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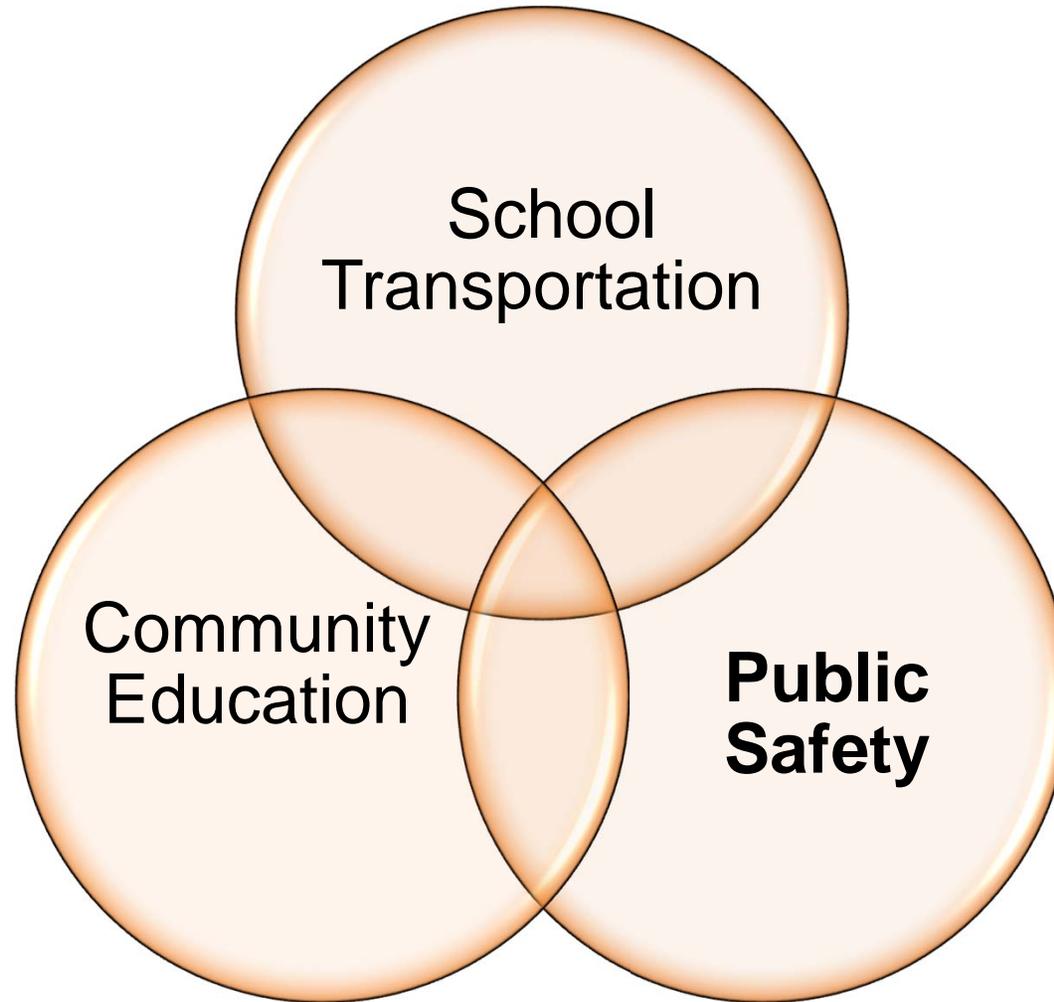
SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC CALMING

Safe Routes To School
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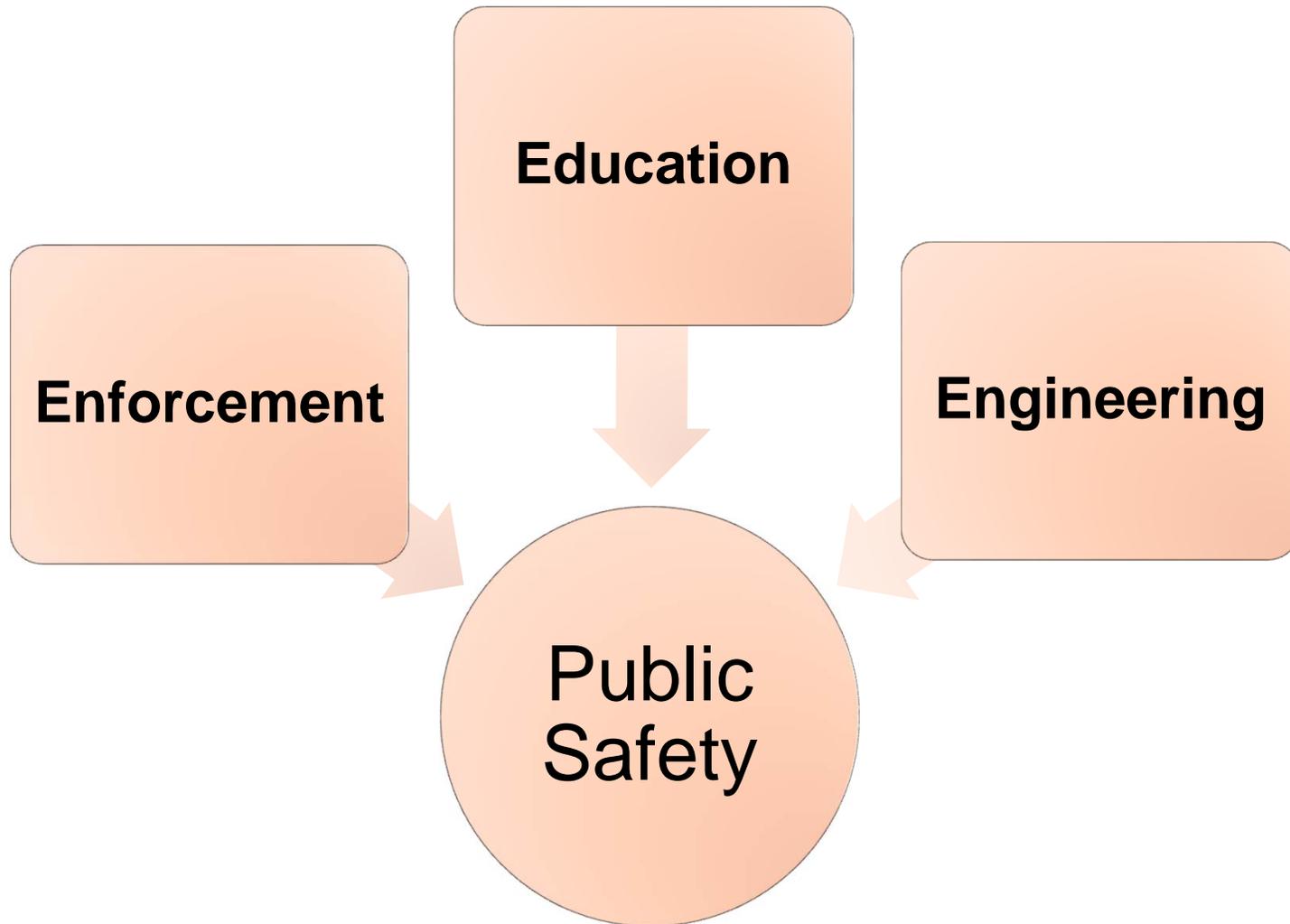
Safe Routes To School

- Focusing on safety, exercise, and fostering a sense of community, Safe Routes has been effective in *increasing* the number of students who walk, bike, or bus and in *decreasing* vehicle idling and volumes at our schools.
- PTA's provide boots-on-the ground manpower and the program is overseen by the Sidewalk Committee and now works with Transportation Safety Group.
- All MA Safe Routes programs are parented thru MassDot. Lexington's program is endorsed by the Selectmen, School Committee, Superintendent and Police.

Traffic Safety on School Property



Public Safety



Ad hoc School Transportation and Safety Study Committee

Charge #4: Propose approaches to address traffic and pedestrian safety concerns in and around our schools.

- ✓ Safe Routes To School and DPW-sponsored 2013 School Zone Evaluation grant (\$6800)
- ✓ Work with BoS and LPD to codify school and municipal signage

Work In Progress

- ✓ School zone improvements (Summer 2014)

School Zones

School zones should be marked with special traffic calming devices reminding drivers to treat the area with special care and attention due to the concentration of children (MassDOT).



Methuen Police Dept. @MethuenPolice · 4 Sep 2014
20 MPH speed limit in school zones when signs are flashing
via @MPS_District via @OffLicata



- Add school visibility
- Heightens driver awareness
- Solar powered or electric
- Federally approved
- Programmable timer
- Flashing only during arrival and dismissal

Peer Community v Lexington Signage



Article 14 – Indefinitely Postponed

That the request be referred to the Transportation Safety Group to consider evaluating the purchase and installation of flashing school zone traffic calming mechanisms.