2018 Moving Together Conference
MassDOT’s Complete Streets Program: Leominster
Background

- Applied for and received $50,000.00 for Complete Streets analysis.
- We have a dedicated and talented staff, but well worth it to have an outside person do the analysis and 5 year plan.
- Make sure to include all stakeholders in the final review.
It is the City of Leominster’s policy to “Fix It First”. This policy is a coordinated effort within city departments, the state, and utility companies to ensure that all underground work is completed before any above ground work is done.
Our Complete Streets goals

- School safety
- Connecting city services
- Working our way out from the city’s center to neighborhoods
- Connecting other projects/funds
Project Metrics

- Total sidewalk upgrades: 2,825 linear feet
  - 1,300 linear feet of new sidewalk
  - 1,525 linear feet of reconstructed sidewalks
- 47 ADA Accessible Ramps
- 11 Repainted Crosswalks
Northwest School sidewalk improvements

- 690 students K-5
- Replaced sidewalk in front of the school
- Replaced sidewalk on Stearns Avenue at the approach to the school
- Added a new sidewalk to Arlington Street
- Under the city’s sidewalk program we added a sidewalk to Washington Street and Walnut Street.
Northwest School Improvements
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Veterans Center serves all Leominster Veterans including benefits and medical appointment coordination.

Senior Center serves all Leominster Seniors including daily lunch, information referral and a multitude of programs.

Replaced the uneven and broken sidewalk with a new one and made all the intersections leading up to the two buildings handicap accessible.

Connects the Veterans and Senior Center with downtown.
Veterans Center/Senior Center
Sidewalks are in good shape downtown, but not ADA accessible.

Replaced 35 ADA accessible ramps in the downtown area connecting the District Court, City Hall, School Department Administration, churches, public library, Veterans Center, Senior Center, downtown businesses and 2 primary bus stops.
Project Three: Downtown ADA improvements
Downtown Investments

Investing in Downtown Leominster

$1.3 million 2014 Massworks investment in Adams Street area

$1.5 million for Phase I and II of Monoseme Brook

$3.8 million for reconstruction of Mechanic Street from Laurel Street to the Connectu

$560,000 for Playground & Park Development: Laurel, Mechanic & Third Street

Private Investment for Massworks grant
43 Summer Street
65 Main Street
37 Mechanic Street
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Total Private Investment for Massworks Grant
$11,500,000

2016 Massworks Investment Area

State Investment in downtown Leominster 2014-2016

*Monoseme Brook Phase I & 2
$1.5 million

Adams Street Massworks
$1.3 million

Mechanic Street reconstruction
$3.8 million

Playground & Park Development & Land Purchase
Mechanic Street
$560,000

Downtown Massworks
$2.5 million

*Total projects: $9.7 million
Maximizing Funds

$1.3 million Massworks grant for sewer/water/sidewalk upgrades for street adjacent to the senior center. Enticed the private sector to rehab two old factories, creating 100 units of affordable housing and 40,000 square feet of commercial space which is now full.
Maximizing Funds

$2.5 million Massworks grant just completed for downtown for paving, sidewalks and sewer/water upgrades. Leveraged $7 million in private investment for new commercial space and housing.
Monoosnoc Brook

$1.5 million in Gateway Park funds for Phase I and II, creating a destination along the brook downtown.
Maximizing Funds

- Starting downtown, sidewalks have been completely redone for the length of Route 13 through city money, Massworks funds, and Complete Streets for ADA compliance.
$50,000 was just what we need to get our city wide plan together

Funds allowed us to tailor our own program to the needs of our community

Advice: Make sure to include all stakeholders

Lessoned learned: Go out to bid as soon as possible!