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City Requests Resident Input at Public Meeting to Revise Complete Streets Policy

Springfield, MA- The City of Springfield has a Complete Streets Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, and is working to implement this plan. The City Council passed a Complete Streets policy in October of 2015, in anticipation of a MassDOT Complete Streets funding initiative. In 2016 MassDOT released their requirements for Complete Streets policies and Springfield's Policy needs some minor changes to meet the MassDOT requirements.

The City requests resident input on the revised policy at a city-wide, public meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street. The meeting will take place in the second floor large conference room.

"Complete Streets" Principles of the MassDOT Highway Project Development & Design Guide (Guidebook) are:

- To ensure that the safety and mobility of all users of the transportation system (pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers) are considered equally through all phases of a project so that even the most vulnerable (e.g., children and the elderly) can feel and be safe within the public right of way. This includes a commitment to full compliance with state and federal accessibility standards for people with disabilities.
- To incorporate, throughout project planning, design, and construction, the overarching principles of Context Sensitive Design (a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all constituents to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting

and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility for all users).

Questions regarding this meeting can be directed to Catherine Ratte at PVPC at (413)781-6045.

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