

## Comments – RTP Outreach Meeting

January 6, 2015 at MRPC Offices

- Safety
- Education outreach to drivers & users
- Design reviews of projects re: sidewalk locations
- Maintenance of access ways etc. especially in inclement weather
- Rt 117 Leominster to Lancaster – Promote increased reviews of connectivity issues by local governments
- Lighting is an issue, i.e. pedestrian visibility
- Improved driver awareness
- Training of community staff on design/access and best practices
- Baystate Roads workshops promotion – develop incentives for communities to maintain knowledge
- Advocacy
- Bike racks on buses
- Connectivity between trails and attractions
- Consider safer nontraditional paths (identify and promote)
- Promote outreach of data/information to users through kiosks, etc. (dissemination of information and options)
- Performance measure – Identify core areas and identify connections for all; focus on and identify 5 to 10 to improve over ? years
- Walk audits for communities
- Seek to increase trail mileage of region: include commuting trails; Twin City Rail Trail
- Connectivity as a goal
- Maintenance of trails as a goal
- Name Twin City Rail Trail in RTP
- Promote region as a recreational destination
- Trail connections as an economic goal/objective
- Quabbin/Wachusett Greenway connection under goal #5
- Disability issues – identify trails
- Green Streets and Complete Streets under goal #7
- Environmental Justice connectivity/prioritization under goal #3
- N Leominster Train Station to Hospital connection development/promotion
- Integrate green infrastructure for stormwater management into design strategies when feasible (also include tree guidance for Urban Trees) under goal #7
- Reduce GHG through education, design and connections under goal #7

## January 8, 2015 at Ayer Town Hall

- Greenway concept along trails, rivers and streams – trails along rivers can be used for all types of trips (work, commercial, recreational) and can act as a buffer from pollution and as a wildlife corridor
  - Fitchburg Greenway – provide funding and connections to Wachusett Station and Twin City Rail Trail
  - Develop a connection with Leominster State Forest via a crossing of Route 2
  - Develop bike connections with Rail Stations
  - Improved or addition of facilities at stations, i.e. bike racks/lockers
  - Promote year round maintenance of trails
  - Education of towns and their employees regarding issues such as connections, complete streets, trails, sidewalks, etc. as well as working concepts into development
  - Enhance bike route identification within and across communities and RPA regions in order to improve driver and rider awareness and visibility; established and identified/signed routes increase awareness of users to drivers and bikers; Potential for future UPWP study with neighboring RPA to identify route connections between regions
  - Increase/promote education of user rights and improved dissemination of data, etc. in order to increase driver and bicyclist awareness
  - Increase/promote bicycle and pedestrian safety education; start early in schools (Safe Routes program) and increase police enforcement/encouragement/guidance
  - Connect the current Nashua River Rail Trail with the planned Squannacook River Rail Trail in Townsend
  - Increase bike facilities such as covered bike racks or lockers especially at transit stations
  - Increased funding for Safe Routes to School
  - Incorporate equestrian access and use into area trails and plans
  - Identify and prioritize key trail connections
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## Projects

1. North Leominster Train Station to Hospital connection
2. Twin City Rail Trail
3. Fitchburg Greenway
4. Trail connection with Leominster State Forest via a crossing of Route 2
5. Identified Bike connections with Rail Stations
6. Bike racks on transit buses
7. Bike racks and lockers at transit stations and stops.
8. Trail connection between Nashua River Rail Trail and Squannacook River Rail Trail.