

How a Transportation Project is Developed for Communities

In your community, is there an intersection, bridge or a road that doesn't function as designed and is in need of repair or improvement?

Does your community need a bicycle or pedestrian trail?

Every year the Montachusett Region receives federal and state funds for projects to improve the transportation network in local communities. These funds and projects are prioritized through the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization, a regional advisory group that annually develops the Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

For a community to receive funds, the project must meet regional transportation priorities and follow a multi-step review and approval process required by MassHighway. Public involvement and review play an important role. This brochure outlines what a community must do to see a transportation project move from initial thought to approval, design and finally construction.

Helpful links to information:

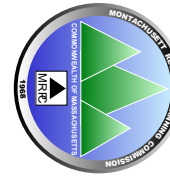
Montachusett Regional Transportation Plan
(provides details on regional plan)
www.montachusett-transportationplan.org

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC):
www.mrpc.org

Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART):
www.montachusetttrta.org

MassHighway Project Info Page (contains updates on local projects):
www.mhd.state.ma.us/ProjectInfo/

Project Development & Design Guidebook (see Chapter 2 for description on how projects are developed):
www.vhb.com/mhdGuide/mhd_GuideBook.asp



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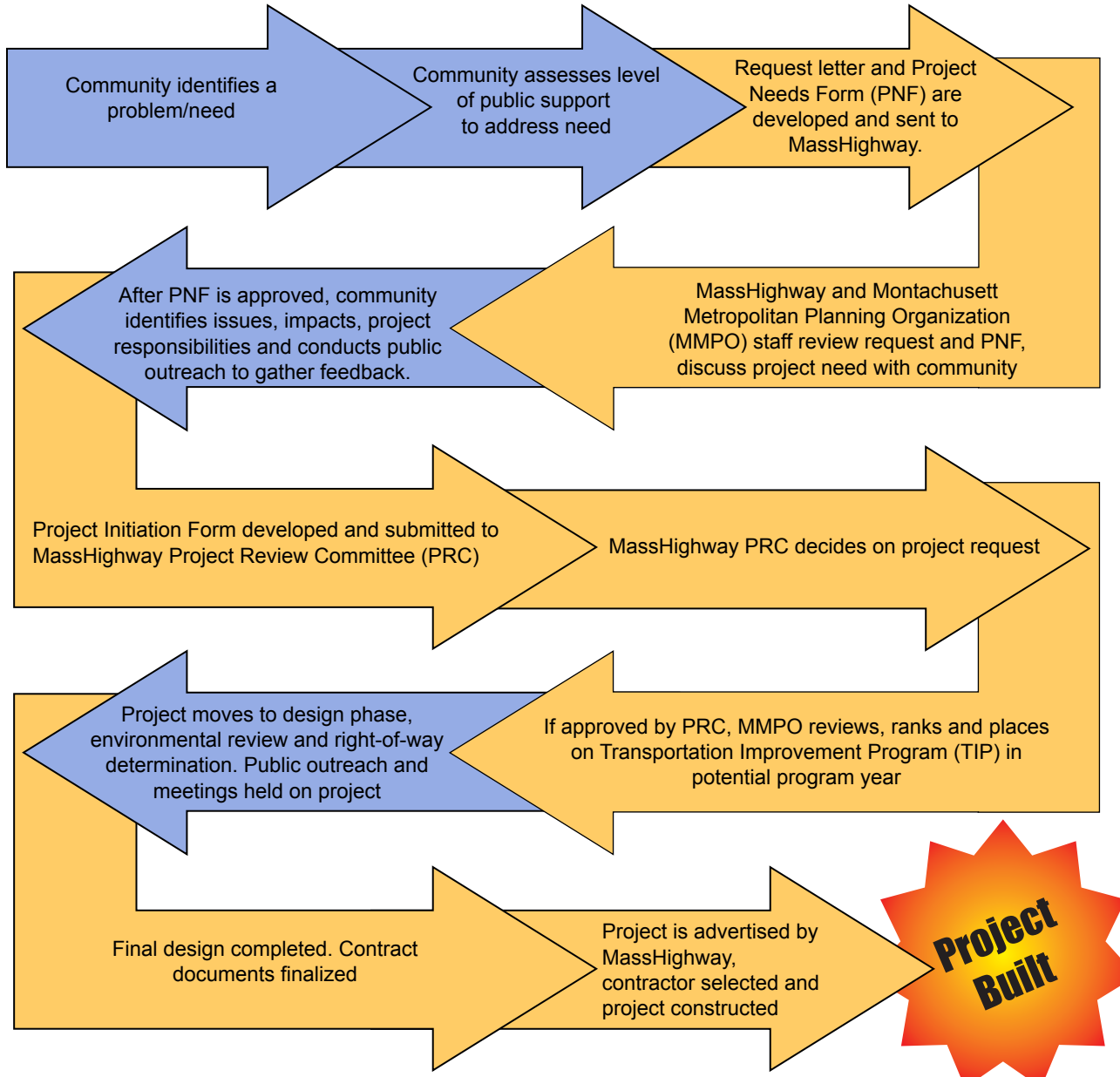




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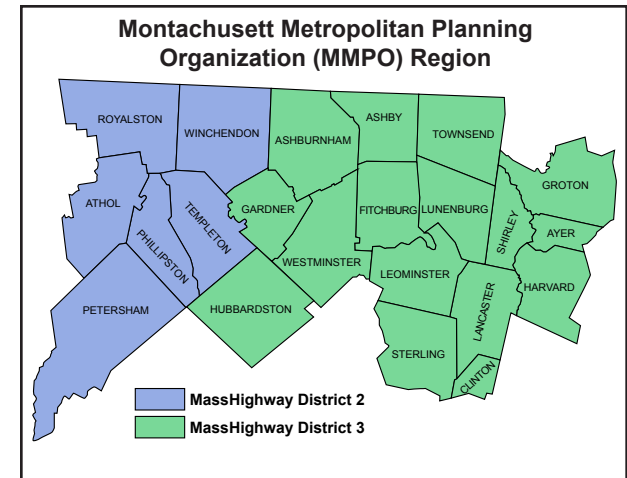
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 Public outreach opportunities
 Agency/Town responsibilities



Communities by MassHighway District

District 2	District 3	
Athol	Ashburnham	Hubbardston
Petersham	Ashby	Lancaster
Phillipston	Ayer	Leominster
Royalston	Clinton	Lunenburg
Templeton	Fitchburg	Shirley
Winchendon	Gardner	Sterling
	Groton	Townsend
	Harvard	Westminster

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