



## Bike-Ped Regional Plans

**Action: Continue work on a forward-looking regional plan for bike/pedestrian transportation that creates an interconnected system with neighboring towns.**

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	Build off existing plans to create a forward-looking regional plan for bike and pedestrian transportation that creates an interconnected system of sidewalks, bike lanes, and multi-use trails with neighboring towns.
CHAMPION	Devens Enterprise Commission

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS	PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS	
	Timeframe <sup>1</sup>	Key Partners
Assemble a formal bike/pedestrian working group with the Complete Streets Committee members and Department of Public Works directors and planners from surrounding communities	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MassDevelopment</li> <li>• Devens Public Works</li> <li>• Representatives from surrounding communities</li> <li>• Devens businesses/institutions</li> <li>• Montachusett Regional Planning Commission</li> <li>• MAPC Landline</li> <li>• Montachusett Regional Transit Authority</li> <li>• MBTA</li> <li>• Devens Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Devens Complete Streets Committee</li> <li>• U.S. Army</li> </ul>
Conduct a regional survey to identify greatest areas of need for additional bike/pedestrian connections between towns	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Bike/Pedestrian Working Group</li> <li>• Businesses</li> <li>• Universities</li> <li>• Residents</li> <li>• Montachusett Regional Planning Commission</li> <li>• Surrounding communities</li> </ul>
Building off local bike/pedestrian plans (e.g. Devens Complete Streets Prioritization Plan, Devens Main Post Trails Plan) and the survey results, create a comprehensive regional bike/ped plan with a focus on connectivity between towns	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Bike/Pedestrian Working Group</li> </ul>
Prioritize bike/pedestrian improvement projects based on feasibility, access to funding, and potential to improve health and safety for the greatest number of people	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Bike/Pedestrian Working Group</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Short = less than 1 year; Medium = 1-3 years; Long = 4-5years

<p><b>FUNDING RESOURCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Streets Program</li> <li>• Community Connections Funding Program</li> <li>• MA Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Grant Program</li> </ul>	<p><b>TECHNICAL RESOURCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Massachusetts Bicycle Transportation Plan</li> <li>• 2019 Municipal Resource Guide for Bikeability</li> <li>• Devens Complete Streets Prioritization Plan</li> <li>• Town of Ayer’s Transportation and Circulation report</li> <li>• Landline Working Group</li> <li>• Transportation plans from surrounding communities</li> <li>• National Complete Streets Coalition</li> <li>• Devens Open Space and Recreation Plan</li> <li>• Healthy Transportation Policy Directive (P-13-0001)</li> <li>• ABB 521 CMR</li> <li>• NACTO Urban Street Design Guide</li> <li>• NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide</li> </ul>
<p><b>LINKS TO OTHER PLANS &amp; ACTIONS</b></p> <p><b>How does this action connect to other Devens goals?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devens Reuse Plan Open Space and Recreation goals</li> <li>• Reuse Plan goal of regional connectivity</li> <li>• Transit-oriented development goals</li> <li>• Helps reduce GHGs from on-road vehicles</li> <li>• Devens Main Post Trails Plan</li> <li>• Devens Healthy Communities proclamation</li> <li>• Relevant STAR Objectives: Compact &amp; Complete Communities, Transportation Choices, Community Cohesion, Equitable Services &amp; Access, Active Living, Community Health</li> <li>• Relevant LEED Credits: Integrative Planning and Leadership, Compact, Mixed Use and Transit Oriented Development, Access to Quality Transit</li> </ul>	<p><b>EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS</b></p> <p><b>How can the community incorporate equity into the implementation of this action?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure plan takes into account resident, employee, and visitor accessibility for the elderly and for those with disabilities</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEASURING SUCCESS</b></p> <p><b>How can we measure the progress and success of this action?</b></p> <p><b>Outputs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed Regional Bike &amp; Pedestrian Plan</li> <li>• Establishment of regional working group</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in GHG emissions from the transportation sector</li> <li>• Miles of bike lanes, sidewalks, and multiuse trails</li> <li>• Reduction in single occupancy vehicle miles traveled</li> </ul>	<p><b>ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY</b></p> <p><b>How can we engage the populations that benefit from implementing this action?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with businesses, employers, residents, community organizations, and surrounding municipalities to promote the public survey</li> <li>• Host interviews or focus groups with key stakeholders about transportation, micro-mobility, and accessibility needs</li> <li>• Post plans and progress on relevant community websites</li> <li>• Host events (charity walks, runs, bikes, hikes) to highlight accessibility and connectivity of Devens and surrounding communities</li> </ul>