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USDOT Secretary Foxx’s
Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Initiative

Road Safety Assessments

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Secretary’s Bike/Ped Safety Initiative

- Bike & Pedestrian Safety is just as important as previous USDOT safety campaigns: distracted driving, speed limits, seatbelts, child safety seats.
- Present cycling and walking as modes equal to driving, flying, etc.
- Illustrate the importance of access to transit via safe biking & walking.
- Identify and address barriers to safe movement of peds and cyclists.

Assessment Effort

- Engage USDOT employees and transportation professionals
- Involve all levels of government
- Foster relationships across professions.
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and decrease bike/ped injury and fatality rates.
Overview of Assessments

What?
A one-day assessment “in the field” and “on the ground”

Where?
One event in every state

When?
Planning underway by Dec 31, 2014
Complete by June 1, 2015

Who?
All USDOT modes
Overview of Assessments

Key Issues of Note

- Pedestrian and/or bike focus
- Multimodal assessment site
- One DOT perspective: collaborate and communicate
- Lead role versus support role
- Documentation and follow-up
- Photographs are required from every event --- video encouraged
One pedestrian and bicycle assessment will be conducted in each state. The lead for each assessment will determine the specific location; it can occur anywhere within the state. Leadership approval for all locations (and for all modes) is pending. Adjustments can be made.

Michigan, Massachusetts, and Texas assessments have already been completed.

Current Allocation (including completed assessments): FHWA: 36; FTA: 7; NHTSA: 7; FMCSA: 1; FRA: 1
Sample Map and Photographs

Wollaston Bikeability Assessment Routes

Legend

- Intersections of concern
- Proposed routes

MassBike
Review / Next Steps

• Review background information and tools

• Connect with modal partners in Virginia

• Send assessment city, site, date and list of invitees for every state to lead agency by December 31, 2014

• Assessments must be complete by June 1, 2015
Questions