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

- Policy and Prioritization Development Experience:
  - Community Compact with the Governor’s Office
  - Transportation Improvement Program Complete Streets Project in Design
  - MassDOT Provides Funding for Prioritization Plan Development
  - Funding Opportunities for the Community in addition to Chapter 90
    Chapter 90 (850K) + Tier 3 (400K) = 1.25 Million (47% increase in funding)
Challenges encountered:

- Will there be a need to hire additional staff to oversee and implement it?
- How much is it going to add to a project’s cost?
- What if the ordinance becomes problematic for the Town?
Complete Streets Policy Implementation and Progress

• Progress in implementing Complete Streets Policy
  • Implementation steps or accountability measures
    Creation of new projects and apply concepts whenever possible. Ensure elements are considered and included where feasible when reviewing projects.
  • Who oversees the implementation of the policy?
    Public Works Department in conjunction with the Mayors Office
  • What metrics are being tracked to measure progress?
    Linear feet of new sidewalk, new curb ramps, new crosswalks, pedestrian infrastructure (ie signal upgrades), new projects that are under design.
  • Have other projects been found or funded on Prioritization Plan?
    We have a sidewalk extension in our Prioritization Plan that has generated political and community support. When can we start it? Also, a new sidewalk connection project was recently funded and is under design.
Project Need:

- Sidewalk Connectivity to the Municipal Offices and sidewalk systems on Route 20 and roadways leading to the Town Common.

- Improved Crosswalk Safety and Visibility for School, Senior Center and Downtown Crossings

- Enhanced Transportation facilities within an Environmental Justice area and Transit Amenities.
Program and Project Benefits

- **Project benefits:**
  - **Connectivity** – Linking sidewalk systems, community facilities.
  - **Community** – Improved access to the Town Common where events are held as well as the CBD.
  - **Safety** – Enhanced crosswalk visibility and ADA compliance.
  - **Improved Transportation Opportunities for an Environmental Justice Area**
  - **Safer Crossings for the Senior Center and School Walking Routes**
Program and Program Benefits (continued)

• Program benefits:
  
  • Makes the Community More Livable and Ties Together Different Modes of Transportation
  
  • Social Benefits
  
  • Other Funding Opportunities – Massachusetts Gaming Commission and Transportation Improvement Projects
  
  • Ability to Require Elements in New Projects
Existing and Proposed Conditions

**Existing**
- SIDEWALK EXTENSION
- HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSING (w/RRFBs)

**Proposed**
- SIDEWALK EXTENSION
- HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSING (w/RRFBs)

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Other Projects

Pedestrian Signals, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps and Signal Improvements: Elm Street at Park Street, Park Avenue and Union Street – Completed in 2016 (14 curb ramps, 16 Pedestrian Signal Heads and associated Pedestrian Buttons.)
Other Projects

Crub Extensions with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons – Completed 2017  (4 RRFB’s and 4 Curb Extensions)
Other Projects

Connecticut Riverwalk
West Springfield Connecticut Riverwalk and Bikeway (State Project # 603730 – In Construction (1.5 Mile Riverwalk along the Connecticut River) Parallel with Route 5

Route 5