

MassDOT's Transportation Enhancements Program

Regional Transportation Advisory Council
Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization



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Eligible Activities: Programs, Acquisition, Construction

- ❑ Facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- ❑ Safety & educational activities for pedestrians and cyclists
- ❑ Scenic easements, scenic & historic sites
- ❑ Scenic or historic highway programs
- ❑ Landscaping & scenic beautification
- ❑ Historic preservation; archaeological research & documentation
- ❑ Historic transportation facilities
- ❑ Railway corridor preservation
- ❑ Storm water pollution mitigation; wildlife protection & habitat
- ❑ Transportation museums



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Eligibility Criteria:

- Non-traditional
- Functional relationship to transportation
- Beneficial impact on transportation system
- Proximity to a transportation facility



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Project Development Process

- ❑ Eliminate Redundant TE Program Application Process
- ❑ Integrate TE Eligibility Review into the MassDOT Project Development Process
- ❑ Maximize use of TE Funding for Eligible Activities
- ❑ Provide Early Project Coordination and Technical Support

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS: Eliminate Redundant TE Program Application Process

- ❑ Eliminate TE Pre-application
- ❑ Eliminate TE Final Application
- ❑ Sunset the Enhancements Steering Committee

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:

Integrate TE Eligibility Review into the MassDOT Project Development Process

- Project Need Form (PNF) – Eligibility Determination
- Project Review Committee (PRC)
- Project Information Form (PIF)
- Project Manager Assigned
- Project Number

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS: Maximize use of TE Funding for Eligible Activities

- ❑ Identify TE-Eligible Components of Highway Division Road and Bridge Projects
- ❑ Develop Accounting Method to Get Credit for TE “Overlay” Projects
- ❑ Encourage MPOs to Program TE Funds in TIP

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS: Provide Early Project Coordination and Technical Support

- ❑ Municipalities and Other Eligible Applicants Work Closely with Highway Division District Staff
- ❑ Applicants Consult with RPA/MPO Staff
- ❑ MassDOT – Planning Is Preparing a Web Site with Program Guidelines and Other Support

Transportation Enhancements Funding

- ❑ Increase Statewide TE Funding
- ❑ Use Statewide Funding to Match Regional TE Funding
- ❑ Give Preference to State Priorities
 - Bay State Greenway Priority 100 Miles
 - Other Bay State Greenway Shared-use Paths
 - Other Shared-use Paths
 - Other Eligible TE Projects and Activities
- ❑ Require Proponents to Fund Planning and Design



Transportation Enhancements Funding: Use Statewide Funding to Match Regional TE Funding

- ❑ The “One for Two” Plan
- ❑ \$1.5 Million Statewide – FY 2011
Boston Region - \$644,500
- ❑ \$3.5 Million Statewide – FY 2012
Boston Region - \$1,504,000
- ❑ Use It or Lose It



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