

## Acton 2020 Recommended Implementation Program

Strategy	Implementation Phase Actions	Responsibility	Timing/Priority
<b>GOAL 3: Improve Connections</b>			
<b>Objective 3.1: Improve walking and biking.</b>			
Build more sidewalks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the sidewalk construction priority list. Emphasize projects that provide access to schools, the train station, and the villages.</li> </ul>	Sidewalk Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct new sidewalks according to the priority list.</li> </ul>	Sidewalk Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give high priority to centers designated to receive more growth. See Objective 1.5, Preserve and Enhance Village Centers.</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the sidewalk design guidelines when constructing new sidewalks or updating existing ones.</li> </ul>	Engineering	
Increase opportunities for safe biking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the construction of the Assabet River Trail.</li> </ul>	Planning, with MassDOT and Boston MPO	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the construction of the Bruce Freeman Trail.</li> </ul>	Planning, with MassDOT and Boston MPO	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate bike racks where feasible and where they will be utilized.</li> </ul>	Planning, Engineering, TAC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create bike lanes and wider shared lanes and shoulders where appropriate. <b>Prepare town-wide recommendations for locations..</b></li> </ul>	Planning, Engineering, TAC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness regarding sharing the road issues.</li> </ul>	TAC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider making some paths in town open space usable by bikes, wheelchairs and strollers.</li> </ul>	Planning, Engineering, Conservation	
Improve communications about walking and biking paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep maps current showing sidewalks, bike paths and hiking paths. Make these available on the town website.</li> </ul>	Planning, TAC	
<b>Objective 3.2: Improve circulation around town</b>			
Provide and encourage public transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand the MinuteVan shuttle system with more vehicles, more frequent service, and longer service hours. Consider making it a fixed route system.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	TAC, MinuteVan	Immediate

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordinate the MinuteVan and Council on Aging shuttles, and consider combining them.</li> </ul>	TAC, MinuteVan, CoA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider opportunities to work with neighboring communities to expand ridership of the shuttles.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	TAC, MinuteVan, CoA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase local ridership of the commuter rail system               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete the connection of the Assabet River Rail Trail to the commuter rail station to encourage commuting by bicycle.</li> <li>○ Consider guiding growth to South Acton near the station (See Objective 1.4).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Planning, 2020 Cmte	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Guide residential growth to key centers making public transportation more feasible for these residents and encourage local employment and shopping opportunities that can be served by walking, biking, and public transportation. (See Objectives 1.4 and 1.5).</li> </ul>	Planning, 2020 Cmte	
<p style="color: red;">Improve traffic circulation and reduce traffic impacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <span style="color: red;">Address local traffic circulation and parking in planning for key centers (see Objectives 1.4 and 1.5).</span></li> </ul>	Planning, Engineering, 2020 Cmte	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <span style="color: red;">Consider traffic calming at locations where speeds are inconsistent with residential areas and village centers.</span></li> </ul>	Planning, Engineering	
<p>Work with MassDOT to improve access to and from Acton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote the completion of planned improvements at the Concord Rotary.<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	Planning, BoS, TAC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote continued and improved commuter rail service and provision of parking at stations outside Acton.</li> </ul>	Planning, BoS, TAC	

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<b>Objective 3.3 Promote communication among town government, citizens, schools, and the business community</b>			
To promote active engagement of citizens and the transparency of town government, improve communication and centralized information regarding existing resources and events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create an event calendar on the town website that lists all town and school sponsored events including all Town Board and Committee meetings.</li> </ul>	IT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide signs, website and written information in multiple languages</li> </ul>	All event sponsors	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Broadcast meetings of key boards (Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, Planning Board) and place copies of these broadcast videos on the town website.</li> </ul>	Community TV	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Optimize the scheduling and use of meeting spaces. (See Objective 4.3)</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve the opt-in email communication system.</li> </ul>	IT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve communication with businesses (see Goal 7).</li> </ul>	Economic development coordinator (new position)	
Attract more volunteers to help with town affairs by conducting broad-based outreach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use town website and other Acton media to show volunteer opportunities.</li> </ul>	Volunteer Coordinating Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide flexibility in scheduling/timing of volunteer opportunities and consider creating opportunities for shorter-term volunteering (single event, single task, etc).</li> </ul>	Volunteer Coordinating Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide signs, website and written information in multiple languages.</li> </ul>	Volunteer Coordinating Committee	
<b><i>[not sure there is support for “Strengthen and support neighborhoods” as a comp plan objective]</i></b>			

CI- Capital Investment, P – Planning, M – Management, R – Regulatory, E - Encouragement

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<sup>1</sup> The system could have stops but also route deviations on either side of the fixed routes. Stops could include the train station, the schools, Kelley's Corner, West Acton Village, Acton Center, East Acton, and the proposed Community Center. The CoA shuttle can specialize in demand-responsive service and destinations outside Acton.

<sup>2</sup> Coordination can include high traffic destinations such as the commuter rail station and Emerson Hospital.

<sup>3</sup> The Boston MPO process for updating the regional transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Program is one means to increase priority for the Concord Rotary project. The project would reduce cut-through traffic caused by back-ups as well as providing the access needed for economic development.