

The Bay State Greenway

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MassDOT's Commitment to Bicycling

- GreenDOT Policy
 - Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Promote Bicycling, Walking and Transit
 - Support Smart Growth Development
- Complete Streets Policy
 - Safe and Appropriate Accommodation for all Roadway Users
- Healthy Transportation Compact with EEA and HHS
 - Promoting Public Health Through Active Lifestyles
- Increased Emphasis on Livability and Sustainability
- MassDOT's Bicycling Vision: Based upon the 2008 Plan – Making the Commonwealth a Leading State for Bicycle Transportation



MassDOT Sustainability & Livability Policy Framework



Bay State Greenway (BSG)

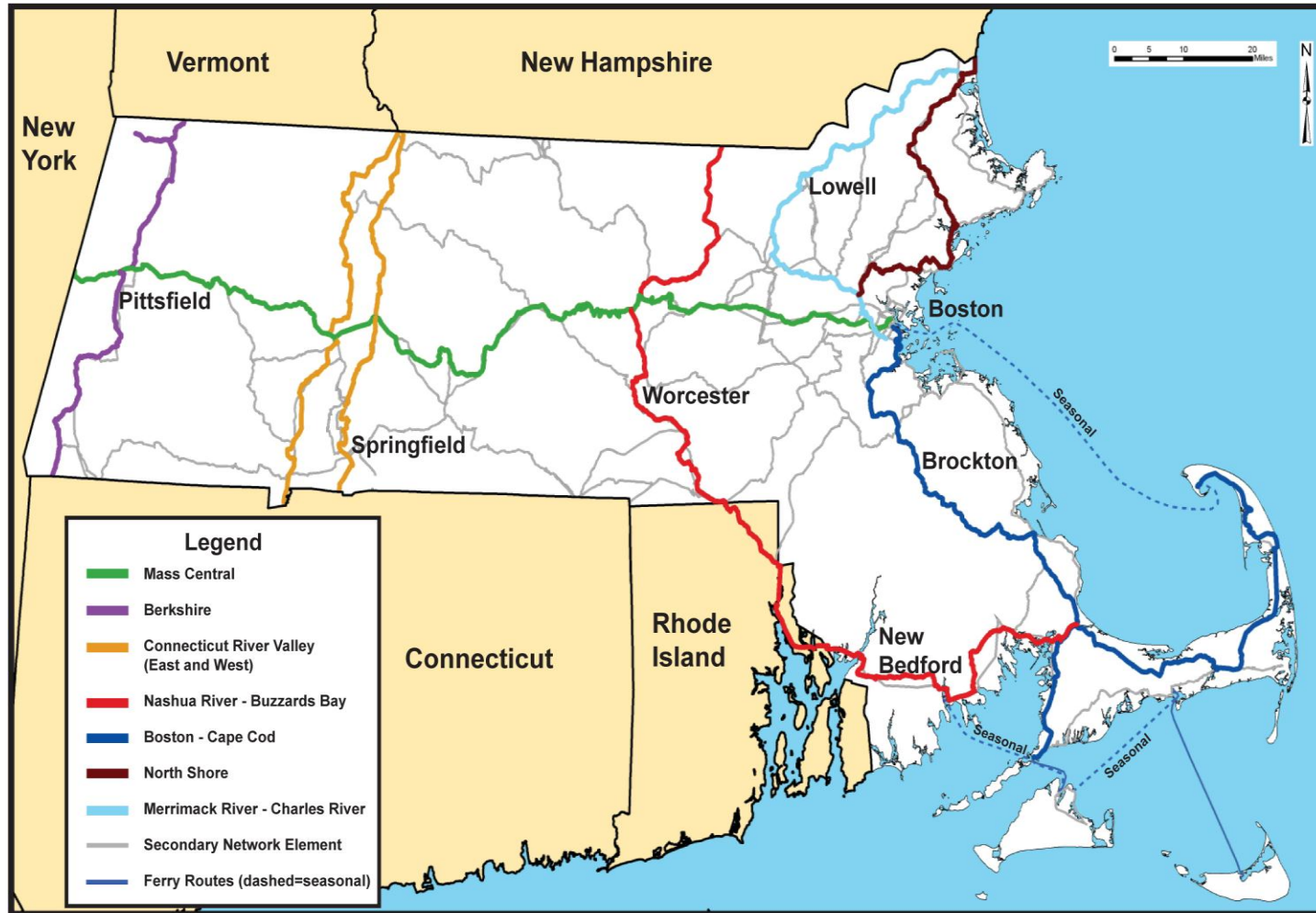
- Founded on MassDOT's 2008 Bicycle Transportation Plan
- Utilizes Both On- and Off-Road Facilities
- Provides Transportation Connections
- Supports GreenDOT Policy and Healthy Transportation Compact
- Interactive Map: mass.gov/massdot/bikemap

Statewide Corridors

- Seven Corridors
- 740 Miles Total

- Mass Central (NY – Boston, 150 mi)
- Berkshires (65 mi)
- Connecticut River Valley (120 mi)
- Nashua River – Buzzards Bay (140 mi)
- Boston – Cape Cod (150 mi)
- North Shore (55 mi)
- Merrimack – Charles River (60 mi)

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Boston Metro Region

- Most Concentrated and Connected Network
- Some of the Most Popular Shared Use Path Facilities
 - Dr. Paul Dudley White Path (Boston – Waltham)
 - Minuteman Commuter Bikeway (Bedford – Cambridge)
- This Path System Continues to Grow – Design and Construction



Boston Region Progress

Projects Under Construction (% complete, location)

- Watertown Path (dedication this month)
- Minuteman Connector (55%, Cambridge, Arlington Somerville)
- Mass Central (54%, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville)
- North Bank Bridge (38%, Cambridge – Boston)



The BSG Priority 100

Priority Shared Use Paths:

- Increase the Existing BSG by Approximately 100 Miles
- Make Additional Connections to Urban Centers
- Extend Existing Paths
- Maximize Network Transportation Utility

Boston Metro BSG Priority 100

- Wayside Trail (24 mi, Waltham – Berlin)
- Neponset River Greenway Phase 2 (5 mi, Boston – Milton)
- Border to Boston (North and South Sections) (13 mi, Newbury – Georgetown, Topsfield – Danvers)
- Northern Strand Community Trail (9 mi, Lynn – Everett)
- Freeman Trail Phases 2A, 2B and 2C (8 mi, Westford – Concord)
- Reformatory Branch Trail (2 mi, Bedford)
- Somerville Community Path Extension (2 mi, Somerville)



BSG Implementation Elements

- Branding: Creating a Recognizable Identity in Conjunction with MOTT
- Developing Signs and Pavement Markings
- Placing of Route Identification Signs
- Creating a BSG Website
- Bike Route Maps for Public Use



Thank You!

MassDOT on the Web: www.mass.gov/massdot

(click on the GreenDOT on the lower right)

BLOG: <http://transportation.blog.state.ma.us/blog/greendot>

TWITTER: www.twitter.com/massdot

Bay State Greenway Site:

<http://services.masseot.state.ma.us/common/downloads/BayStateGreenway.pdf>

Interactive Bicycle Map Tool: mass.gov/massdot/bikemap

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