



## Municipal Planning & Support (MP&S) Team

# LEAP

Local Early Actionable Planning



# Background

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- MassDOT's Municipal Planning & Support Group's mission is to **increase the amount of funding municipalities receive** to advance local and regional transportation needs.
- The group also **provides technical assistance** to Massachusetts communities, with a focus on rural areas and Gateway Cities, to **prepare projects for the receipt of federal funding, develop discretionary grant applications, and assist with coordination efforts** across MassDOT, municipalities, and our partner agencies.



# LEAP Program Overview

- **Overview:** MassDOT's Municipal Planning & Support Team has procured consultant support to provide early-stage planning and project development activities for underserved municipalities in Massachusetts.
- **Cost of Available Services:** \$1 million is available in State Fiscal Year 2026. Individual tasks will be roughly between **\$25,000 – \$100,000 for the first round.**
- **Eligible Projects:** Alternatives Analyses to Inform Project Scope, Conceptual Designs, Safe Streets Network Strategy, Grant Application Development, Safety Analysis, Traffic Analysis, Visual and Mapping Support, Cost Estimation, etc.
- **Timing:** Requests are accepted on a rolling basis but priority deadline was 9/30/2025 for the first round.
- **How to Request Assistance:** Form on Grant Central [LEAP Page](#)
- **Contact:** Derek Krevat, MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, [Derek.Krevat@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Derek.Krevat@dot.state.ma.us)



# Eligible Activities

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## **Concept Development**

- ☐ Develop conceptual designs or sketch plans
- ☐ Provide high-level alternatives for short-term improvements
- ☐ Provide high-level alternatives for long-term improvements

## **Complete Streets Engineering & Design**

### **Safe Streets Network Strategy**

- ☐ Identification of priority streets for improvement and development of strategies to support the creation of a safe network for all users, with an emphasis on walking, biking, and taking transit.
- ☐ For an example, please see the [Lynn Safe Streets for People Playbook](#)

### **Grant Application Development**

- ☐ Draft technical components of federal or state grant application

### **Safety Analysis**

- ☐ Create crash diagrams
- ☐ Conduct hot spot/crash pattern analysis

### **Traffic Analysis**

- ☐ Conduct a traffic study
- ☐ Conduct a traffic impact assessment

# Consultant Selection Process

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- We received 16 consultant responses to our RFP and selected Bowman (w/ subs of Nelson/Nygaard; O'Reilly, Talbot & Okun Associates) and TEC (w/ sub of Capital Strategic Solutions) after a competitive process.

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# Types of Requests Received (Round 1)

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| Project Type                              | Count     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Conceptual Design for Safety Project      | 20        |
| Complete Streets Design                   | 12        |
| Traffic Study                             | 5         |
| Conceptual Design for Trail Project       | 4         |
| Alternatives Analysis                     | 2         |
| Design for Retaining Wall                 | 2         |
| Small Bridge Design                       | 2         |
| Speed Study                               | 2         |
| Stormwater Control Design                 | 2         |
| ADA Self-Evaluation Plan                  | 1         |
| Bridge Design                             | 1         |
| Citywide Traffic Calming Plan             | 1         |
| Corridor Study                            | 1         |
| Intersection Signalization Prioritization | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>56</b> |

# Dunstable

## Intersection Safety Improvements

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### Initial Planning Considerations

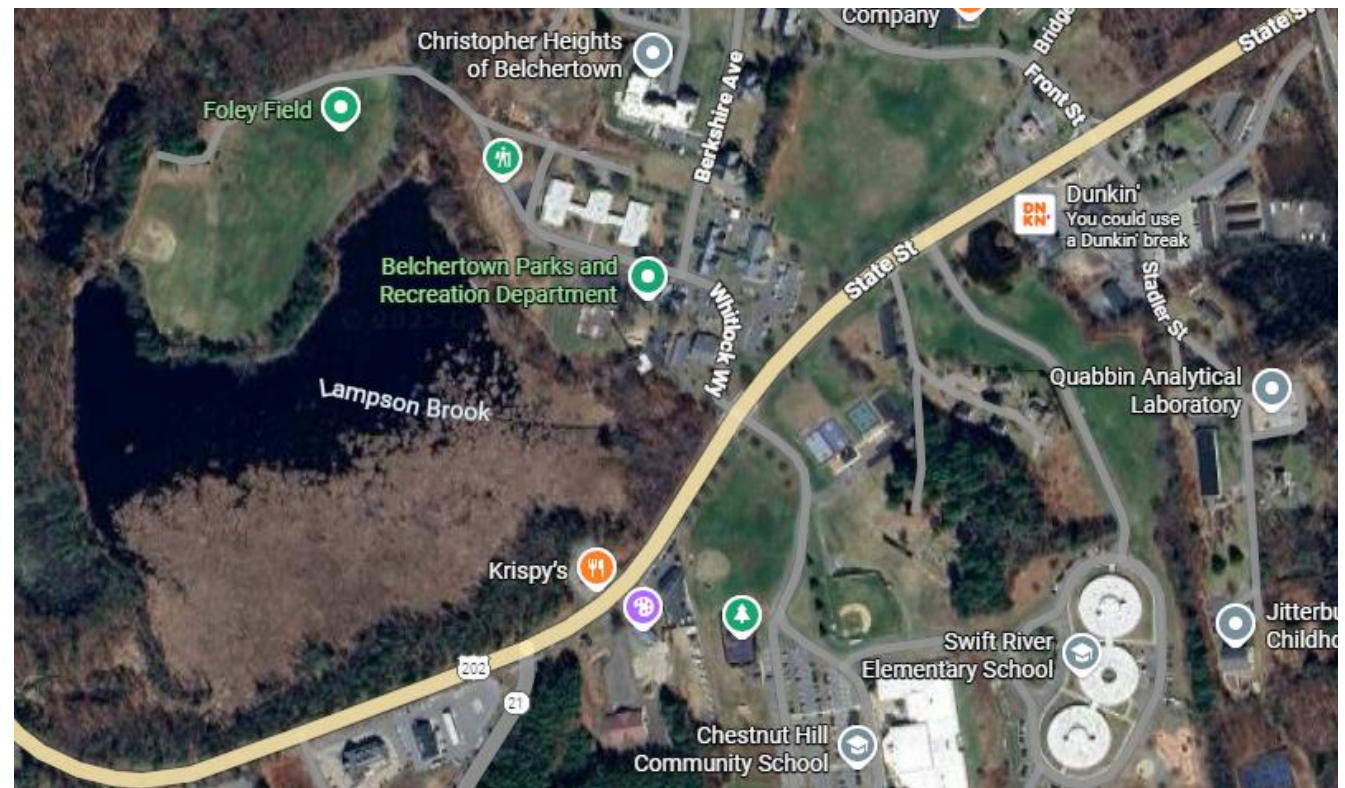


- Small town in NMCOG region, borders New Hampshire.
- Evaluating problematic Y-shaped intersections for safety improvements.
- **Deliverables:** Concept plan, cost estimate, next steps memo to tee up MassWorks, Complete Streets grant applications.

# Belchertown - State Street Corridor Study

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- This scope is for an evaluation of approximately 0.5 miles of the State Street (Route 202) corridor, from the intersection with Front Street and Stadler Street to the intersection with Turkey Hill Road (Route 21) to understand impacts to traffic operations along the roadway associated with the continued redevelopment of the former State School.
- This section of roadway was recently reconstructed as part of MassDOT Project 608412.

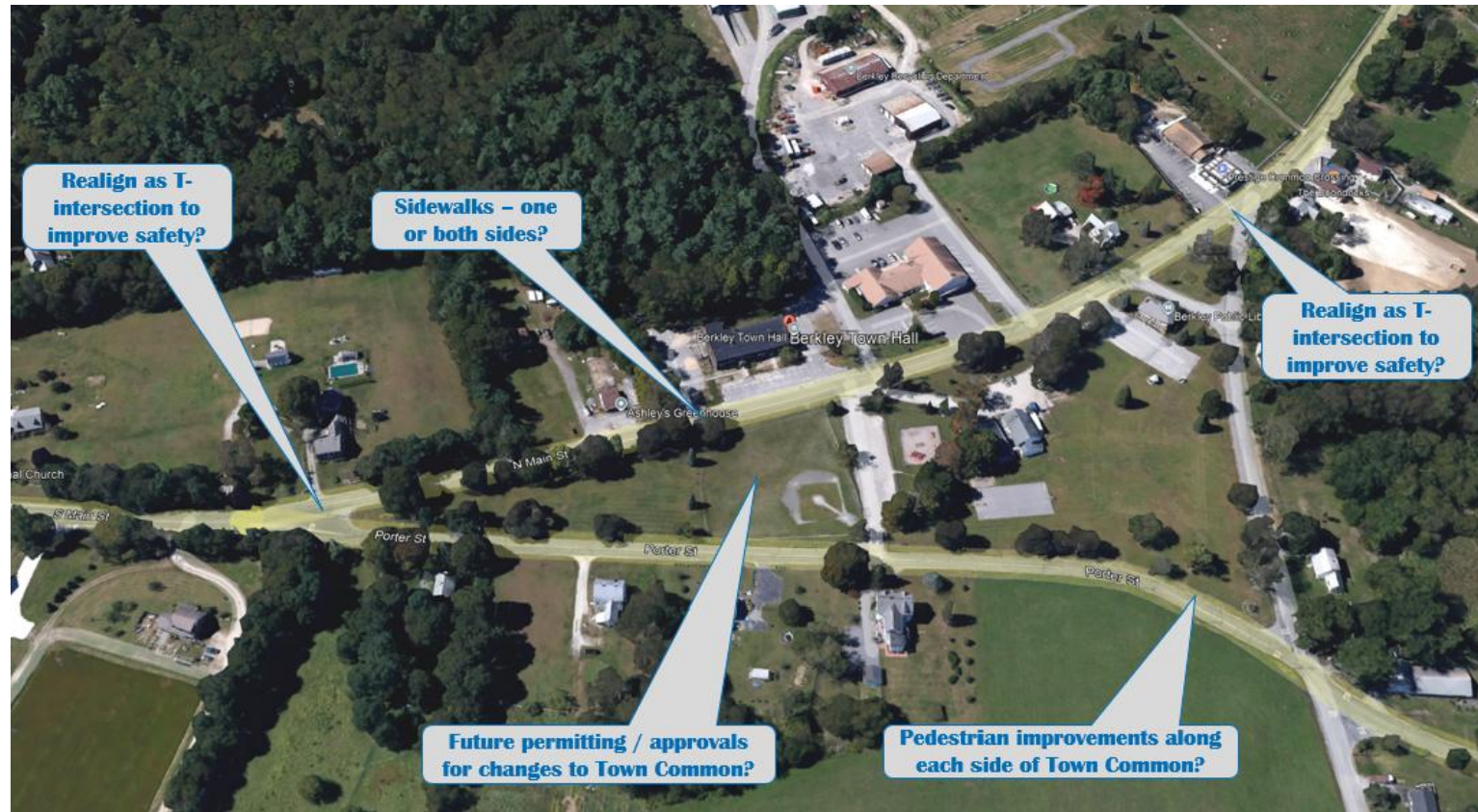


# Berkley - Town Common Pedestrian Improvements (TEC)

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- Conceptual design for a ¾-mile walking path through Berkley Town Common
- Will likely feature several high-visibility crosswalks and lighting improvements
- Project would connect pedestrians safely to the middle school, Town Hall, Public Library.
- Need for a sidewalk has been a longstanding civics project at the local school.
- Consultant to develop a focused infrastructure improvement plan, cost estimate, and summary memorandum of findings.

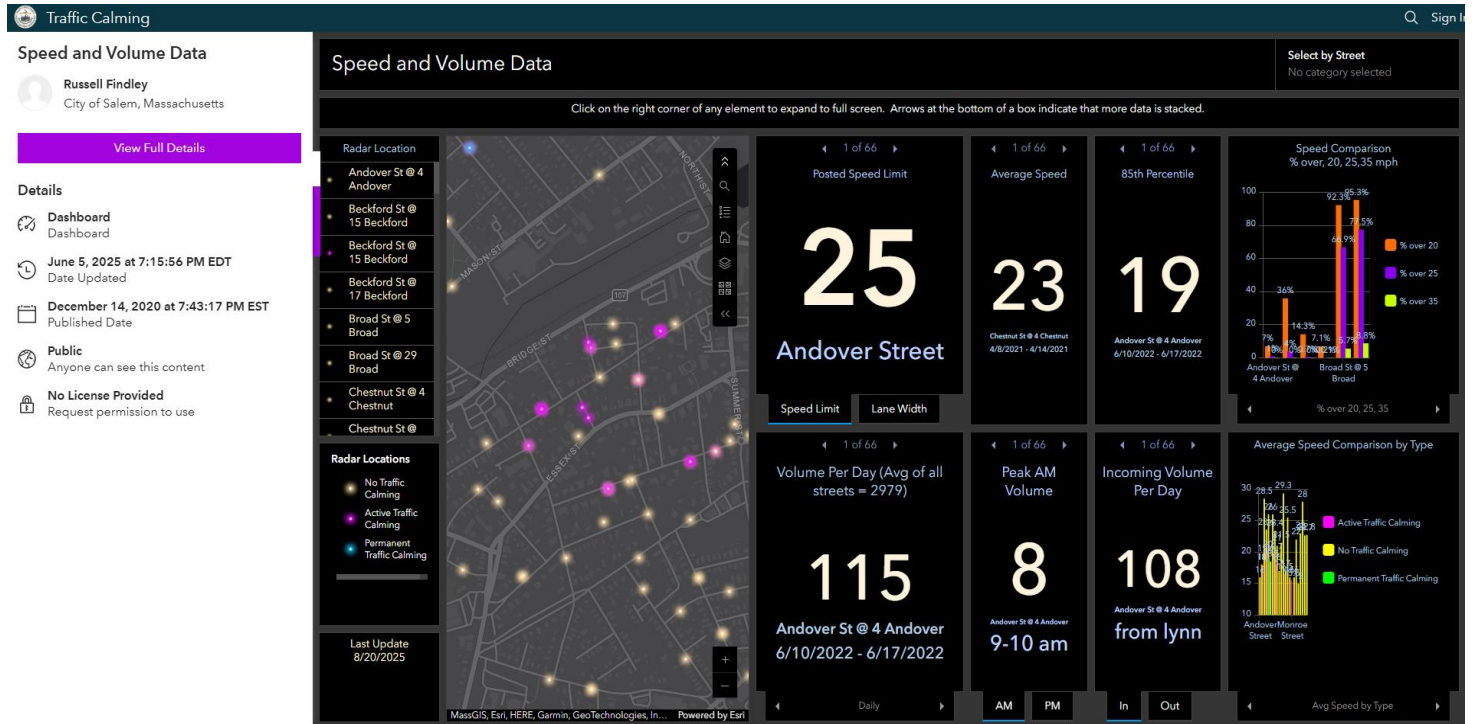
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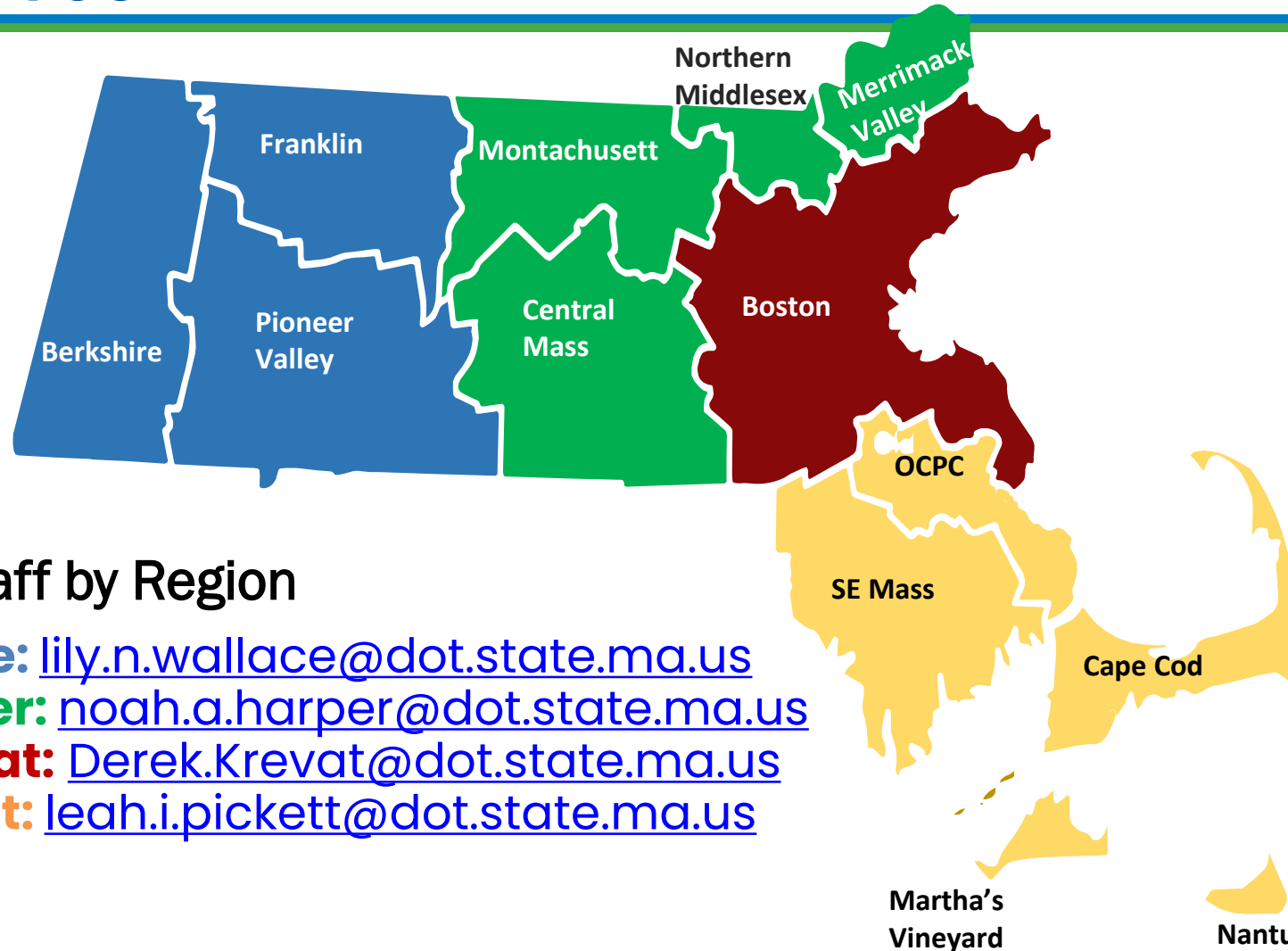
# Everett

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- The City is receiving assistance to build a traffic calming prioritization plan.
- This will be similar to Salem's Traffic Calming Priority Tool – a plan/portal that will bring together crash, speed, density and demographic data to prioritize all the streets in the city and provide a toolkit based on local context to best address concerns.



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