

TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE & STABLE NEIGHBORHOODS ALLIANCE

A Joint Project of Neighbor to Neighbor and the MA Public Health Association in Worcester and Springfield

ROOT CAUSES:

- Residents who lack access to affordable, reliable transportation have difficulty securing basic necessities like food, jobs, and medical appointments
- When Black, Indigenous & people of color (BIPOC) and low income people win transportation investments, it often results in residents being pushed out for more affluent, predominately White residents
- Transportation injustice and unstable neighborhoods are rooted in structural and institutional barriers shaped by racism and poverty



To fundamentally change the root causes of these inequities and build true people power to influence policy decisions at all levels of government, we need stronger, more stable grassroots organizing and broad community support of resident-driven campaigns.

OUR GOAL IS TO ADVANCE:



Better Transit: Increase accessibility and affordability of public transit and protect existing public services.



Cleaner Air: Decrease transportation-related emissions and their negative impacts on health and climate.



Stable Housing: Advance local and state policies that protect residents from the impact of gentrification often associated with transit investments.



More Power: Grow the power of residents of color and working class residents to influence transportation and housing policy decisions.

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Transportation is a Barrier in Worcester & Springfield

Low-income residents in Worcester and Springfield are disproportionately impacted by insufficient investment in transportation infrastructure.

WORCESTER

- Worcester's sidewalk capacity addresses just over half its street network
- Worcester has the highest concentration of dangerous intersections in the state for pedestrians
- Residents in Worcester who are disabled rely on paratransit services that are inconsistent and limited

SPRINGFIELD

- Some residents in Springfield choose not to open their windows because of the pollution outside
- Springfield residents have the highest asthma rates in the nation
- Residents in Springfield have difficulty accessing essential resources using public transit and active modes of transportation

The solution is found in a community-driven process.



1. Residents and leaders from community organizations share needs.
2. N2N + MPHA support residents and leaders as they review community needs data and begin to brainstorm policy solutions to issues identified.
3. Community stakeholders come together to vote on policy solutions to address priority needs.
4. N2N + MPHA support residents and community leaders as they develop local campaigns and connect efforts to statewide movements.
5. Residents lead local and statewide campaigns that educate & mobilize residents, community organizations and decision-makers.
6. More power + local and statewide policy change

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