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RE: BEVERLY RECEIVES \$400,000 MASSDOT COMPLETE STREETS GRANT

Beverly MA - The City of Beverly was recently awarded a \$400,000 Complete Streets Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to reconstruct the length of Broadway beginning at its intersection with Cabot Street and ending at Rantoul Street. The project includes complete reconstruction and widening of sidewalks, new street trees, pedestrian scale street lights, shared lane bicycle markings, and bump outs. The project will greatly improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to the Beverly Depot commuter station, linking the station with two downtown commercial districts and the recently designated Beverly Arts District. Construction is set to begin spring, 2017.

Mayor Michael Cahill said: "Congratulations to City Grant Director Priscilla Walsh, City Planning Director Aaron Clausen, City Engineer Greg St. Louis and their teams on winning these grant funds for our city. This is another example of investment that will help revitalize Beverly's downtown. Broadway is a crucial link between the Depot and the rest of our beautiful and vibrant downtown."

Beverly is included among eleven Massachusetts cities and towns to be the first to receive project approval for this new grant program. The Complete Streets Funding Program, authorized by the 2014 Transportation Bond Bill, offers Massachusetts municipalities incentives to adopt policies and practices that provide safe and accessible options for all travel modes – walking, biking, transit and vehicles – for people of all ages and abilities.

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