Act provides partial funding for needed transportation investments
- We have achieved half the funding needed to maintain and expand our transpo network
- Gas tax indexing helps funding keep up with costs
- \$1 billion of revenue over the next decade (\$2 billion bonding) is at risk of repeal
- Please visit www.T4MA.org to get in touch!

Questions and Discussion

- What are effective strategies for proposing Active Streets locally?
- How secure is state funding for Active Streets?
- What can I do to support this program?