Metro Boston Trail and Greenway Vision

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MAPC CYCLING AND WALKING MAP

- MAPC project to map all cycling and walking facilities
- Rail-trails, hiking trails, bike lanes, cycle tracks...
OUR VISION

• Connected regional corridors for active transportation
  – Connecting the urban area to open spaces
  – Connecting neighborhoods to work places

• Building a coalition of leaders in the region to plan, sell, implement
  – Advocacy Groups
  – Foundations
  – Cities and towns
We have done this before!
Examples – Copenhagen Bicycle Highways
Greenway Vision

- A network of connected greenways and trails
  - Connects existing and future shared use paths into a series of connected routes
  - Utilizes corridors where available including inactive railroad lines, utility corridors, aqueducts, and rivers
  - Interest in trails locally is very strong
GreenRoutes Vision – Complete Network

Metro Boston Green Routes
VISION OF FUTURE FULL BUILDOUT

MAP LEGEND
- REGIONAL GREENWAY (WALKING AND CYCLING)
- EAST COAST GREENWAY
- REGIONAL WALKING TRAIL
- TRAIL CONNECTIONS
- SUBWAY AND COMMUTE RAIL CONNECTIONS
- RIVER ROUTE
- WATER BODY
- OPEN SPACE
GreenRoutes Vision – Current Status

Metro Boston Green Routes
CURRENT STATUS OF SEGMENTS
Key Inner Core Trail Projects
Greenway Types - Separated

- Cycle Tracks
- Shared Use Paths – Stone dust
- Shared Use Paths - Asphalt
Greenway Types – Shared Roadway

How do we share this street with all users?

Advisory Lanes
Greenway Types – Road Diet

Laurier St, Montreal 2007

2014
Significant Greenway Projects

• Huge opportunity to develop Greenways to provide continuous transportation corridors for cycling and walking
  – DCR Parkways
  – Oceanfront Corridors
  – Aqueduct Trail
  – Mass Central Rail Trail
DCR Parkways
Beaches
Aqueduct Trail Network – 67 miles

- 5 miles signed trail
- 28 miles open to use (not signed)
- 15 miles permitting in process
- 19 miles alignment proposed
Mass Central Rail Trail

- Joint MassDOT/DCR/MAPC “kickoff” meeting November 18
- Communities want to move on trail development
- MassDOT funding vs local development
• Regional Walking Trail System
  – Proposed regional walking trail network framed by the existing Bay Circuit Trail and the proposed Boston Greenbelt Trail, and Cape Ann Trail with existing radial routes including the Charles River Link, Aqueducts, and Warner Trail
  – Walking trails connect not only people to linear transportation and recreation but highlights and helps preserve open space greenbelts and wildlife habitat
Walking Trail Types
Proposed Regional Walking Trails

- Huge opportunity to develop **Greenbelts** to connect existing trails and preserve and connect unprotected land
  - Boston Greenbelt Trail
  - Cape Ann Trail
  - Cross Westwood/Tri-Town
  - Warner Trail Extension
  - South Fells Connector
Plan to develop the Cape Ann Trail in conjunction with the Cape Ann Stewards and others.
CROSS WESTWOOD TRAIL

- Developed in conjunction with the Town of Westwood
- Blue Hills to the Hale Reservation
WARNER TRAIL EXTENSION

- Extend the Warner Trail north from Canton to the Blue Hills
- Trail Connection developed as part of MassDOT Canton Interchange Project
BOSTON GREENBELT TRAIL – 90 miles
BOSTON GREENBELT Walk – May 2014

http://www.bostongreenbeltwalk.org/
BRANDING AND WAYFINDING

- Developing a logo
- Developing signage standards
GREENWAY VISION NEXT STEPS

- Unveil System Brand/Logo – January 2015
- Revised/Expand Vision Map – ongoing
- Develop signage standards – 2015
- Present to cities/towns for adoption – late 2015
- Present to Baker administration – 2015
- Present to other groups, elected officials - ongoing