



COMPLETE STREETS FUNDING PROGRAM AWARDEES ~ FY20 ROUND ONE

The Complete Streets Funding Program, now in its fourth year, has awarded 124 Construction grants across the Commonwealth totaling \$38 million. For Round 7, first for FY20, we are awarding 18 municipalities with grants totaling \$5.1 million. In total, 81% of applicants have been funded.

1. Abington – Lincoln Boulevard Shared-Use Path and Traffic Calming **\$399,996**

The project includes a shared-use path along Lincoln Boulevard, utilizing 13-feet of the excess roadway from Abington High School adjacent to several sports fields, the library, and Town Hall to Washington Street, adjacent to Beaver Brook Elementary School, a distance of approximately 1,600 feet. The Town also plans on utilizing available roadway width along Washington Street from Elm to Adams Street, and along Adams Street from Washington Street to Route 139, to provide exclusive bicycle lanes to extend the connection in a north-south direction through the Town. This will extend bicycle connectivity to commercial areas, residential neighborhoods, popular recreational areas, and other points of interest including churches and temples, Island Grove Pond and Park, Abington Park & Recreation, restaurants, shops and the post office.

2. Ayer – School Street Sidewalk **\$203,118**

This project will construct a new sidewalk along School Street from Prospect to Bligh Street (Pirone Park entrance) creating a new connection to the Town park, youth athletic fields, and serve an environmental justice neighborhood. School Street is the access between the Town library, Courthouse, Main Street business district, Pond Street Senior Center and Housing Authority. Funding also includes replacing sidewalks and wheelchair ramps from East Main to Prospect Street (150 feet). Ayer has leveraged other funding sources to provide complete streets surrounding this project including the recently completed walking path at the Pirone Park, which will now have safe access, and constructing new sidewalks on Pleasant Street (crossing School Street) and Oak Street (parallel street) to improve access and pedestrian safety.

3. Buckland – Shelburne Falls Village Pedestrian Network Improvements **\$133,797**

State Street is the main connection to walk between the Shelburne and Buckland sections of Shelburne Falls. The State Street project includes extending the 5-foot wide sidewalk southwest from the town parking area to the nearby crosswalk accessing State Street, removing sidewalk obstructions, installing new handicap access ramps, constructing bump-outs, repositioning the stop sign at William Street and refreshing crosswalk paint to improve visibility. The second project along Ashfield Street connects the commercial center of Shelburne Falls to dense residential neighborhoods, installing a new crosswalk, and widening part of the existing sidewalk to 5-foot wide. Overall, these improvements will improve pedestrian access to the main commercial street and serve environmental justice neighborhoods.

4. Chelsea – Chelsea High School Safety Improvements and Bicycle Network

\$361,364

The Carter Street/Everett Avenue intersection, a high crash location, is located adjacent to the Chelsea High School where a significant number of students ride bicycles or walk to school. Currently, there is outdated pedestrian equipment, with equipment and crosswalks missing for some approaches, leading to unsafe crossing behavior. The project includes installation of all new pedestrian signal equipment, including pedestrian push buttons and countdown signal heads, sidewalk extensions, striping a new crosswalk across the Everett Avenue southbound approach, restriping faded pavement markings and constructing ADA-compliant ramps as necessary. In addition, new 5-foot wide bicycle lanes will be striped along both directions of Everett Avenue between the city line and the rail line crossing, and along both directions of Carter Street between Everett Avenue and Blossom Street. Bicycle route signs and new bicycle detection will also be installed at the Everett Avenue/Carter Street intersection. Designation of bicycle lanes will significantly increase the safety of bicyclists within the project limits by removing bicyclists from the vehicular travel lane.

5. Cohasset – Town Commons Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements

\$254,744

Cohasset's Town Common is a historical landmark and is bounded by Highland Avenue, Robert E. Jason Road, William B. Long Jr. Road, and South Main Street. The Commons are surrounded by the Town Hall and several churches, and is less than a one-mile walking distance to the Cohasset Senior Center, South Shore Community Center, Cohasset Housing Authority, Pratt Memorial Library, residential homes, businesses, and the waterfront, thus bringing people from various parts of the Town with different interests and purposes, together. The project includes reconstructing the sidewalk that wraps around the Town Common, approximately 1,300 feet, and the diagonal pathway across the Town Common, approximately 300 feet; curb tightening on the north side of Highland Avenue and Robert Jason Road to allow for safe vehicle turning speeds; and installing seven crosswalks with ADA-compliant curb ramps.

6. Dedham – Eastern Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

\$399,933

This project will improve pedestrian and bicycle access and safety in the heart of Dedham, between Barnes Memorial Park, Dedham Middle School, Avery Elementary School, Dedham High School, the town center, the MBTA commuter rail station, and surrounding residential neighborhoods. Bicycle lanes will extend north-south on 1.3 miles of East Street and east-west over 1.0 mile on Eastern and Whiting Avenue, benefiting nearby environmental justice neighborhoods. Additionally, 1300 feet of new 5-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed along the western side of Eastern Avenue between Mah Way and East Street; 700 feet of sidewalk will be constructed along the eastern side of Eastern Avenue, adjacent to Barnes Memorial Park; two new pedestrian signals will be installed; and isolated pedestrian improvements will be made on East Street, along the eastern side of Barnes Memorial Park.

7. Ipswich – Little Neck Road and Lord Intersection Improvements

\$135,000

The first project includes the construction of 5-foot wide sidewalk along the north side of Little Neck/Bayview Road from Pirate Park playground to the existing crosswalk, and along the south side of Bayview Road to the far side of the Pavilion Beach parking lot. Currently, access to the parking lot is provided via a wide curb cut without clear driveway designation. The project will improve the safety for both pedestrians and vehicles visiting the Pavilion Beach by creating a physical separation between the parking lot and Bayview Road, providing clear areas for pedestrians to cross, striping of new crosswalks, crossing signage, and yield pavement markings. Bicycle racks will be installed at the beach parking lot to provide bicycle accommodations. A second project includes tightening the corner radius, construction of a pedestrian bump-out, and crosswalk striping at the busy High Street/Short Street (Lord Square) intersection, reconstruction of sidewalks and installation of pedestrian warning signage along High Street.

8. Lincoln – South Lincoln Connectivity Improvement

\$132,424

Improvements include a sidewalk that links a pedestrian/bicycle pocket park and travels along Lincoln Road to the Codman Road/Lincoln Road intersection, and to Codman Farm in the village center. The project also includes a sidewalk that will wind through conservation land and Lincoln's community gardens linking the village center and Codman Farm. The Town will work to further enhance the sidewalk path with benches and interactive nature play stations to encourage walking and biking in the village center. The intersection at Lincoln/Codman Road will be improved with crosswalks to facilitate safe pedestrian crossing and improve connectivity to other amenities within walking distance from the MBTA station and the village center, such as Drumlin Farm. All paths and intersections will be handicap accessible and suitable for both pedestrians and bicyclists.

9. Lynnfield – School Safety and Access Improvement

\$383,555

This project will improve pedestrian access and safety at three schools: Lynnfield Middle School, Summer Street School, and Huckleberry Hill Elementary School. In all three instances, substantial volumes of students cross between the school and sports fields to the surrounding residential neighborhoods across heavily travelled roadways with direct access to the town center. The proposed improvements which include tightening intersections, modifying and painting crosswalks, installing pedestrian signals, providing crossing islands, improving signage and pavement markings, and placing radar speed feedback signs are intended to provide more visible, safer pedestrian crossings and control driver behavior and speeds.

10. Millbury – Downtown Revitalization South Main Street

\$174,499

The Downtown Revitalization South Main Street project focuses on reconstructing the South Main Street's intersection with North Main and Elm Street and extends south approximately 500 feet to the South Main Street Bridge over the Blackstone River. South Main Street is a pedestrian access

route that links the dense residential neighborhood beyond the South Main Street Bridge, which includes 83 units of low-income senior and family housing, to Millbury Center’s shops, restaurants, banks, services, churches, day care center, and municipal facilities. South Main Street also links the residential neighborhood to schools within and just beyond Millbury Center and is an important destination for bicyclists utilizing the nearby Blackstone River Bikeway. This project will reconstruct the intersection, replace sidewalks, reduce crossing distance, create a new pedestrian plaza, install curb extensions, new LED street lights, bicycle racks next to the bus shelter, and bicycle wayfinding signs. The project will also improve transit connections for pedestrians and bicyclists.

11. Nantucket - Sparks Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

\$114,114

This project seeks to create a quality walking and biking connection along Sparks Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to Hooper Farm Road. The project will construct an 8-foot wide sidewalk that will connect to existing sidewalks on Atlantic Avenue and create a complete sidewalk network. Additionally, crosswalks will be realigned, shortened and restriped for safety and better visibility. This new sidewalk will connect pedestrians and bicyclists with points west, Mill Hill Park, the Nantucket Cottage Hospital, Nantucket High School and athletic fields, the Lower Pleasant Business District, surrounding neighborhoods, and points east. The project is within a mile of the Nantucket High School/Special Education, the Nantucket Elementary School, the Montessori Children’s House of Nantucket, and the Nantucket Lighthouse School.

12. Pittsfield – City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Accessibility Improvement

\$353,562

Pittsfield will construct its top ten priority complete streets projects, many of which are part of the City’s efforts to ensure accommodation, accessibility, and safety around City Hall and critical civic hotspots. Projects will include sidewalk upgrades along Allen Street from East to School Street; geometric improvements at the southeast corner of the intersection of Fenn and Allen Street to provide greater separation for pedestrians; and installation of a 5-foot wide separated bicycle lane along Wahconah Street along a critical corridor between Wahconah Park and Berkshire Medical Center, housing, and businesses. Other projects include new mid-block crosswalks, intersection upgrades along Burbank Street adjacent to Morningside Community School; safety upgrades at the intersection of East and Elm Street to provide safe refuge for crossing pedestrians and bicyclists; safety improvements at the intersection of West and Hurlbut Street to create a safe refuge island for pedestrians and bicyclists; new bicycle lanes and signage along Elm Street from East Street to Pollock Avenue to establish a consistent travel lane width along this corridor; safety improvements at the intersection of Springside Avenue and Grove Street to allow safe pedestrian access to Rotary Park from the west and east along Springside Avenue and from the south along Grove Street; and sidewalk repairs along Union Street to address accessibility issues along a vital corridor that includes access to the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority.

13. Rockland – Liberty Street/East Water Street Intersection Safety Improvement \$399,228

This project will realign the high crash intersection of East Water and Liberty Street, within one mile of the Rockland Junior and Senior High School, the McKinley School, the Holy Family School, the Rockland Community Education Center, the Memorial Park Elementary School, and the Jefferson Elementary School. Currently only three of the approaches are controlled by a stop, an island and a crosswalk are behind the stop bar, and an open gas station driveway make navigating the intersection difficult for all road users. This project will create a four-way stop controlled intersection by removing the slip-lanes, installing curb line extensions to reduce corner radii, realigning and restriping crosswalks to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians, and installing new signage.

14. Shirley – Village Center Bicycle Lanes and Sidewalk Repair \$392, 091

The goal of the project is to dramatically improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Front Street which will connect the town’s primary assets -the Commuter Rail, Town Hall, Ayer/Shirley Regional Middle School, banks, convenience stores, Hazen Library, and the U.S. Post Office. The project serves the village center and core economic region of Shirley. The project will replace the non-compliant Front Street sidewalk with 5-foot ADA compliant concrete sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, and warning panels for a length of 3,400 feet from Main Street to Hospital Road. It will replace dangerous, incongruent crosswalks with high visibility crosswalks and signage. Additionally, new 5-foot bicycle lane will be striped on the north and south side of Front Street to significantly improve bicycle safety and reduce vehicle speeds by narrowing the width of travel lanes to 10 from 16 feet.

15. Somerset – Riverside Avenue Safety and Pedestrian Network Project \$400,000

Riverside Avenue travels in a north-south direction alongside the scenic Taunton River and connects to Pierce Playground, Pierce Beach, recreational and sports fields and to the Somerset Marina. While the roadway serves heavy volumes of bikes and pedestrians, many avoid the road because of high vehicular speeds and uncomfortable conditions. The project will improve access and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists by narrowing travel lanes, constructing a continuous sidewalk on the river side, installing raised crosswalks and shared-lane markings for cyclists.

16. Springfield – Bicycle Network Implementation and School Safety Improvements \$207,161

Springfield is engaged in an aggressive plan to incorporate bicycle lanes into its current infrastructure. The following six projects will help complete critical links in the City's Plan: installation of bicycle lanes for both directions along Roosevelt Avenue to enhance the bikeability to Springfield College, local High Schools and Mass Mutual; filling of a bicycle lane gap along South Branch Parkway to complete a network of bicycle friendly streets in the heart of Springfield residential neighborhoods; installation of bicycle lanes and signage for both directions along

Wilbraham Road adjacent to Western New England University campus; and installation of bicycle lanes and signage for both directions along East Street from Page Boulevard to Chicopee City Line. In addition, pedestrian safety improvements will be made at the intersection of Fisher/Haskin Street to improve access to Hiram L. Dorman Elementary School, and at three intersections along the walking route to the Lincoln Elementary School, Calhoun Park and Baystate Medical Center.

17. Topsfield – Grove/Washington Street Pedestrian and Safety Improvement \$382,000

The Grove/Washington Street Improvement project will enhance safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles with various safety and connectivity improvements throughout the Topsfield Common Historic District. The Town’s overall vision is to align safety and accessibility while also promoting multi-modal access and connectivity throughout the adjacent residential neighborhood and the downtown village shopping area. This project replaces non-compliant asphalt sidewalks and wheelchair ramps on Grove and Washington Streets, closes gaps in the pedestrian network with new sidewalk segments, and enhances the safety at the Topsfield Rail Trail crossings.

18. West Bridgewater – West Center/Howard Street Intersection Improvement \$287,399

The purpose of the West Center/Howard Street Intersection Improvement project is to provide improved pedestrian connections and traffic control in the immediate vicinity of the West Bridgewater Middle-Senior High School. Howard Street also provides access to the middle school and one of the elementary schools as well as the library. To provide for safer crossings and improved control across the high-volume West Center Street, a traffic control signal will be installed with accessible pedestrian controls, detectable warning surfaces and high visibility crosswalks to accommodate safe crossings. The proposed traffic control signal will include bicycle detection on all approaches to promote bicycle access along Howard Street.