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I am honored to welcome you to WalkBoston’s 30th Annual (and first-ever virtual) Celebration! It feels a little awkward to call this a “celebration,” though. As COVID-19 continues to plague our communities, the pandemic, together with the resulting lockdowns and economic consequences, has exposed for many the depth and breadth of inequality present within our communities.

The recent killings of several unarmed black men and women reminded many of us about the tragedy of structural racism in our society, which leaves too many people feeling unsafe in their homes and cars, let alone in the public spaces that are essential to WalkBoston’s mission. WalkBoston has achieved a lot in our 30 years, but these times serve to remind us of how far we have yet to go.

Despite all that remains to be accomplished towards our goal of safe and walkable communities, I am proud of all that WalkBoston has achieved in the past year.

When COVID-19 trapped many of us in our homes, WalkBoston responded with an uplifting weekly newsletter highlighting the value of walking to stay healthy, connected and sane. With the leadership of the seemingly unflappable Stacey Beuttell, our staff quickly adapted to working remotely. We focused on streamlining our budget to meet the challenge of reduced funding sources and we made the very, very difficult decision to give up our space in Downtown Boston as we wait to see what the future will bring. Most importantly, our dedicated staff focused their advocacy efforts on the importance of re-distributing limited street area to provide greater access for walking and physical activity, on setting and enforcing speed limits for cars to keep our public spaces safe, and on bolstering support for the local businesses that make our neighborhoods and streets vibrant and engaging.

The past year brought organizational and operational changes as well. At an organizational level, we added two new Board members: Cacilda Teixeira and Pui Chi Wong and said goodbye to Betsy Bovereux, who was long a trusted advisor and voice of wisdom on our Board, and to Art Kramer, who brought a unique scientific perspective. We have adapted to meeting virtually (for now) and resurrected our Advocacy Committee with a new determination to harness our resources to affect positive change. We continue to be focused on expanding the diversity of our Board in all aspects and will be working on a much-needed update to our Strategic Plan.

At an operational level, we were pleased to welcome LeighAnne Taylor, Althea Wong-Achorn and Ayesha Mehrotra, as well as a new Data Analyst Intern: Jenny Choi; and to welcome back Wendy Landman, who is continuing the long-standing tradition at WalkBoston of Board members and staff remaining connected to our work.

The inspiring stories of tonight's Golden Shoe awardees are just a few examples of recent successful efforts by people and organizations to advocate for positive change in their communities. Their stories reinforce for me how important the work of WalkBoston is and how much we rely on our partners, funders and supporters to make it a reality. We need your support now more than ever to continue to push for better policy, planning and infrastructure decisions, as well as to empower people across Massachusetts advocate for safer streets and better walking conditions in their own communities.

On behalf of the WalkBoston Board of Directors, thank you to all of our supporters for your generous contributions, and to our talented and dedicated staff for your hard work and continued success throughout Massachusetts!

Emma Rothfeld Yashar | Board President | emma.rothfeld@gmail.com

Speaker

Mark Fenton MS

National public health, planning
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Mark Fenton, a nationally recognized public health, planning and transportation consultant, is an adjunct associate professor at Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, an advocate for active transportation, and former host of the "America's Walking" series on PBS television. He has consulted with the University of North Carolina's National Center for Safe Routes to School and Pedestrian & Bicycle Information Center, and has led training and planning processes for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit-friendly designs in communities across the US, Canada, and Australia.

In the US, much of this work is as a technical assistance provider to communities funded through the Centers for Disease Control, YMCA of the USA, and other public health and physical activity promotion programs. He studied engineering and biomechanics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (BS & MS) and US Olympic Training Center, and was manager of the Human Performance Laboratory at Reebok. He has published numerous articles and books related to exercise science, physical activity promotion, and the need for community, environmental, and public policy interventions to increase active transportation. Mark tries to practice what he preaches, having served on and chaired his community's planning board, and walking and cycling for as many routine trips as possible.

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Golden Shoe Awards



Winners of the Golden Shoe Award pose at last year's Annual Celebration.

WalkBoston presents awards annually to those exemplifying our mission. We extend our deepest congratulations and gratitude to all awardees. This year's recipients are:

Boston Public Library Central Library Renovation Team | Boston Public Library: Michael Colford, Ellen Donaghey, Laura Irmischer, David Leonard, Beth Prindle, Eamon Shelton; City of Boston Public Facilities Department: Maureen Anderson, Patrick Brophy, Tricia Lyons, Jim McQueen; Consigli Construction: Phil Brault, Jim Hervol; PMA: Chris Carroll; Reed Hilderbrand: Adrian Nial, Doug Reed; William Rawn Associates: Elizabeth Bondaryk, Cliff Gayley, Andy Jonic, Sindu Meier, Bill Rawn

This innovative team that worked on the Boston Public Library (BPL) Central Library renovation, beginning in 2016, provides an excellent example of how public spaces can be creatively redesigned to be conducive and welcoming to pedestrians of all backgrounds and abilities. The neighborhood renovations and expanded programming enhance the streetscape and reinvigorate a venerable institution as a destination for walkers.



Photos courtesy of William Rawn Associates

BPL's efforts, which involved deep partnerships with the City of Boston, architects and planners, and the community, have converted the previously fortress-like building into an open civic space for Boston residents. The Central Library's Johnson building has been transformed into a bright space with large windows, ample seating and a café, as well as new tools to visually explore the library's collections on an interactive screen. The renovation team removed the granite barriers surrounding the building making for an inviting, open, and accessible public space for Boston's walkers and rollers.

Lowell Walking Champions, Coalition for a Better Acre

This engaged group of Lowell residents exemplify the power of community voices in igniting meaningful change. The Coalition for a Better Acre team's dedication to improving the walking environment has elevated the need for pedestrian safety improvements in the Acre neighborhood's public discourse and community work. This included participating in walk audits, MassDOT road safety audits and Streets for People advocacy sessions where residents applied their passion to grow their expertise in walkability.

In addition, their persistence with City government and relationship-building with their city councilors helped spur the passage of a city-wide traffic calming policy allowing residents to petition for short-term fixes that slow vehicles and promote walkability. Their efforts have also extended to supporting the city's GoLowell complete streets plan, which will expand safer, multimodal access of the downtown area. The Coalition for a Better Acre advocates are an important reminder that residents are key community experts and champions for advancing walkability.



Wendy Landman, Commissioner Emily Shea, and community advocates cut the ribbon for the City of Boston new benches program.

Age-Friendly Walking Champions | Age Strong Commission, City of Boston: Andrea Burns, Nicole Chandler, Emily Shea and colleagues; Tufts Health Plan Foundation’s Age-Friendly Walking Team: Nora Moreno-Cargie, Philip Gonzalez, Kimberly Blakemore

Age Strong Commission - The rebranding as the Age Strong Commission in 2019 reflected the team’s aim to embrace and empower older Boston residents to age in place. The Commission continues to reach deeply into Boston neighborhoods, advocate for age-friendly and dementia-friendly walking in City Hall, and be an essential partner to WalkBoston to win improvements for older walkers in Boston.

The Commission, convinced that an age-friendly community must include age-friendly and dementia-friendly walking, has leveraged city resources to focus energy on the streets and sidewalks that serve seniors with the highest need. Last year, the Commission worked closely with WalkBoston to conduct walk audits with senior residents in four Boston neighborhoods. The results include more benches across the city and

longer crossing times, sidewalk improvements, and new speed feedback signs. There were fun, senior-focused open streets events to energize new community advocates. The Commission helps seniors find public transportation options in Age Strong Shuttles and in partnerships with MBTA. Additionally, the Commission is challenging stereotypes around aging through an “Age Strong Public Awareness Campaign.” The Age Strong Commission is making Boston a safe place for seniors to enjoy walking while they age.

Tufts Health Plan Foundation - Demonstrating how philanthropic organizations can best support aging in community through age-friendly walking initiatives and research, the Tufts Health Plan Foundation has shown how safe, walkable streets help ensure that older adults can explore their neighborhoods, socialize with friends and family, and access needed services and local destinations.

The Foundation is an early supporter of WalkBoston’s Age-Friendly Walking program, which includes the installation of new benches, safer street crossings, and sidewalk improvements. With Tufts’ support, we expanded our age-friendly walking efforts across the state to make walking safer in rural towns and gateway cities. Through our partnership with Tufts, we have made important walking wins in this key constituency including snow shoveling ordinances, enhanced crosswalk visibility, bench programs, and better lighting.

In addition to important built-environment changes that help aging populations in Massachusetts, the Foundation has funded key research and educational initiatives, including the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative and Healthy Aging Data Reports that give government and nonprofit organizations the necessary current, evidence-based resources to advance programming for older adults.

Executive Director Stacey Beuttell



As many of you remember, we celebrated Wendy Landman and her amazing 15 years of leadership back in October of 2019. We toasted her successes and I outlined my goals to continue to grow the organization’s reach: across the State, outside of our transportation and public health circles, to people of all ages, races, income levels and mobility levels.

The idea of leading WalkBoston as ED after Wendy’s tenure was daunting in of itself, but throw in a pandemic and let’s just say - it’s been a year! I know it is hard to imagine life pre-COVID - but I’d like to take a few minutes and take you back to 2019 where WalkBoston and its partners achieved many important advocacy wins in Boston, built new relationships across the state, and began a new program to train youth in pedestrian advocacy.

In Boston, - just a few highlights: we held a Signals walk through several downtown Boston intersections with the Boston Transportation Department leaders. For those of you who are veteran WalkBoston supporters, you know that traffic signal issues are a constant and frustrating topic for WalkBoston staff. The fact that this walk happened was monumental, but even better was the immediate signal change made to the Washington and Milk Street intersection that each of us crossed daily, and the planned improvements to the traffic signal timing and crossing in front of the Government Center T station. We also led walks in Andrews Square in South Boston with Councilor Flynn, in the Fort Point neighborhood with the Fort Point Neighborhood Association, and in Brighton with Councilor Liz Braedon. We also helped organize Charlestown residents to participate in a Thompson Square Pop-Up day as part of the City of Boston Sidewalk Series.

We had a huge legislative win last session with the passage of Hands Free Legislation. In November 2019, Governor Baker signed legislation requiring hands free use of electronic devices while driving. Led by the

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Safe Roads Alliance and Vision Zero Coalition, WalkBoston celebrated this law seen as an important tool to reduce distracted driving and save lives. This law was a long time in the making and the first law passed to improve traffic safety in many years.

We further broadened our statewide presence adding three new towns to our list - Ware, Egremont and Williamstown. We held our second WalkMassachusetts Network forum in mid-February. Through our Mass in Motion technical assistance work with the MA Department of Public Health, we conducted walk audits in Worcester's Green Hill neighborhood, Manchester by the Sea, Lowell's Drum Hill neighborhood, and Salem's North Street neighborhood among others.

As always, we have continued our long history of neighborhood-based advocacy. With Cummings Foundation funding, we conducted multiple walk audits in Revere in the Beachmont neighborhood near the Suffolk Downs development, and continued our work with the Lowell walking champions.

Our age-friendly walking presence grew exponentially last year beyond the successful partnership with the Boston Age Strong Commission to include work in Quincy, Williamstown, Egremont, Barnstable, Worcester, Ware and the Berkshires. WalkBoston is serving on the Governor's Workgroup to Address Older Adult Transportation needs with state partners like MassMobility, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, MassDOT, and the MBTA. Thank you to the Tufts Health Plan Foundation for your continued support.

My last pre-COVID highlight is our new program called Youth Working Towards Walkable Streets. With the support of the Metrowest Foundation, WalkBoston and the Framingham Boys and Girls Club middle schoolers began a youth pedestrian advocacy program to improve the walkability of Framingham's streets.

So, my comments would have ended somewhere around here if we had our annual celebration as we had planned in March. But, we didn't, and the world feels like a very different place.

The last six months have been like no other. As COVID-19 continues to paralyze our mobility and economy, people **walk** to maintain physical and mental health, commute to essential jobs, and connect with people from a safe distance. Never has it been more obvious that sidewalks—typically five feet wide—are too narrow as we try to stay six feet away from each other. For the first 15 weeks of our COVID experience, our *Keep Walking* weekly newsletter chronicled new neighborhood discoveries and made you laugh with silly walking videos, songs with COVID-inspired lyrics like “Stayin’ At Home,” and uplifting messages to keep you going.

Then, George Floyd’s murder on May 25, 2020 once again forced us to confront the horrors of police violence against Black and brown people and acknowledge that police brutality robs Black people of the fundamental right to walk their streets without fear.

WalkBoston’s mission—to make Massachusetts more walkable—converges with COVID-19 response efforts and the anti-racism movement. In our most recent newsletter, I wrote in detail about how we commit to being better advocates for Black communities, in addition to working to dismantle the system that perpetuates disparities in the built environment. As an organization, we are actively investigating how to make anti-racist strategies and mobility justice explicit and central to our mission.

Like all of you, we have learned to adapt to this new virtual reality. While I haven’t seen most of our staff in person since last March, we remain connected, resourceful and most importantly effective. Many of you joined our Main Streets Resiliency discussion in June where we and our amazing panelists highlighted the importance of local main street businesses to walkable communities. We held our first virtual walk audit in Salem just last month and we’ll be holding more in Worcester, Springfield, Fitchburg and other cities this fall.

These are difficult and crazy times for all of us, but WalkBoston is a resilient organization - 30 years old this year! In our 30 years, we have created walks, maps and publications, passed legislation, helped write pedestrian design manuals, led the nation’s first Safe Routes to School program, promoted healthy living campaigns and publicized the economic value of good walking environments.

The list goes on and we will go on - to fight for more equitable, livable neighborhoods for all across the Commonwealth. For green space and parks, better housing, strong local businesses, safer roads and wider sidewalks. COVID 19 has shown a light on the inequities in our world - inequities that have always been there. WalkBoston remains committed to tackling these difficult and complex challenges and will be with all of you at the forefront of positive change.

Stacy Burtell

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2019 Highlights

I-90 Allston Multimodal Project

WalkBoston continued our multi-year advocacy for better pedestrian connections, parks, river environment, transit and streets as part of the I-90 Allston Multimodal Project. We continued to partner with many fellow advocates, to engage new advocates representing the many people from the I-90 corridor west of Boston who will be affected by the 10+ years of construction, and to work with MassDOT to develop a design and construction plan that works for everyone. In addition to participating in many task force meetings, presentations at the Fiscal Management and Control Board, site walks and ongoing strategy efforts, key 2019 milestones included:

January 2019 - MassDOT Secretary Pollack recommended the “hybrid option” for the roadway design (placing Soldiers Field Road on a viaduct above a slightly depressed MassPike).

October 2019 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) notified MassDOT that the project will be subject to a federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), triggering a two-year process.

December 2019 - WalkBoston (along with many co-signers and 500+ other commenters) [submitted detailed comments](#) to the Federal Highway Administration about what should be included in the scope of the EIS.

August 2020 – MassDOT issued Scoping Summary for the project, acknowledging public comments while stating that four options are being carried forward in the Draft EIS work:

1. No – Build (Rehabilitating the existing Turnpike viaduct, nothing else)
2. New viaduct (Higher and wider than present Turnpike viaduct)
3. Hybrid – Soldiers Field Road on a viaduct
4. At-Grade option – all facilities on one level.

Since the scoping summary was issued, we have been working with many partners from the active transportation, environmental, neighborhood, and business worlds to offer a consensus position supporting an At-Grade option that includes key transit and park improvements better than those proposed by MassDOT. At the same time, we are expressing broad consensus opposition to a new turnpike viaduct. Fall 2020 will bring many MassDOT decisions about the project, and we will remain vigilant in our design review and advocacy.

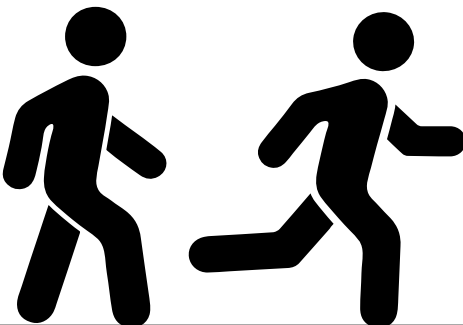




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WalkBoston completed its third year of our Cummings Foundation grant to train local residents to be walking advocates. In the last three years, we built incredible relationships with local residents in The Acre neighborhood in Lowell, and empowered motivated Revere walking advocates to enhance walking conditions in the Beachmont neighborhood. We also saw built environment change in Haverhill as a direct result of the Mt. Washington Alliance’s pressure on the city to paint curb extensions and fog lines.

This year, we are honoring our Lowell walking champions with a Golden Shoe Award for persistence in voicing the need for safer walking in the Acre neighborhood, and effecting lasting changes that advance walkability for all Lowell residents. A major win was the passage of a city-wide traffic calming policy that allows residents to petition for short-term, low-cost pedestrian improvements in their neighborhoods.

WalkBoston is known for its grassroots, community-based activism which the Cummings Foundation funds supported in neighborhoods outside of Boston for the last three years. We continue to seek additional funds to build new partnerships and empower neighborhood residents to make positive change in their walking environments in Boston and throughout Massachusetts. It is the individual connections that we make with people dedicated to making their neighborhood safer, more walkable places that continue to inspire us to work towards our mission.



WalkMassachusetts Network

In 2019, we continued to engage with and grow the WalkMassachusetts Network, a statewide group that consists of advocacy organizations, municipal committees, and community groups working on walking. The Network aims to connect and support new, emerging, and existing local organizations. To build on the momentum generated by the Network's launch in late 2018 and foster peer-to-peer learning, we launched an online forum at discourse.walkmanetwork.org last year. Through this forum, Network participants share funding opportunities, pose questions, announce events, and share important updates and resources. Many Network members have taken advantage of this resource since its launch, and we continue to manage and learn from the ongoing dialogue on the forum.

Furthermore, we have begun working on place-specific issues with members of the Network, and on requests for assistance that can be used as templates that can serve many groups. Examples include:

- Newton Public Schools joined the Network and asked WalkBoston to submit a proposal for walk audits to identify specific safety improvements near selected schools.



WalkMass Network members gather for a second, network-wide forum in Framingham to discuss policy and best practices.

- Watertown Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee asked for our help developing an on-line newsletter.
- The Town of Westborough requested a proposal for WalkBoston to conduct a walk audit.

In November 2019, many Network members attended the World Day of Remembrance on the steps of the Massachusetts State House, and encouraged their organizations' supporters and partners to attend. This event commemorates those that have lost their lives to traffic crashes and also serves as a day to promote legislation that leads to safer streets.

Additionally, in January 2019, Network organizations participated in Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition's Road Safety Day of Action at the Massachusetts State House, where participants ask representatives and senators to support traffic safety legislation around three key issues, one of which was the Hands-Free bill. Many Network organizations have passionately fought and marshaled support for this bill, which will substantially reduce distracted driving and hold operators accountable when they are looking at an electronic device instead of looking at the road ahead. Excitingly, this bill was signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker on November 25, 2019, representing a major advocacy win for the MA Vision Zero Network Coalition supported by the WalkMassachusetts Network and WalkBoston.

Early this year, in February 2020, WalkBoston staff and members of the WalkMassachusetts Network convened for a second Network-wide forum in Framingham. This was an opportunity for current and new members to connect, share knowledge, and learn best practices. Attendees represented 13 communities across the state, including Fall River, Worcester and Springfield. During the half-day forum, members shared wins for walkability in their communities over the past year, and participated in "advocacy clinics," which were discussions about a series of topics related to walkability: Age-Friendly, Safety, Legislation and Policy, and Stakeholder Engagement. The many diverse voices and experiences from members, whether they represented rural or urban communities and worked at the grassroots or municipal level, generated engaging and informative discussions that we hope to continue in our work together.

We are grateful for the support from the Barr Foundation, the Mazer Foundation and the Plymouth Rock Foundation that has allowed WalkBoston to create the Network and expand the walking advocacy movement to so many new people and places.

Mass in Motion

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Mass in Motion program works to promote active living and healthy eating through policy, systems, and environmental change at the municipal and state levels. Mass in Motion’s Municipal Wellness and Leadership Program is made up of 27 programs representing 60 cities and towns. As a technical assistance provider to Mass in Motion communities, WalkBoston continues to provide walkability and pedestrian safety expertise to cities and towns across the Commonwealth. In 2019, WalkBoston worked with the following communities:

Chelsea: Provided support for Complete Streets Policy and Prioritization Plan, and engaged in continued conversation with the City on pedestrian improvements and Transit Oriented Design. Attended MassDOT Road Safety Audits to recommend pedestrian safety improvements at key intersections.



A Dorchester resident identifies a need for daylighting near Andrew Square.

Dorchester: Installed pedestrian wayfinding signs in the Talbot-Norfolk Triangle.

Fall River: Engaged older adult residents and municipal leaders in a walk audit with the goal of improving walking conditions for people of all ages in the city.

Lawrence: Assisted with a pedestrian crash analysis to inform the City's pedestrian safety improvement conversation.

Lowell: Conducted a walk audit to identify opportunities for walking improvements within one of the City's commercial districts.

Lynn: Worked with the city and local partners to improve pedestrian connections to the waterfront along the Lynnway.

Manchester-by-the-Sea: Conducted a walk audit to inform walking infrastructure improvements in the area between a local elementary school and the village center.

Medford: Provided ongoing technical assistance support to WalkMedford.

Roxbury: Provided ongoing support to the Friends of Melnea Cass Boulevard in their efforts to achieve a roadway design that reflects neighborhood needs. Engaged in Nubian Square Complete Streets project planning process. Worked with Madison Park Development Corporation to develop a resident engagement strategy for proposed multi-modal transportation improvement efforts along Malcolm X Boulevard.

Salem: Conducted a walk audit in the North Salem neighborhood. Worked with the Salem for All Ages Transportation subcommittee to discuss age-friendly walking strategies.

Springfield: Conducted an inventory and analysis of built environment changes linked to WalkBoston walk audit recommendations throughout the city, the Quad loop walking map, and the incorporation of pedestrian safety training into Springfield's public elementary school curriculum district-wide.

Wakefield: Participated in a MassDOT Road Safety Audit to recommend pedestrian safety improvements at key intersections.

Worcester: Conducted a walk audit in the Green Hill neighborhood in partnership with WalkBike Worcester and a local neighborhood association.

Statewide:

- Analyzed WalkBoston’s impact on MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program.
- Developed Walkable Campus Design guidance document and meet with Mass School Building Authority to discuss this work.
- Assisted with Safe Routes to Parks efforts with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) and a consultant who are conducting pilot in Gateway cities.

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Seniors stroll from a bus stop to the senior center on Cheshire walk audit.

Age-Friendly Walking in Massachusetts

WalkBoston is continuing our extensive work on age-friendly walking with new partners and in many new places. In all of the communities where we work, there is deep interest in and concern for improving walkability as a strategy that will allow the residents of Massachusetts to age in community with safe street crossings, shoveled sidewalks, complete sidewalk networks and age-friendly parks, benches and shade. With funding from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation (THPF), the Massachusetts Councils on Aging (MCOA), and the MA Department of Public Health (Mass in Motion program), we are working to create safe and comfortable walking conditions for people of all ages in rural villages, gateway cities and cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

Last year was the first of a three-year THPF/MCOA project, in which we focused on identifying partner communities by looking at gateway cities and rural towns with older adult populations that are economically and racially diverse, that have high numbers of older adult-involved pedestrian crashes and walking infrastructure needs, and are interested in working on age-friendly walking. To date we have started work with Barnstable, Randolph, Quincy, Worcester, and four communities in southern Berkshire County (Sheffield, Alford, Great Barrington, and

Egremont). Through the Mass in Motion program we are working on age-friendly projects with Fall River and Salem.

Our local efforts are guided by community stakeholders, including older adult residents, municipal staff, Regional Coordinating Councils, Community Health Network Alliances, and Councils on Aging. The goal of our work is to win built environment changes and implement local policies that support safer walking for older adults, and in turn, for everyone. Our early efforts have included: advocating for safer walking conditions on MassDOT owned roads in rural communities by partnering with local residents and officials, MassDOT and regional planning agencies; developing community engagement strategies to involve seniors in the Complete Streets Prioritization Process; working to expand snow shoveling near senior-serving facilities; and conducting walk audits to identify safety needs and bench locations along heavily used senior walking routes.



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The COVID-19 pandemic has required us to pivot from our work plan due to limitations around community engagement, particularly with seniors given their particular vulnerability to the coronavirus. Initially our plans for Summer 2020, were to carry out a number of age-friendly walk audits with seniors and municipal partners that are focused on advancing infrastructure improvements and policy recommendations. We continue to refine our virtual walk audit process, and will get back to community engagement activities when it is safe to do so.

We are also continuing our Age-Friendly Walking policy and systems efforts at the state level. We were invited to join the Governor's Council Older Adult Transportation Working Group, where a key focus of our work is safe walking access to transit and age-inclusive bus stop accessibility features, such as shelters and benches. We sit on the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative (MHAC) where we bring a strong voice to ensure that walking and walkability are core elements of the Age- and Dementia-Friendly Communities movement. We also host workshops and walk audits in communities across the state to build a larger and more informed constituency for Age-Friendly Walking throughout Massachusetts.

Legislative Efforts

In 2019, we continued to champion meaningful policy change and participate in efforts that led to the passage of a Hands-Free Bill in November, a significant legislative win for the pedestrians and our safer streets community of advocates. In addition, we continued to work in collaboration with coalitions for stronger safety measures and new support from legislators and Governor Baker for several key initiatives. We hope this will lead to success during the 2020-2021 legislative session.

Among the bills and budget items that WalkBoston supported in 2019 were:

- Hands-Free Bill. This bill passed and was signed by Governor Baker in late November 2019, requires hands-free cell phone while driving and requires police officers to address it as a primary offense.
- S. 1376, an Act relative to automated enforcement. WalkBoston, in coordination with the Vision Zero Coalition, submitted official

comments and testimony in support of this bill at a Join Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security in October, 2019. The Committee later favorably reported the bill out to the full Senate.

- S.2214, an Act to reduce traffic fatalities. This bill, which includes requirements for truck side guards and measures to allow the reduction of speed limits on MassDOT and DCR roadways, passed the Senate in 2018, though was reworked last year to the current version.

For the past several years, WalkBoston has worked closely with our partners at Safe Roads Alliance and the Vision Zero Coalition to urge Massachusetts leadership to pass hands-free legislation. In November, the final bill was passed at the State House and signed by Governor Baker, which was an important step towards making roads safer for all users by discouraging distracted driving. This success is a reminder that although change can be slow, persistent and coordinated efforts by advocates does indeed yield policy results.

Building from the momentum of the Hands-Free legislative win and the continued support from our large coalition, we hope to win the passage of important safety legislation in the 2019-2020 session.



Wendy addresses advocates and attendees during Road Safety Day at the State House.



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WalkBoston and Vision Zero

Massachusetts Vision Zero (VZ) Coalition: WalkBoston works in collaboration with the following advocacy groups as a coalition with a strong, unified voice and larger impact: LivableStreets Alliance, Boston Cyclists Union, MassBike, Safe Roads Alliance, Transportation for Massachusetts and many others.

World Day of Remembrance: This annual vigil takes place the third Sunday of November each year on the steps of the State House to honor the people lost to traffic crashes and remind all of the importance of achieving Vision Zero. The vigil provides an opportunity for people to speak up for lost loved ones, while all attendees reaffirm our efforts to make change. The Friday before this year's vigil, a committee of lawmakers reached an agreement on the distracted driving bill, which has been a goal of the coalition for years.

Cambridge and Somerville:As part of the advisory input for Cambridge's Vision Zero effort, WalkBoston and LivableStreets presented the MA Vision Zero Coalition report of the first year of Vision Zero to the City Council. This report was published in conjunction with Cambridge staff, and was the first collaborative report on Vision Zero between advocates and municipal staff in the country. Somerville released a draft Vision Zero Action Plan with input from many stakeholders.

Boston: As a member of the city's Vision Zero Task Force, we continue to push for the civilian data analyst position within the Boston Police Department in order to analyze crash data from police reports. We received confirmation during the June 2020 task force meeting that the position has been filled. While it will not fix a root issue - that the Boston Police department's crash forms are not automatically uploaded into MassDOT's IMPACT Crash Portal - we are hopeful that this role can help the Boston Transportation Department identify trends and other areas of concern.

The Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition released its third annual Progress Report in April 2019 of the city's 2018 progress, which assessed the City of Boston's implementation of its Vision Zero Action Plan. This Report evaluated the City's performance thus far and provides policy recommendations for how Mayor Walsh and the City Council can commit to safer streets in Boston. The complete Progress Report may

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be reviewed online now: http://www.visionzerocoalition.org/2018_progress_report

Ten people were killed in traffic crashes on streets in Boston in 2018, which is down from 21 fatalities in 2016. Although this is a measurable decrease in fatal crashes, the total number of crashes requiring EMS response has increased over this same time period, with more than 4,367 total injury crashes in 2018.

Thanks!

We thank WalkBoston for promoting our city's walkability to residents and visitors alike.

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Public and Private Project Review

In 2019, WalkBoston continued to review and submit comment letters on a wide range of transportation and development projects to ensure they considered pedestrian needs. These can be read in full on our website by searching “comment letters” in Recent Posts. The projects we reviewed include:

- A Car-Free Option for Memorial Drive Phase III (Cambridge)
- Allston I-90 Multimodal Project (Allston – multiple letters submitted)
- Arborway Safety Audit Meeting and DCR Parkway Needs Along the Necklace (Jamaica Plain/Boston)
- Arlington High School Building Project (Arlington)
- Craigie Dam/Bridge Design (Boston)
- H3073/S2049 An Act Relative to Micro-mobility and Motorized Scooters (Statewide)
- H3126/S2069 Against An Act Relative to Mobile Carry Devices (Statewide)
- Kenmore Hotel Project 560-574 Commonwealth Avenue (Cambridge)
- Letter and Testimony S.1376 An Act Relative To Automated Enforcement (Statewide)
- Letter to Councilor O’Malley Re: Pedestrian fatalities (West Roxbury)
- Letter to Mayor Curtatone About Signal Timing & LPIs (Somerville)
- MassDCR Amendments 302 CMR 11 + 12 (Statewide)
- MassDCR Arborway Improvement Project (Jamaica Plain)
- MEPA 16015 Mystic River Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing (Everett)
- Notice of Project Change 15 Necco Street (Fort Point)
- Paul Dudley White Construction Period and Maintenance (Allston)

- Planned Development Area For The Air Rights Parcel 12 Project (Back Bay)
- Regional Transit Authorities FY2020 Budget – Amendment 1136 (Statewide)
- Suffolk Downs DEIR/DPIR MEPA #15783 (East Boston)
- Testimony on MBTA Fare Proposal (Statewide)
- Testimony on Traffic Calming (Somerville)
- Waltham High School MEPA #16097 (Waltham)
- Waterways Application #W18-5358: Proposed Bike/Ped Path from 80 Alford St/Route 99 to Draw Seven Park Ch91 License (Greater Boston)
- Width of Northern Strand Community Trail (Greater Boston)
- Worcester Kelley Square Improvement Project (Worcester)



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2019 Walk Audits

WalkBoston’s walk audits bring together people, including neighborhood residents and municipal staff, to observe and discuss sidewalk and road designs that impact walking conditions. To start these audits, we provide our concise “Ped 101” advocacy training to establish shared, foundational knowledge. Afterwards, participants walk together along a specified route, take note of the assets and opportunities in their surroundings, and then meet to discuss their observations. Staff compiles brief summaries with specific short- and long-term recommendations and policy suggestions. WalkBoston conducts walk audits around schools and senior centers, in downtown districts, in suburban or rural town centers, or in any setting where walking improvements are needed and often at the request of communities seeking change.

April 25 – Revere, Beachmont and Cummings Square

June 3 – Manchester-by-the-Sea

June 11 – Berkshires

July 19 – Lowell, Drum Hill Neighborhood

August 1 – Downtown Boston, signal walk with Boston Transportation Department

August 23 – Egremont, State Route 23/41

September 20 – Salem

October 31 – West Roxbury, Catholic Memorial

November 2 – Worcester, Green Hill Neighborhood

November 12 – Fort Point, Boston Seaport

November 15 – Ware

November 22 – Williamstown, Williams College

January 24, 2020 – Brighton, Washington Street

March 9 – Fall River

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WalkBoston in the News

WalkBoston was quoted or mentioned in a variety of news outlets over the last year, meaningfully contributing to the statewide narrative around walkability and pedestrian issues. Outlets featuring WalkBoston last year included: Bay State Banner, Boston Herald, Boston Globe, CBS Boston / WBZ-TV, Energy News Network, Herald News, iBerkshires, MetroWest Daily News, Revere Journal, Sampan News, South End Patch, Streetsblog Mass, WBZ NewsRadio, WBZ 1030 Talking Jay Podcast, WCVB, 90.9 WBUR, WGBH News / Greater Boston, Wicked Local Saugus. Links to all of these articles and audio interviews are available on our website; selected excerpts are below.

Boston Herald | April 17, 2019

Report: Traffic Crashes In Boston Resulting In Less Fatalities, But Not Injuries

Advocates took issue with the fact that Boston doesn't report its crash statistics to the Department of Transportation as most other municipalities do. The current system the police department uses for crash reports isn't able to submit data to MassDOT, according to the city. The police department is working with a vendor to fix that, a spokeswoman said, though no information was available. Brendan Kearney of WalkBoston, a nonprofit involved with Vision Zero, said fixing that should be a top priority. "If they're not able to report this data, they are potentially missing out on funding for safety efforts," Kearney said.

WGBH News | May 9, 2019

Pressure Mounts For Walsh To Deliver On Safer Streets

Brendan Kearney, spokesperson for the pedestrian advocacy group WalkBoston, echoed that point: "We know where the problems are," said Kearney. "We now need to make changes to the streets."

Council members, meanwhile, attested to the enormous volume of calls they get from residents concerned about dangerous streets and intersections in their neighborhoods – an issue Councilor Michael Flaherty recently called the "single greatest issue" facing the city's residents.



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South End Patch | June 24, 2019

Pedestrian Killed In Crash On Mass Ave Connector, Prompts Delays

“There are multiple jurisdictions at this intersection, which complicates Boston being able to do something to fix it,” said Brendan Kearney communication director at WalkBoston...And that’s a problem all across the state. Some of the most dangerous intersections are not actually controlled by the local jurisdiction, he said.

“It’s not like MassDOT or DCR doesn’t make changes, they do,” said Kearney. “But the question is how can they do it quicker and not have to wait for a fatal crash to get it done?”

Energy News Network | August 16, 2019

Massachusetts Bill Aims To Reduce Traffic Congestion, But Will It Help Climate?

The money dedicated to pedestrian and bicycle networks is welcome, said Wendy Landman, executive director of WalkBoston, a nonprofit that promotes efforts to make Boston a more walkable city. Safe, robust pedestrian options are necessary not just for those who travel primarily by walking, she said, but also to support public transportation, as most transit riders start and end their trips on foot. Still, more could be done, Landman said.

“We see it as steps in the right direction, but not as being transformational,” she said...“Will this do everything we need to do to get us to our climate goals? No,” Landman said. “Is it trending in the right direction? Yes.”

WBZ NewsRadio | November 17 2019

Vigil Held at Mass State House for Victims of Traffic Accidents

Walk Boston Executive Director Stacey Beuttell said the end goal is to save lives...“This is a day for both promoting legislation and a rallying cry to make sure that our state legislators and all of us are still working toward safe streets, but it’s also a day to remember those who have fallen that didn’t have to,” Beuttell said. “These are crashes, not accidents. And we need to change that.”

However, according to Beuttell, there is still a lot advocates want to see get done. “Until we have safe crosswalks, until we have protected bike lanes, and networks that allow people to move throughout the city, we won’t consider our job finished,” Beuttell said.




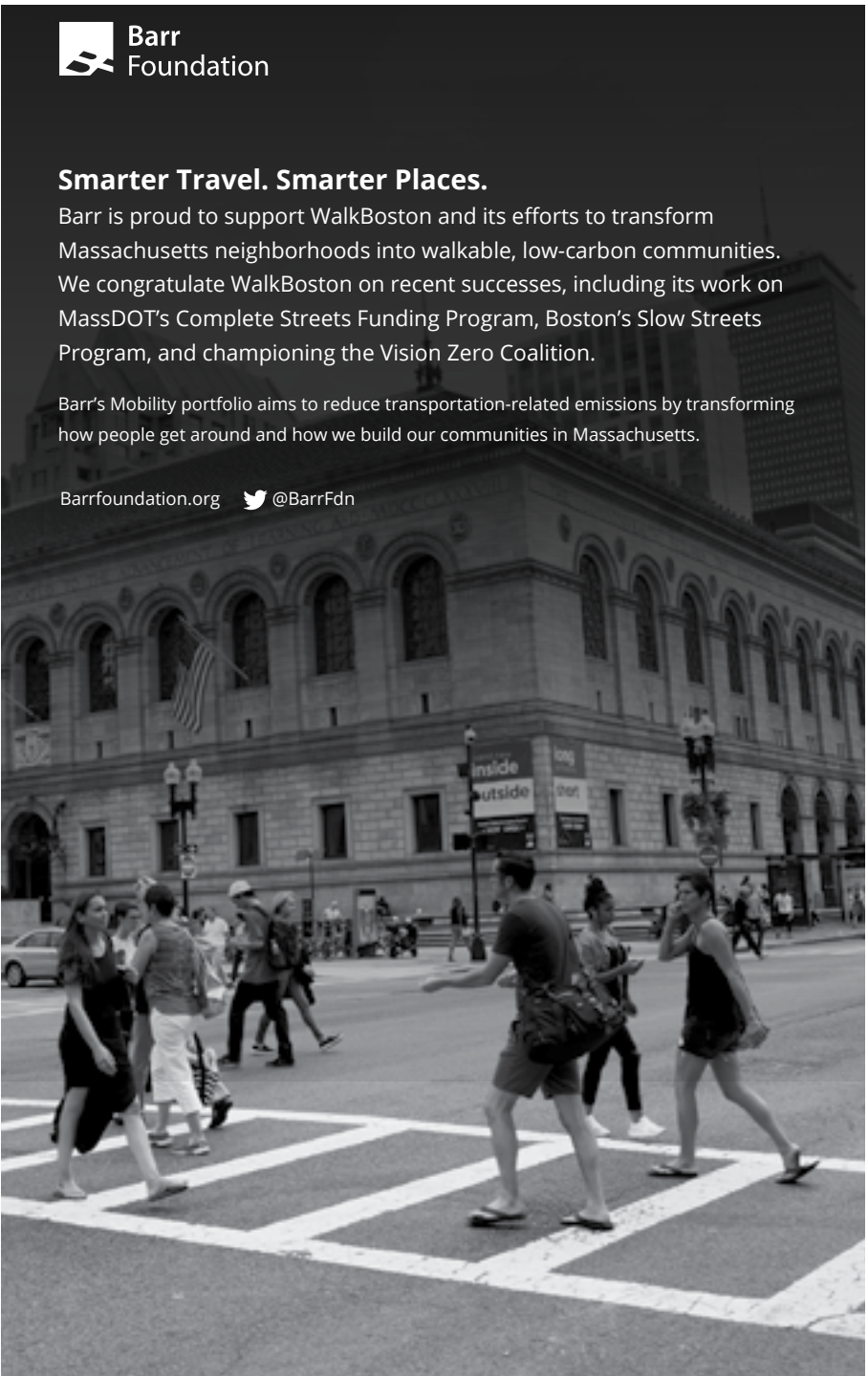
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Sampan News | November 25, 2019

Gov. Baker Signs Legislation Requiring Hands-Free Use Of Electronic Devices While Driving

Stacey Beuttell, Executive Director of WalkBoston, added, “WalkBoston is pleased that this legislation has been signed; this law will encourage people driving to focus solely on that task, making streets safer for people walking and running in communities across Massachusetts. We’re hopeful that this long-awaited signing will kick off a focus on traffic safety for this next legislative session.”

Boston Globe | February 7, 2020

Walkers and cyclists worry that an Everett gondola would cost them a ‘crucial connection’

“We’re in favor of a bridge to make this connection. That is kind of a crucial connection for the region — not just for Everett or Somerville, but all the communities from the north,” said Brendan Kearney, deputy director for the group WalkBoston. “It would be disappointing to see all these planning efforts that are coming together go out the window.”



WalkBoston joins the Eggleston Square Neighborhood Association and Charlotte Fleetwood from BTM for a neighborhood walk.

Program and Events Committee

The Program Committee meets periodically to plan walks and talks that highlight how community development, transportation facilities, local residents, non-profits and businesses have an impact on walking and walkability. Our events bring WalkBoston advocates and supporters together with public officials and the general public to look at their communities with new eyes...through the soles of their feet. Our talks present national and world experts on planning, architecture and transportation, who provide new perspectives on walkability.

In 2019, the committee had a supporting role in producing these notable, WalkBoston events:

- An organized walk with Miguel Rosales, designer of the graceful Frances Appleton Pedestrian Bridge at Charles Circle
- Participation in the Boston Globe Public Forum on Transportation
- An organized walk celebrating WalkBoston's impact en route to the Walk with Us Celebration at the Society of Arts and Crafts, featuring the following locations:
 - » Old State House
 - » Franklin Street and the Tontine Crescent
 - » Greenway - Intercontinental Hotel
 - » Congress Street Bridge
 - » Greater Seaport Area

We continue to support and promote events that are part of the national walking and pedestrian safety movement:

- Jane's Walks are locally organized walks to celebrate Jane Jacobs worldwide in early May. WalkBoston serves as the clearinghouse for neighborhood groups wanting to organize Massachusetts walks.
- The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims occurs on the third Sunday of November each year.

We are actively working on walks and events for 2020 and 2021. We are always open to opportunities to collaborate on an event, so please be in touch if you would like to get involved or would like to suggest a WalkBoston event.

Program and Events Committee Members:
Linda Sharpe, Committee Chair
Nina Cohen
Ann Hershfang
Brendan Kearney
Bill Reyelt
Bob Sloane



Ped 101 training and walk around in Great Barrington.

Communications Committee

The committee is an active group that creates effective messaging and materials that expand WalkBoston’s outreach and advocacy efforts. Ashli Molina took over as editor of the newsletter, which continues to be an important aspect of our communications strategy to reinforce WalkBoston’s mission. We continue to produce our distinctive newsletter in print, as well as share the content in various other digital forms. The two 2010 editions covered changes and impact made statewide through our WalkMassachusetts network, our leadership transition and well-attended Walk With Us event.

The committee also began formulating a communications campaign for 2020 centered on WalkBoston’s 30th anniversary, including virtual celebrations in the fall.

2019 Communications Committee Members

Joyce DiBona

Don Eunson

Nina Garfinkle, Committee Chair

Kathleen Ghio, former WalkBoston Development Manager

Brendan Kearney, WalkBoston Deputy Director

Ken Krause

Ashli Molina



Age-friendly walk audit in Williamstown.

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Walk With Us: Planning & Honorary Committees

This past year, to recognize the transition of leadership from former Executive Director Wendy Landman to current Executive Director Stacey Beuttell, we hosted a celebratory evening called Walk with Us: A Celebration of Leadership. As part of this event, we sought to raise funds for our newly-launched Walking-Around Money Fund.

To ensure the success of Walk with Us, we formed an Honorary Committee and Planning Committee. The Honorary Committee was comprised of WalkBoston supporters, advocates, and partners who generously lent their names to raise awareness of our work, our fall celebration, and the Walking-Around Money Fund. Our Planning Committee, composed of WalkBoston staff members, partners, and Board members, was tasked with providing strategic guidance and advice during the course of event planning, serving as champions for the event, and leveraging their networks to obtain sponsorships and recruit attendees.

With the support of our Honorary and Planning Committees, WalkBoston raised an astounding \$135,000 in support of the Walking-Around Money Fund. These funds have positioned us for a successful future, and we are deeply grateful for the role our committee members played in promoting the success of this event.



WalkBoston staff, board members, and supporters gather to celebrate Wendy and Stacey's leadership at the Walk with Us event.

Honorary Committee Members

Monica Bharel, MD, MPH,
Commissioner/Mass. Dept. of
Public Health

Timothy Brennan, Executive
Director/Pioneer Valley Planning
Comm.

Nora Moreno Cargie, President/
Tufts Health Plan Foundation

Robin Chase, Transportation
Entrepreneur/Visionary

Michael Dukakis, Former
Governor/Commonwealth of
Mass.

Paul Grogan/Golden Shoe
Winner, 2008, President and
CEO/The Boston Foundation

Joyce King, Activist, Educator

Mel King, Politician, Community
Organizer

Kate Kraft, Former Executive
Director/America Walks

Gail Latimore, Executive Director/
Codman Square Neighborhood
Development Corporation

Eric P. Lesser, Senator/First
Hampden & Hampshire District,
Massachusetts

Liz Levin/Golden Shoe Winner,
2009, President (retired)/Liz Levin
& Company

Jesse Mermell, President/The
Alliance for Business Leadership

Tony Pangaro, Principal (retired)/
Millennium Partners-Boston

Stephanie Pollack/Golden Shoe
Winner, 2018, Secretary and CEO/
MassDOT

Fred Salvucci, Former Secretary of
Transportation/Commonwealth of
Massachusetts

Rosemarie E. Sansone, President
& CEO/The Downtown Boston BID

Jeff Speck/Golden Shoe Winner,
2018, Principal/Speck &
Associates

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor/City of
Boston

Michelle Wu/Golden Shoe Winner,
2017, Boston City Councilor, At-
large

Planning Committee Members

Kathleen Ghio

Brendan Kearney

Matt Lawlor

Stacey Beuttell

Karin Turer

Wendy Landman

Bill Reyelt

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Financial Report

Unrestricted Net Assets

Revenue

Grants- Release from Restrictions	275,728
Grants - Unrestricted	4,150
Contract Revenue	65,898
Fundraising and Membership	260,061
Other Income	1,690
In-kind revenue	2,000
Total Revenue	609,527

Expense

Payroll & Related Expenses	341,766
Direct Project Expense	14,178
Occupancy	38,559
Program Support & Administration	90,045
Fundraising and Membership	42,622
In-kind expense	2,000
Total Expense	529,170

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets (80,357)

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Grants and Contributions - Restricted	285,000
Grants and Contributions - Release from Restrictions	(275,728)

Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets (9,272)

Change in Total Net Assets (Net Carry Over to 2019) (89,629)

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America Walks | Walking College Mentoring

Barr Foundation | General operating support for safe streets work, WalkMassachusetts Network, communications, organizational development and Transportation for Massachusetts efforts

Ciccolo Foundation | General operating support

Cummings Foundation | Support for Safe Walking for Healthy and Connected Lives training program

Herman and Frieda L. Miller Foundation | Technical assistance and capacity building with grassroots and community organizations

Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging | Support for Boston and Massachusetts Age-Friendly Walking

Massachusetts Department of Public Health | Technical assistance for Mass in Motion communities and 1422 Walkability efforts in Fall River and Springfield

Mazer Foundation | Vision Zero and WalkMassachusetts Network

MetroWest Foundation | Youth Working for Walkable Streets

Plymouth Rock Foundation | Motor Vehicle Citations Research

Solomon Foundation | I90 Interchange efforts

Town of Middleborough | Middleborough Walking Map

Tufts Health Plan Foundation | Support for Massachusetts Age-Friendly Walking

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Recent Golden Shoe Recipients

2018

Underground at Ink Block Team | MassDOT, National Development, Landing Studio, Street Theory, KP Strategies, Visual Dialogue, VHB
MBTA Plan for Accessible Transit Infrastructure (PATI) Project Team
| Laura Brelsford, Kathryn Quigley, Chris Hart, Melissa Dullea, Erik Scheier

Matt Lawlor & Hillary Borcharding | WalkBoston Board Members
Jeff Speck | Walkable City author, TED speaker

2017

Alison Pultinas | Persistent, effective Mission Hill/Roxbury citizen activist

Sarah Bankert | Rural walking advocate in Western Massachusetts

Caitlin Marquis | Rural walking advocate in Western Massachusetts

Dillon Sussman | Rural walking advocate in Western Massachusetts

Michelle Wu | Boston City Council President

2016

Charlotte Fleetwood | City of Boston Vision Zero Champion

Paul Malkemes & David Queeley | Grassroots “Slow Zone” Pioneers

Maggie Sachs-Mahmood | Inspiring Student Advocates at Codman Academy

2015

Mayor Joseph Curtatone, City of Somerville, and community partners | For making Somerville a more walkable community

Tom DiPaolo & Bonnie Polin | MassDOT catalysts of change

Sarah Freeman | Jamaica Plain walking advocate

2014

Mayor Gary Christenson, Sharon Santillo, Frank Stella | Malden pedestrian signs, walking activists, designers

Revere Walk to School Champions, City School Dept, Revere on the Move, Revere CARES | Safe routes to schools

Karin Valentine Goins | WalkBike Worcester co-founder

3 decades of impact

highlights

1990—1999

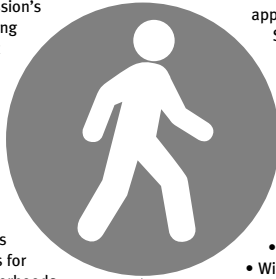
- Holds first guided walk [Beacon Street]
- Chairs Central Artery Pedestrian Issues Forum
 - Co-authors Central Artery surface street design guidelines
- Publishes *5 Steps to Walkable Communities*
- Achieves new law requiring pedestrian/bike accommodations in all state road projects
 - Publishes first walking map
- Convenes Youth Environmental Justice Summit
- Aids effort to save Old Northern Avenue Bridge
 - Pilots Bus Stop Improvement Program
 - Launches Safe Routes to School program

2000—2009

- Co-sponsors Zakim Bridge & Central Artery Tunnel walks for over 1M people
- Joins Boston Public Health Commission's STEPS program to promote walking
 - Convinces Boston to adopt concurrent WALK policy
- Ensures developers' compliance with Rose Kennedy Greenway guidelines
 - Serves on task force that creates new multi-modal MassHighway design manual
 - Begins statewide project design reviews
 - Pilots Walking Prescriptions for People & Neighborhoods
 - Trains teens in underserved communities to advocate for walking improvements
- Adds sidewalk snow clearance of DCR bridges and parkways to state Transportation Reform Bill
- Convinces MassDOT to include accessible sidewalks during Longfellow Bridge construction work
 - Persuades Boston to adopt Complete Streets guidelines

2010—2019

- Persuades governor to form state Bicycle/ Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Becomes Founding member of Transportation for Massachusetts
- Develops Good Walking is Good Business presentation and guide
- Expands technical assistance statewide through the Department of Public Health's Mass in Motion program
- Publishes Rural Walking Toolkit
- Launches healthy aging efforts
- Produces law enforcement training video with Boston Police Academy on Massachusetts General Laws related to pedestrian safety
- Becomes a founding member of the Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition
 - Assists 15+ organizations to apply for Boston's Neighborhood Slow Streets program
 - Joins leadership of Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative
 - Plays key role in passage of legislation allowing 25 mph speed limit on local streets and 20 mph safety zones
 - Secures state commitment to improve crosswalks and accessibility at bus stops
 - Launches WalkMassachusetts Network
 - Wins MassDOT promise to include separate walking and biking paths as part of I-90 Allston Multimodal Project



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