

July 3, 2014

Richard A. Davey  
Secretary of Transportation and Chief Executive Officer  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160  
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**RE: Implementation of Complete Streets Certification Program**

Dear Secretary Davey:

We applaud your efforts to promote a wide range of transportation options on our local and state roadways, including safe access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The residents of our cities and towns want more transportation options that are safe, affordable, and convenient, and we appreciate MassDOT's leadership to support the infrastructure that makes this possible. The Mode Shift Goal, the Healthy Transportation Compact, and the Healthy Transportation Directive are just a few areas where MassDOT has provided leadership that is improving quality of life in the Commonwealth.

As you know, the Legislature recently authorized \$50 million to implement a new Complete Streets Certification Program as part of the Transportation Bond Bill. We ask for your support to fully fund this program and to begin the implementation process in a timely manner.

This program would support cities and towns across the Commonwealth to implement "Complete Streets" policies by creating a grant program for which they would become eligible after taking simple steps to be certified, similar to the successful and popular Green Communities Act.

The Complete Streets Certification Program will help the state reach the goal set by MassDOT to triple the number of walking, cycling, and public transportation trips by 2030 while simultaneously decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing physical activity. We know that when communities invest in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, that residents and visitors take advantage of it. This is true in rural, suburban, and urban areas alike, though the specific type of infrastructure differs by community type.

Complete Streets also contribute to quality of life in our cities and towns, encouraging residents and visitors to shop locally, helping to attract and retain workplaces and employees, and increasing real estate values.

Many cities and towns in Massachusetts have already taken steps to implement Complete Streets, but we face limited resources to move this important priority forward. This program would provide the necessary incentives and resources to support even more cities and towns to advance Complete Streets.

Thank you for your support for healthy and vibrant communities.

Sincerely,

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