2018 Moving Together Conference
MassDOT’s Complete Streets Program: City of North Adams
Background

• Policy and Prioritization Development Experience:
  • Begin small – we started with a group of five individuals familiar with transportation who became familiar with the program
  • Identified the stakeholders and grew the committee slowly as we developed our priority plan.

• Challenges encountered:
  • Fear
    • what we would be forced to do?
    • Would it increase the cost of projects?
    • Would it slow project approvals?
Complete Streets Policy Implementation and Progress

- Progress in implementing Complete Streets Policy
  - The City now has a complete streets committee that reviews projects that are ongoing and has begun reviewing the initial prioritization plan created a year ago.
  - The Chief Administrator's Office and the Office of Community Development implement the policy.
  - Quarterly meetings are held with updates on projects.
  - We are preparing for our next application for funding for the Ashland Street improvements connecting MCLA and our downtown.
This project would replace all existing sidewalk on Beaver Street

Mill and overlay new bike lanes from the North Adams / Clarksburg border south to the intersection with Union Street (approximately 2.5 miles)

The Beaver Street project will extend by nearly another mile the sidewalks and bike lanes being installed in Clarksburg.

Sidewalks along Beaver St. includes some sections of sidewalk rated as being in “poor” condition.
Project Benefits

- Project benefits to:
  - This project scored highly in the City’s goals of Safety (safety for all modes of transportation).
  - Usability (impacting a high number of residents).
  - Will link the northern section of North Adams and the Route 8 corridor of Clarksburg to the vast sidewalk network of the North Adams city center and business corridors.
  - This work will complement the work the City is conducting to install ADA compliant curb ramps throughout the city.
Before and After Photos

107 Beaver Street - Sidewalk Improvements

227 Beaver Street - Sidewalk Improvements