

# Regional Transportation Advisory Council

October 9, 2024

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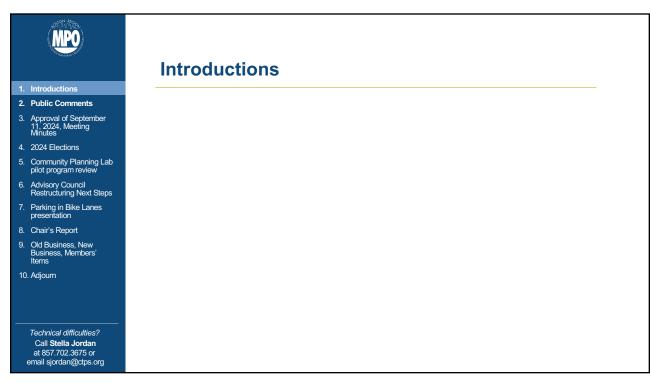


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#### **Approval of September 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

**Lenard Diggins, Chair** 

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#### **2024 Elections**

#### **Elections Committee**

2024 Elections for Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair



# Community Planning Lab pilot program review

Stella Jordan, MPO Staff

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#### **Community Planning Lab Pilot**

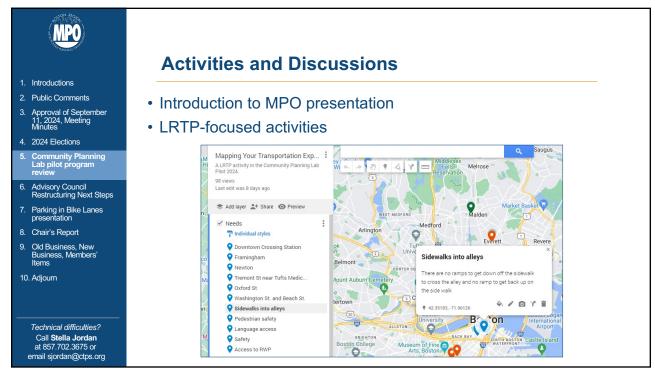
- One-day program, held in person
  - o Participants received a stipend and lunch
- Five participants representing community-based organizations and advocacy groups
  - La Comunidad
  - o Asian Community Development Corporation
  - o Riders Transportation Access Group
  - Mothers Out Front
  - 350 MA Transportation Working Group

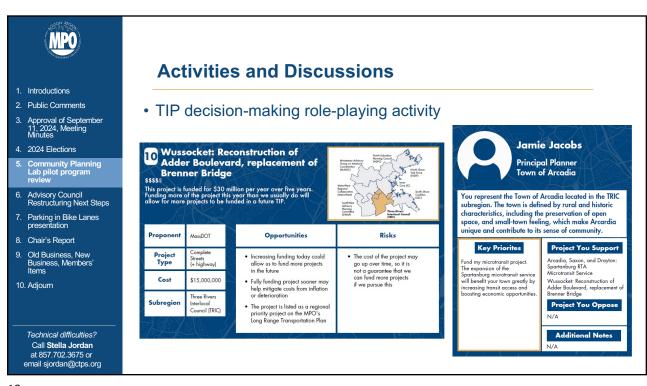


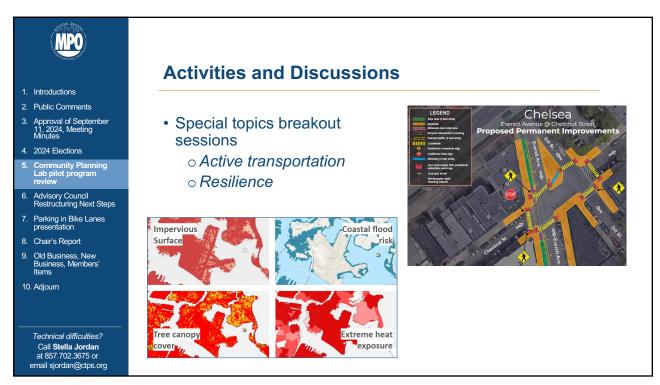
#### **Community Planning Lab Pilot**

- Provide an interactive deep dive into the regional transportation planning and decision-making process
- Interactive activities focused on how to effectively advocate for transportation needs and priorities











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#### **Feedback and Evaluations**

- Initial reflections with participants
  - o Small group, one-day program, interactive activities
  - o Organized, collaborative, and engaging
- Formal post-program survey: feedback and suggestions from participants
  - o How to engage with the MPO
  - o Effectiveness of activities to program goal
  - o Feedback on PEP guidebook and engagement materials
  - Future considerations

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#### **Next Steps**

- Formal documentation of program, activities, takeaways
- Recommendations for future Community Planning Labs
  - Cover more topics in planning / MPO work
  - Develop more games and activities
  - Expand participation—larger groups or multiple groups
- Incorporate takeaways into other engagement and educational efforts
  - Public Engagement Plan and Engagement Guidebook
  - Onboarding new Advisory Council members

# Questions?

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# **Advisory Council Restructuring Next Steps**

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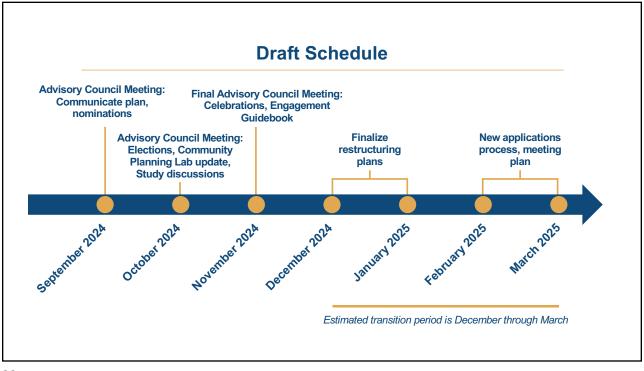
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#### **Advisory Council Restructuring**

- Introduce a new membership process, meeting plan and structure, and new governance structure
- · Elements:
  - Wind down current structure after November meeting
  - Utilize a gap between the sunset of the existing structure and launch of a new structure to finalize and initiate the plan
  - o Launch a new group
    - New membership process
    - New members
    - New meeting plan based on new group
    - New governance structure

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#### **Transition Activities**

- · Application and membership structure
- · Meetings workplan
- Incentives plan
- Incorporate learnings from Community Planning Lab

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#### Look Ahead: Role for Current Advisory Council Membership

- Discuss/finalize Public Engagement Guidebook
- One-on-one or small group debriefs
  - o Experience on Advisory Council
  - Perceptions of public engagement
- Receive continued updates on approaching transition



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#### Look Ahead: Role for Current Advisory Council Leadership

- Until the end of the transition period, continue to:
  - o Represent Advisory Council at MPO board meetings
  - Generate ideas and be a sounding board for challenges and opportunities
- Once launched, new group would elect leadership

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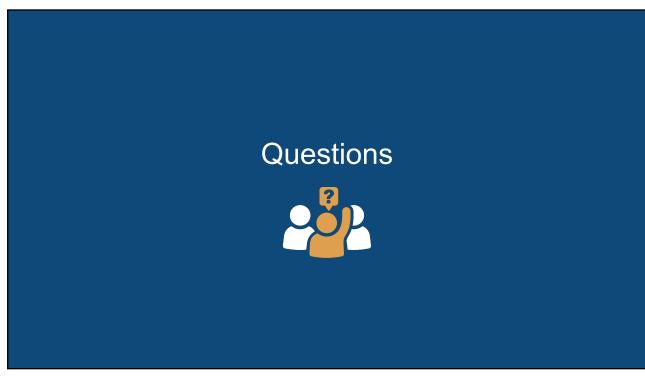
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# **Look Ahead:** Celebrations

November meeting:

- · Celebration of time, effort, accomplishments
- Hybrid event



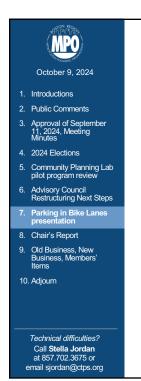




## **Outline**

- Background
- Sources of Obstruction
- Impacts of Obstruction
- Outreach
- Interventions
- Recommendations

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# **Background**

- Large increase in daily bike trips in recent years
  - o Up 35% from 2019–22
- Increase in bike lanes and bikeshare in the region
  - Bluebikes expansion
  - o Increasing bike lane mileage
  - o Arrival of electric micromobilty
- Safety risk posed by obstructions to bike lanes



#### **Sources of Bike Lane Obstructions**



Source: Getty Images

- Commercial Vehicles
  - o Disproportionate offenders
  - Driven by demand
- Personal Automobiles
  - Car doors
- Utility/government
  - Maintenance work
- Ease of Obstruction
  - o Protected vs. Unprotected

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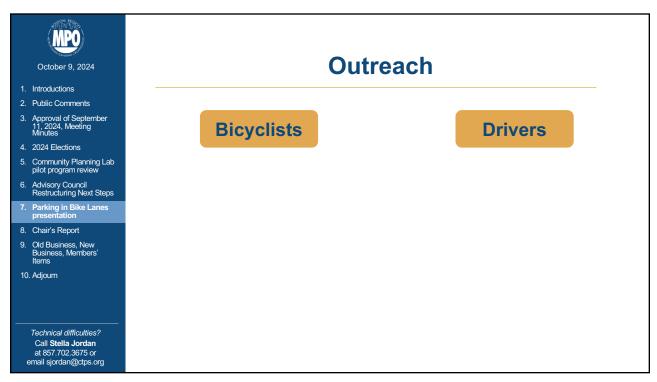
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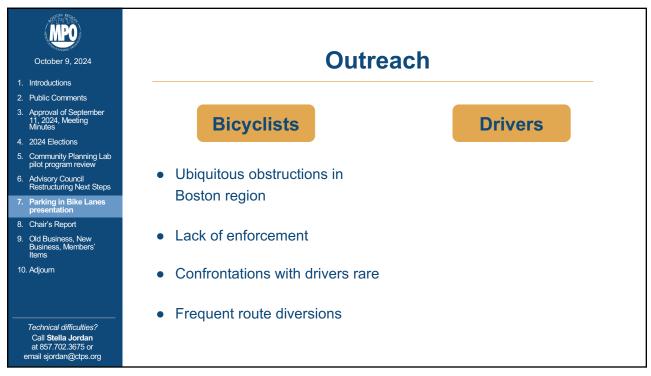
# **Impacts of Bike Lane Obstructions**

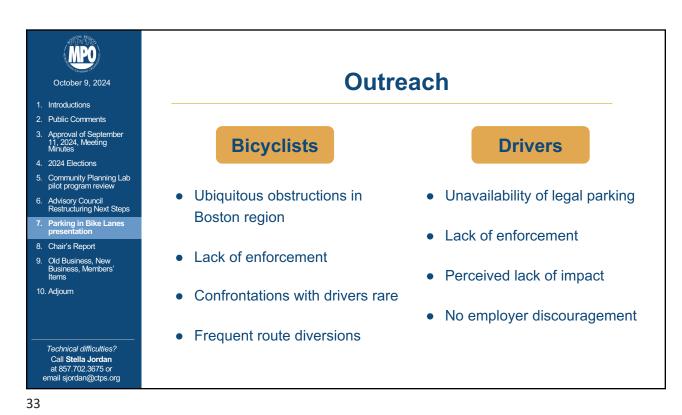
- Safety
  - Unanticipated merging
  - o Increased collisions
  - Disproportionately commercial
- Route diversions
  - Longer trips
- Suppressed ridership
  - Discourages those with low-risk threshold



Source: Boston University







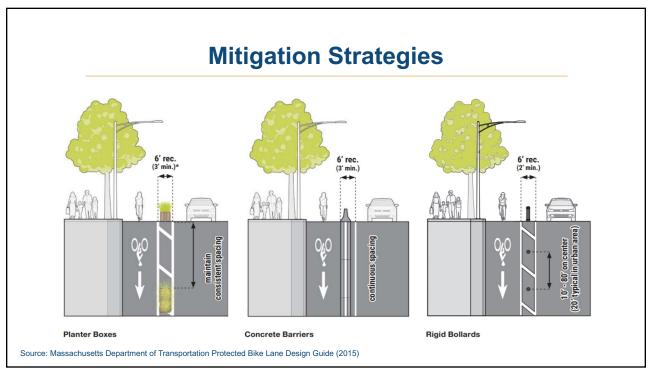






# Design Block the Obstruction

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# **Remaining Concerns**

- Entrances / exits
- Heavy vehicles
- Pedestrians
- Spatial constraints



Source: Reddit

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# **Mitigation Strategies**



Source: Grid Magazine

- Review existing policies
- Put enforcement agents on bicycles
- Crowdsource data
- Initiate citizen reporting enforced by officials
- Automate enforcement

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# **Remaining Concerns**

- Equity
- Privacy
- Public Safety
- Accountability
- Reactive vs. Proactive



Source: Municipal Parking Systems, Inc



# Policy

**Address Source of Obstruction** 

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# **Mitigation Strategies**

- Encourage off-hour freight
- Designate pick-up / drop-off zones
- Downsize freight
- Develop smart loading zones
- Increase meter rates
- Continue to innovate









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# **Remaining Concerns**



Source: UPS

- Many carrots, few sticks
- Disaggregation of demand
- No silver bullet
- Equity

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# **Short-Term Recommendations**

#### Enforcement

- o Encourage legalization of automated enforcement
- Create bicycle enforcement unit

#### Policy

- Develop citizen reporting tool and hotspot database (MPO)
- Identify areas to raise parking
- Develop education, outreach, and incentives for overnight delivery



Source: Town of Dedham



# **Longer-Term Recommendations**



Source: American Planning Association

#### Design

Implement physical separation where appropriate

#### Enforcement

 Develop training, guidebook, submission and appeals process for citizen enforcement

#### Policy

- Implement neighborhoodlevel pick-up and drop-off zones in dense areas
- Implement smart loading zones in high-demand areas

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# **Questions and Discussion**

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