

# Workshop Agenda

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|---------|------------------------|
| 6:00 PM | Welcome                |
| 6:05 PM | Updates                |
| 6:15 PM | Presentation           |
| 6:55 PM | Break-out Sessions     |
| 7:30 PM | Report on Discussions  |
| 7:55 PM | Conclusions/Next Steps |

# Discussion Topics

Tonight:	Bicycle Policy Intro to Traffic Calming
June:	Traffic Calming/Pedestrian
July:	Public Transportation
August:	Public Transportation
September:	Highway Connections
October:	Highway Connections

# Update: April 26 Discussion Group

## Traffic Calming

- Many Tools in Tool Box
- Best Practices from Other Cities
- Enforcement in Neighborhoods
- Education of Drivers & Pedestrians
- Funding

## Bicycle

- Bike Elements in New Construction
- Bike Accommodations on Bridges
- Bike Lanes versus Wide Travel Lanes
- Bicycle Tourism
- Funding

# Update: May 10 Discussion Group

## Bicycling

- Interagency and Interdepartmental Coordination
- Bicycle Program Manager
- Phased Implementation
- Neighborhood Connections to Recreational Facilities
- Regional Connections and Facilities
- Funding

# Bicycling in Boston

- BTD Roles & Responsibilities
- Boston Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Boston Bicycle Policy

# BTD Bicycling Approach:

- Bicycles are vehicles under traffic regulations
  - Use of all public roads except limited access highways
  - Follow same traffic laws as motorized vehicles
- Designated & marked bicycle lanes are preferred on major roads.
- Employers and private developers must participate in bicycle program.

# BTD Roles and Responsibilities:

- Streetscape Design Guidelines
- Education & Safety Curriculum
- Bicycle Parking/Accommodations:
  - Transportation Access Plan Agreements
  - Grants to Install Bicycle Racks

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# Mayor Menino Creates Boston Bicycle Advisory Committee

- November 1999 Executive Order.
- BBAC subcommittee formed to develop bicycle plan.
- Key role of BBAC in future implementation of plan.

# BBAC has Broad Representation



- Bicycle advocacy groups.
- Neighborhood residents.
- Resident from adjoining communities.
- Business community.
- City departments (Ex-officio)

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# Boston Was the First Major Center of Bicycling Activity in the U.S.



- Lallement introduced “velocipede” in 1860s.
- Mass popularity of bicycle in 1870s.
- Columbia founded by Colonel Pope in 1878.
- League of American Wheelman in 1880s.

# The Bicycle Network Consists of Roads and Paths



# Education



- Educate children on traffic rules.
- Educate adults on effective bicycling.
- Educate motorists that bicyclists belong on the road.

# City Bicycle Education Initiatives

Don't Be a Road Warrior



Bicycle safely.  
Our reputation is riding on you.

*Thomas M. Menino, Mayor*  
*Andrea d'Amato, Commissioner*

*From A to Z by Bike*  
The comprehensive guide to safe bicycling  
for kids and adults



On-Street  
Bicycle Safety Curriculum



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Mayor M. Menino, Mayor      Department of Public Health  
Mayor M. Menino, Mayor      Boston Transportation Department  
Mayor M. Menino, Mayor

Don't Be a Road Hog



Share the road.  
Bicycles are vehicles too.

*Thomas M. Menino, Mayor*  
*Andrea d'Amato, Commissioner*

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety  
Manual for Trainers



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Boston Transportation Dept.  
John F. Magree, Commissioner



# Enforcement



- Bicyclists riding in a dangerous manner
- Motorist violations that affect bicyclists

# Bicycle Transportation Facilities: Planning



- Identify & prioritize improvements:
  - Roads
  - Paths
  - Intersections
- Determine feasibility & cost of improvements.
- Pursue State & City funding opportunities.

# Emerald Necklace Improvements



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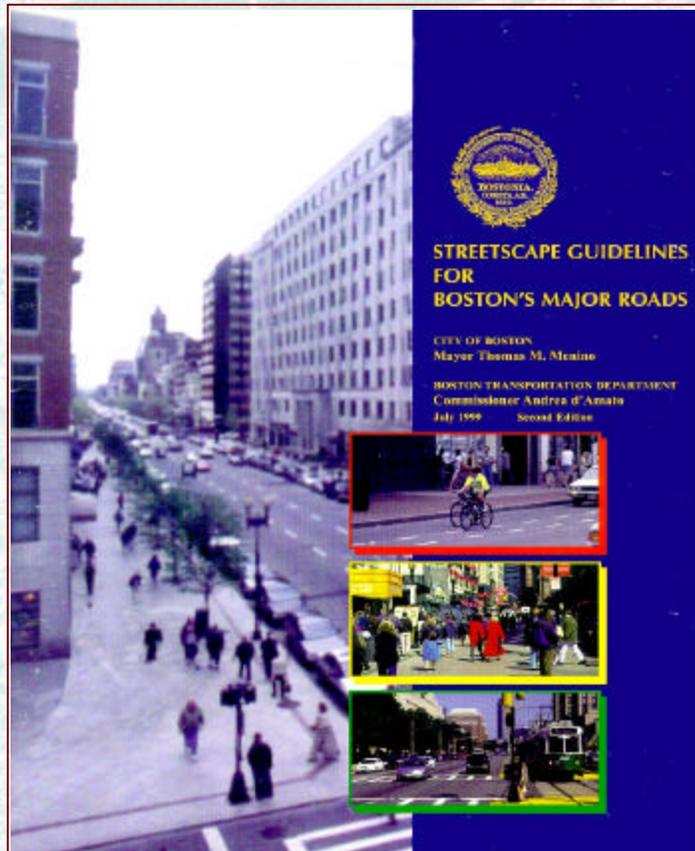
Emerald Necklace Greenway  
Improvement Plan

Route 9 to Longwood Ave  
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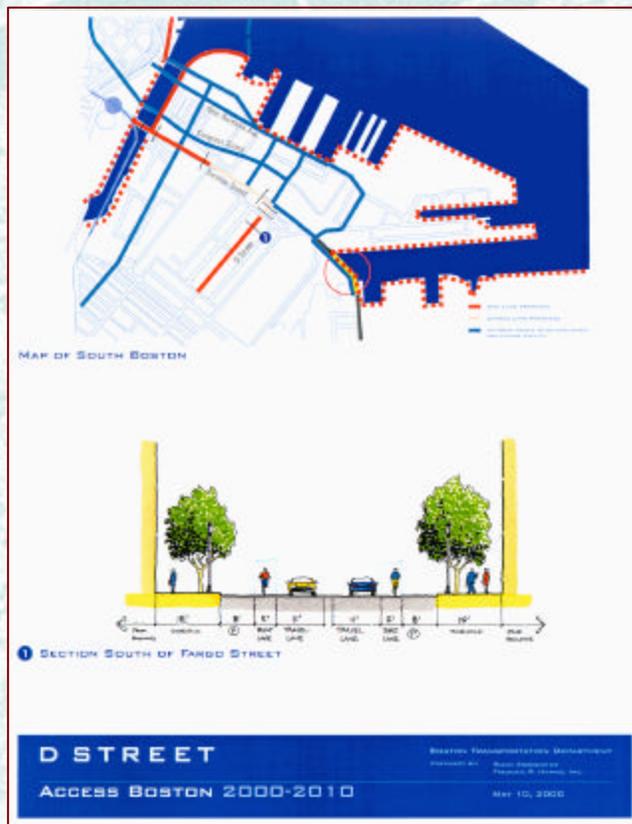
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# City's Streetscape Guidelines for Bicycle Transportation Facilities



- 5 to 6 foot wide bicycle lanes or wide outside lanes.
- Loop detectors for bicycles.
- Bicycle safe drainage grates.

# Bicycle Transportation Facilities: Design



- Develop additional design guidance for bicycle facilities.
- Institute formal review process to determine conformance.
- Identify & improve traffic signal systems to detect bicycles.

# Bicycle Transportation Facilities: Maintenance

- Provide smooth pavement surfaces free of debris & obstructions.



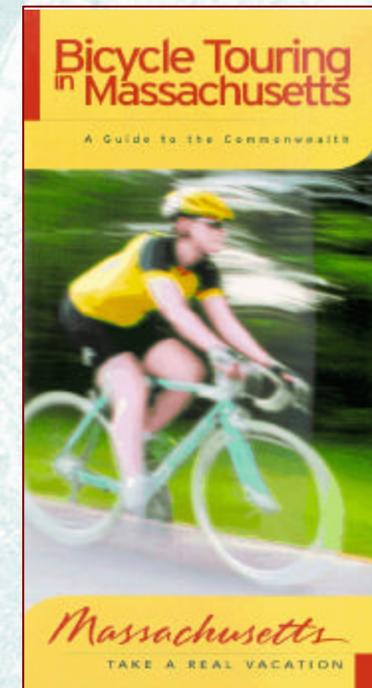
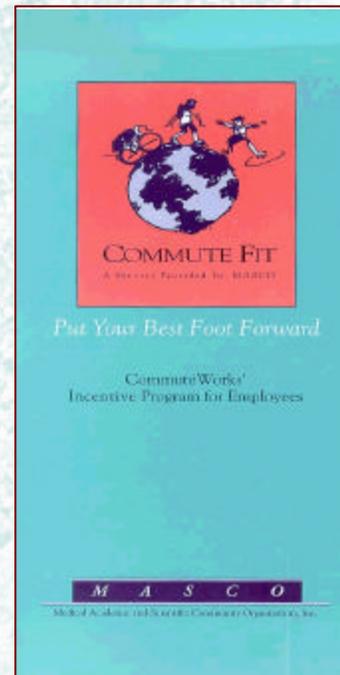
- Institute spot-safety program to address deficiencies.
- Ensure safe passage of bicycles during roadway construction.

# Intermodal Connections are Important for Bicyclists



- Conveyance of bicycles on transit vehicles:
  - Trains
  - Local buses
  - Intercity buses
  - Ferries
- Bicycle parking at transit stations

# Bicycle Promotion is a Public and Private Effort



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# Boston Bicycle Plan Implementation



- Full-time bicycle program manager.
- Interdepartmental bicycle task force.
- Engineering feasibility studies of key corridors.
- Education programs for bicyclist/motorist safety & traffic enforcement.

# Introduction to Traffic Calming

## Two Part Program

### 1. Pilot Program is Underway

- Hyde Square in Jamaica Plain
- Lincoln Street in Allston
- Commercial Street in North End
- Additional locations are being selected

### 2. Citywide Traffic Calming Policy

- ACCESS BOSTON meetings in May and June
- Policy document similar to Major Roads Streetscape Guidelines

## Proposed Criteria for Selection

- Respond to community requests
- Organized commitment from residents
- Technical analysis to measure need
- Provide citywide coverage
- Build on existing projects

## Funding Challenges

# Conclusion:

- Break-out Session Discussion
  - Bicycling in Boston
  - Traffic Calming Case Studies
- Report on Discussion