



HEALTHY TRANSPORTATION WORKING FORUM #2 OF 3 CONSIDERATION OF A COMPLETE STREET POLICY

Thursday, May 1st, 2014 6:30 – 8:00pm

City of Waltham

Planning Department

WELCOME TO WALTHAM'S 2nd HEALTHY TRANSPORTATION WORKING FORUM



Agenda: Considering a Complete Street Policy

- Welcome & Introductions
City of Waltham Goal: Community Input on Complete Streets
- Quick Recap of 1st Healthy Transportation Working Forum
- What are Complete Streets? & Why a Policy?
- Implementation Options / Examples
- Summary & Takeaways

Quick Recap of 1st Healthy Transportation Working Forum - BSBW 2014



- **Great support & creative ideas generated -**
 - Encouragement & Education about Bicycle Transportation for All
- **Next Steps Generated –**
 - Bicycle Advocacy Committee & City of Waltham to Seek Opportunities Aligned to their Role/Resources
 - Via networks and connections expand awareness of BSBW
- **Outcomes so Far -**
 - 5 Waltham Based Activities on BSBW Calendar by May 1st
 - MassCommute Challenge – City of Waltham



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Here you will find a list of all currently scheduled Bay State Bike Week events. Feel free to scroll the list, or search by event name or location. Don't see an event in your community? Visit [Plan An Event](#) to learn how to start one of your own!

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DATE/TIME	EVENT
Waltham 05/05/2014 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Traffic Skills 101 Class, classroom session
Waltham 05/09/2014 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Traffic Skills 101 Class, classroom session
Waltham 05/10/2014 9:30 am - 4:00 pm	Traffic Skills 101 Class, riding session
Waltham 05/13/2014 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	City of Waltham 1st Bicycle Update
Waltham 05/14/2014 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	MetroWest Cyclist Social

Calendar

May 2014						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Bay State Bike Week
 Bay State Bike Week materials have arrived! Checkout the MassRIDES staff as they show-off our snazzy t-shirts, bike bells and ankle straps. Don't forget to request materials and register your event today!



Facebook event page

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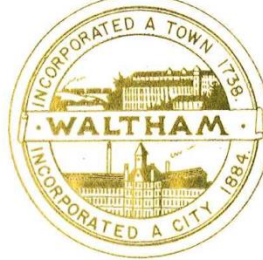
Bay State Bike Week
 @baystatebikeweek 25 Apr
 Check out all the events in our calendar! Which ones are you most looking forward to? #BSSBW @MassBike bit.ly/TrEwEeEe Expand

Bay State Bike Week
 @baystatebikeweek 25 Apr
 Planning to attend Dorchester Bike Fest? The date has been POSTPONED to this Sunday: on.fo.me/QLPBN

Bay State Bike Week
 @baystatebikeweek 18 Apr
 Wow! Have you seen all the cool events listed on the Bay State Bike Week website so far? #BSSBW

Tweet to @baystatebikeweek

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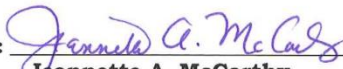


Official Proclamation

- Whereas...** Bicycling is a part of Waltham's multi-modal transportation network whether for convenience/ease, health, environmental, economic, recreational or social reason, bicycling can be a great way to get around our community; and
- Whereas...** The City of Waltham, encourages and supports the increased use of the bicycles as a healthy transportation choice that benefits all Waltham residents, businesses and visitors by reducing: traffic congestion/parking demand, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and the consumption/dependence on gas; and
- Whereas...** The City of Waltham, seeks to promote safe and responsible bicycle transportation and is committed to developing bicycle facilities both on and off-roadways as part of our multi-modal transportation network; and
- Whereas...** Bicyclists may ride on any public road, street, or bikeway in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the exception of limited access or express state highways with posted signage; and
- Whereas...** May 10-18, 2014 will be the 5th statewide Bay State Bike Week hosted by MassDOT and MassBike and since 1956 the League of American Bicyclists has established May as National Bicyclist Month.

Now, therefore, I, Jeannette A. McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Waltham, do hereby proclaim May 2014, to be, Waltham's Bike Month and May 10-18th, 2014 as Waltham's Bay State Bike Week in the City of Waltham.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Waltham this 22nd day of April 2014.

By: 
Jeannette A. McCarthy
Mayor



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MassDOT is offering innovative Complete Streets programming that is being deployed statewide at over 80 [Complete Street Workshops](#) scheduled through April 2012.

Complete Streets represent the comprehensive multi-modal philosophy in MassDOT's Project Development and Design Guide that require safe and appropriate accommodation for all roadway users.

The MassDOT [GreenDOT](#) policy and Healthy Transportation Compact reinforce the promotion of healthy transportation choices of walking, bicycling and transit.

To support and raise awareness for MassDOT's requirement for Complete Streets we

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WHAT ARE COMPLETE STREETS?

- Simply Stated – Streets For Everyone
- Safer, More Accessible, Livable Streets that are Easy for Everyone
- Create Vibrant and Healthy Communities for People to Live, Play, Work and Shop.
- Transportation Regardless of Mode-Choice is “Life” Line



WHY CONSIDER A POLICY?

- Many People do not Drive or Choose not to Drive
- Each Street and Context are Unique but Need to Serve all Users
- Complete Streets Improve Safety for all Users – Regardless of Mode Choice
- Create a Balanced & Multi-Modal Transportation Network
- Positive Health Outcomes, Reduced Traffic Congestion & Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Economic Development Benefits, Energy Savings and Demographic Trends

HEALTHY TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS



Walking



Bicycling



Transit

















Typical Components/Recent MA BPs

Typical Components:

- Objective
- “All Users”
- New Projects, “Retrofits” & Ordinary Maintenance
- Any Exceptions
- Multi-modal Connectivity
- Respect for Site Context
- Work Flow Process/
- Accountability/Metrics to Validate Outcomes
- Implementation Strategy including Communication Strategy

Recent MA BPs

- Boston (2013)
- Littleton (2013)
- MassDOT Healthy Transportation Policy Directive (2013)

Summary & Takeaways



1. Complete Streets Policy creates safer streets for all users; in addition to healthy and economically vibrant communities.
2. A Complete Street Policy Institutionalizes Vision into Existing Processes, Procedures to Deliver Expectations.
3. Implementation of a Complete Streets Policy Aligns with National, State Transportation/Public Health/Land Use/Economic Development Policy and Funding.

Thank you!



Please save these dates:

- May 13th 1st Annual City of Waltham Bicycle Update 7-8:00pm
- June 5th Consideration of a Healthy Transportation Advisory Group 6:30 – 8pm

All in Government Center Auditorium