



For a 21st-Century Transportation Network

Transportation for Massachusetts is a diverse coalition of Bay State organizations working together to create safe, convenient and affordable transportation choices for everyone in Massachusetts. Our 40 member groups include transportation experts, planning agencies, business associations, and civic, public health, consumer and environmental groups.

About Us

Transportation for Massachusetts works to ensure that our transportation system creates economic opportunity for all, and provides choices for those without cars such as youth, seniors and low-income residents. We support maintaining and growing affordable and robust transportation systems across the Commonwealth, completing streets with bikeways and sidewalks, and developing walkable neighborhoods around transit. We work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by providing low-carbon transportation choices throughout Massachusetts.

Transportation for Massachusetts supports legislation and policy to support our goals, including the landmark Transportation Finance Act of 2013, which has moved us closer to sufficiently funding our transportation system.

Project Selection Criteria

The 2013 Transportation Finance Act created the Project Selection Advisory Council, which was a victory for our coalition. Our Policy Framework, created in anticipation of the legislation, identified three transportation priorities:

RAISE IT: Raise enough revenue to create a generational fix to our transportation problems

INVEST IT: Invest revenues wisely and fairly in every corner of the Commonwealth

WATCH IT: Increase accountability to improve agency performance and decision-making

The work of the Project Selection Advisory Council falls into the last two categories of our policy priorities. Project Selection Criteria allow us to take a data-driven approach to investing limited transportation dollars wisely and in every corner of the Commonwealth.

In order to create the best transportation future for Massachusetts, we need create criteria to evaluate projects based on **measurable outcomes that benefit all of us**. At a minimum, project evaluation should include:

- **Reducing transportation-related greenhouse gases**
- **Improving access to education and jobs for low-income residents**
- **Catalyzing smart growth**
- **Increasing mobility options for seniors**
- **Improving public health**
- **Advancing the state's mode shift goal of tripling the number of people using transit, walking and biking**

Project prioritization is critical to ensuring that different types of transportation projects meet the goals of our intended outcomes. We have a unique opportunity to influence transportation investments that will affect generations of Massachusetts residents. Transportation for Massachusetts is excited to help shape our future.

To learn more or join our coalition, contact Josh Ostroff, Outreach Director at jostroff@t4ma.org or 508 654-3330.

Executive Committee

- Alternatives for Community and Environment • Conservation Law Foundation • Environmental League of Massachusetts •
- Local Initiatives Support Coalition • Massachusetts Public Health Association • Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group •
- On the Move Coalition • Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance • Metropolitan Area Planning Council •
- Neighbor to Neighbor • WalkBoston •