



## **Technical Assistance Program Projects**

### **Concord Cooler Communities (2019)**

This project will primarily develop the Carbon Calculator “tool” for the Cooler Communities Toolkit, which will enable municipalities across the region to host Cooler Communities fairs, engaging residents and encouraging commitment to actions which will lower carbon emissions and combat global warming. The tool will serve to create greater data transparency and tracking via a web-based “carbon points” estimation tool. This project is made possible with \$15,000 from MAPC’s technical assistance program (DLTA).

### **Lincoln eTOD (2017-ongoing)**

Based on a series of iterative meetings with town staff and the land use subcommittee of the South Lincoln Planning Implementation Committee (SLPIC), MAPC is currently drafting zoning language for a new Village District in Lincoln’s station area. The new district will enable mixed-use projects and increased housing density to support a vibrant village center. The draft zoning language and design guidelines will be presented to the community at a public forum this spring. This project was made possible with \$9,000 from MAPC’s technical assistance program (PMTA).

### **Maynard and Acton Powdermill Road Corridor Project (2019)**

The Powdermill Road Corridor is a 1.5 mile corridor in Maynard and Acton. On the Maynard side, the Corridor connects to the vibrant downtown; on the Acton side, the Corridor connects to a strip shopping area southwest of its Technology District. This project will produce a redevelopment plan that supports further connectivity, promotes safe pedestrian and bicyclist activity, supports vibrant businesses and employment opportunities, and increases residential area bike and sidewalk connections to surrounding businesses and amenities and to the Assabet River. This project is made possible with \$40,000 from MAPC’s technical assistance program (DLTA).

### **Regional Complete Streets Sign Procurement, with Acton (2019)**

Communities across the State are implementing Complete Streets projects. One of the most significant challenges facing cities and towns in delivering these projects is the time it takes to develop procurement documents and administer the procurement process for signage and equipment associated with the project. Cities and towns often seek to purchase technologies to improve safety for residents using all modes of transportation, for example flashing crosswalk, speed feedback, and electronic school zone signs, which are expensive and need to be procured in compliance with all applicable laws. While this is not beyond the municipal capabilities, the use of a collective purchasing agreements, such as the current one created for smart parking meters, can save communities both money and time. The creation of such an agreement for Complete Streets signage and related equipment and technology could no doubt do the same for cities and towns looking to obtain such products. Providing such assistance to Acton and other interested communities would support MAPC’s smart growth and municipal effectiveness goals. This project is made possible with \$30,000 from MAPC’s technical assistance program (DLTA).