Board of Selectmen Report
2015 Town Meeting
Article 45 Town-Wide Process for Safety

Article 45 – ATM 2014

TOWN-WIDE PROCESS FOR SAFETY

To see if Town Meeting will vote to recommend that the Selectmen make it a priority to develop a town-wide process to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists in a unified, efficient and speedy way; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: This article requests a resolution encouraging the Town to make the process for citizens raising safety issues more simple.

Plan of Action

- Administrative Changes & Policy Adoption
- Committee Coordination
- Data Collection & Information Sharing
- Funding

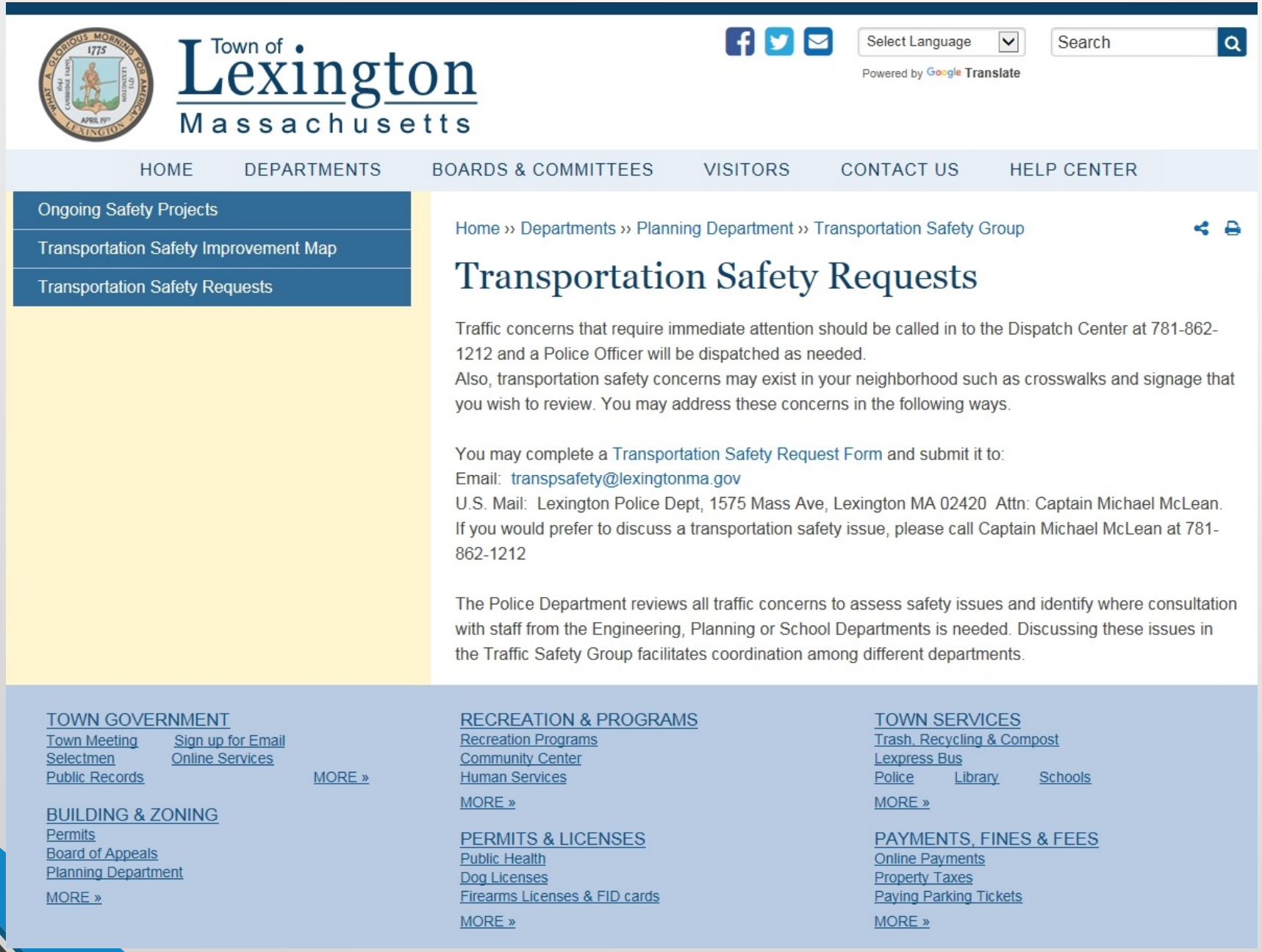
Administrative Changes

October 2014 - Board of Selectmen dissolved the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), replaced by a Town Manager appointed working group, the **Transportation Safety Group (TSG).**

Department Staff	Liaisons
Planning	Bicycle Advisory Committee
Engineering	Transportation Advisory Committee
School	Safe Routes to School
Police	Commission on Disability

Submit Safety Issues

http://www.lexingtonma.gov/transportation-safety-group/pages/transportation-safety-requests



Policy Adoption

June 17th, 2014 – School Committee approved Traffic Safety & Mitigation Policy

"The goal of the School Committee Traffic Safety and Mitigation Policy is to improve safety by affecting driver behavior and the quality of life for residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. In addition, it is to ensure that school traffic plans do not hinder quick response time for emergency service vehicles including fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, and large vehicles such as school buses and trucks used for providing essential municipal, school, and resident services."

Policy Adoption

March 7th, 2016 - Board of Selectmen adopted a Complete Streets Policy

"It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to consider, as a matter of practice, the implementation of Complete Streets elements during the planning and design of capital projects so that they are safe for users of all ages and abilities. This policy guides decision-makers to consistently plan, design, and construct capital projects to accommodate all anticipated users."

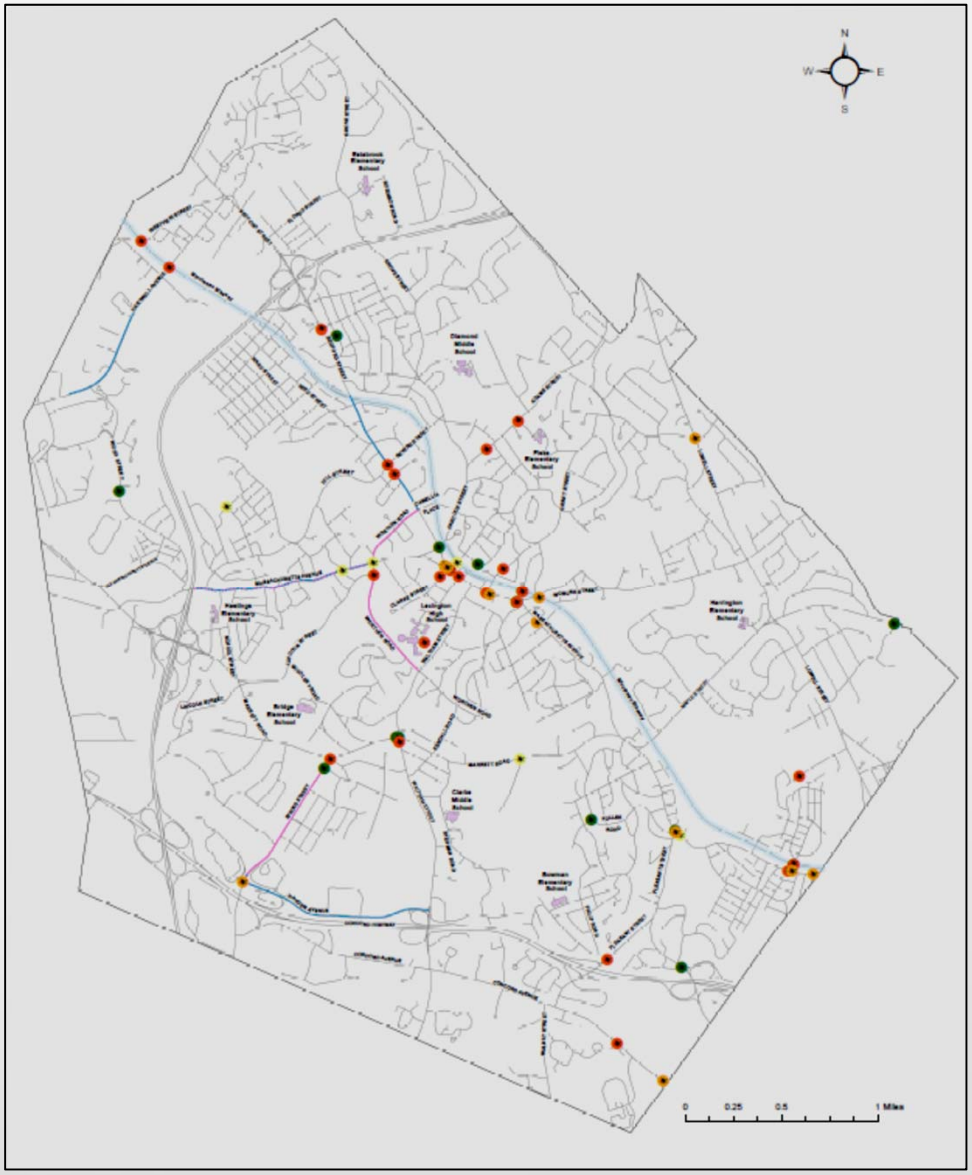
Committee Coordination

- Board is continuing to explore the possibility of restructuring some existing transportation related committees.
- Town Manager and School Superintendent have begun discussions regarding appropriate location for Safe Routes to School Coordinator
- Bike Walk ‘N Bus Week
- Continue Quarterly Transportation Forums
- Transportation Safety Group assigned to:
  - Administer New Sidewalk Request Process
  - Re-evaluate Lexington’s Traffic Calming Policy
  - Support School Committee’s Traffic Safety & Mitigation Policy

Data Collection & Information Sharing

GPS Location of Bike Racks

GPS Location of Bus Stops



Example of Bicycle & Pedestrian Crash History Map

Data Collection & Information Sharing

www.lexingtonma.gov/transportation-safety-group/pages/transportation-safety-improvement-map

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Transportation Safety Improvement Map

The map below identifies recently completed as well as ongoing capital projects which include pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. Viewers can also identify the location of implemented safety requests submitted to the Transportation Safety Group as well as ongoing requests requiring further analysis.

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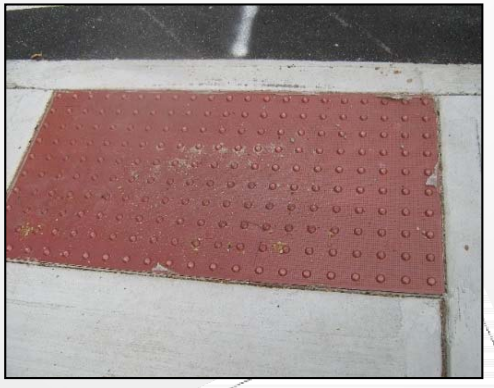
Data Collection & Information Sharing

From 2010 -2015

- ~9.6 miles of existing sidewalk were repaired or reconstructed
- 22 handicap ramps installed
- ~.9 miles of new sidewalk constructed
- ~2 miles of on-street bike accommodations striped
- 7 signalized intersections were serviced & upgraded
- 2 new signalized intersections installed



Funding

Between FYs 2008 and 2011, Town Meeting provided capital funding for “traffic mitigation” distinct from other transportation initiatives. Funding was appropriated to:

Collect Data & Perform Analysis
To
Review Citizen Requests & Make Recommendations

<u>Examples of Past Transportation Improvements</u>

- Conducted a Town-wide Traffic Signal Inventory
- Installation of Crosswalk on Pleasant St near Worthen Rd East
- Installation of Crosswalk on Worthen Rd near Stop & Shop
- Implementation of Shade St Traffic Calming Measures
- Development of Survey Plans for Prospect Hill Rd
- Preliminary Traffic Analysis and Development of Concepts for Mass Ave & Worthen Rd Intersection