

GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE LINCOLN'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

PUBLIC MEETING





Town maintains **52** miles of public roadways



Town maintains **10** miles of paved roadside paths/sidewalks



There are about **70** miles of conservation trails in Lincoln, (maintained by the Conservation Commission and the Lincoln Land Trust)



The Town's roads are historic in their layout Narrow and Winding

SOME BASIC FACTS

PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MEETING



Familiarize residents with the Town's roadway planning, maintenance and improvements processes



Share our current 5-year roadway plan & priorities



Give other town officials and residents opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback

WHO AND WHAT IS THE LINCOLN TRANSPORTATION COALITION?

- Align all Town boards and committees on transportation infrastructure and priorities
- Created by the Select Board in 2023
- Made up of:
 - Roadway and Traffic Committee (RTC): Ken Bassett, Rob Ahlert (Planning Board), Kim Bodnar (Select Board), Paula Cobb, Sharon Collura, Jane Herlacher, and Rob Soluri
 - Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) : Ginger Reiner, Bob Wolf, Kim Bodnar (Select Board), Margaret Olson (Planning Board), David Onigman (Parks and Rec), John Mendelson and Chris Murphy
 - Staff : Tim Higgins - Town Administrator, Jon Wentworth -Acting Chief Of Police, Steve Olson - Superintendent of Public Works, Paula Vaughn-MacKenzie – Director of Planning and Land Use and John Vancor - IMEG Civil Engineering Consultant

EVOLUTION OF ROAD AND PATH DESIGN

- As a result of increased awareness of pedestrian and cyclist needs and design best practices, Lincoln's basic roadway standards have been adjusted:
 - Narrowing of roadway travel lanes
 - Widening of shoulder between the white edge lines and edge of pavement
 - Consistent roadway edge treatments to minimize surprises
 - Beefed up crosswalk designs, including flashing beacons, raised crosswalks
 - New paths (targets of opportunity) and increased understanding of challenges
 - Farrar road “advisory shoulder” pilot

FUNDING SOURCES

DPW OPERATING BUDGET

~ \$1.2 million FY 26

STATE AID (CHAPTER 90)

~ \$250-
\$400k/year

GRANTS

(primarily State)
Amount varies

BORROWING/ BONDS:

Requires both
Town Meeting &
ballot approval

PUBLIC PLANNING PROCESS



Projects are managed by the Town's
5 Year Plan for Roads and Roadside Paths



Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
completed and endorsed by Select Board
5/6/2024



Complete Streets Prioritization Plan aligns
with BPAC priorities; plan approved by
Mass Dept. of Transportation 2023



Both Plans were townwide public
processes with extensive public outreach
and feedback

CURRENT 5 YEAR PLAN/PRIORITIES

- **Current 5 Year Plan** = Projects prioritized in both the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan & The Complete Streets Prioritization Plan
- **Adds in projects that are a direct response to a specific safety issue** (e.g. Newly designed raised crosswalk Lincoln Rd/Old Town Hall with signage and flashing beacon)

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Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee



The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises Lincoln's Select Board on matters of bicycling and pedestrian safety and access. BPAC works across town boards, committees, and staff. We are composed of representatives appointed by the Select Board, the Planning Board, and Parks & Recreation Committee and four at large members.

Current work

- [Collaboration with Lincoln250: Ride with GPS Experience](#): biking/walking route across historically significant locations in Lincoln
- Implement and maintain Master Plan for cycling and walking in Lincoln
- Advise Select Board on MassDOT projects including 2A, Baker Bridge, etc.
- Events (e.g., Walk, Bike & Roll to School, eBike Demo)
- Work with Community Center Building Committee to ensure safe walking and biking access to and around the new community center
- Participate in Transportation Coalition meetings and projects, including maintaining the [Transportation Coalition 5-Year Plan](#)

BPAC meets monthly, generally on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. Check the town calendar for dates, times and locations.

Contact Us

[Members](#)

Kim Bodnar, Select Board
John Mendelson, At Large
Chris Murphy, At Large
Margaret Olson, Planning
David Onigman, Parks & Recreation
Ginger Reiner, At Large, Chair
Bob Wolf, At Large

[Public Safety Liaison](#)

Det. Ian Spencer

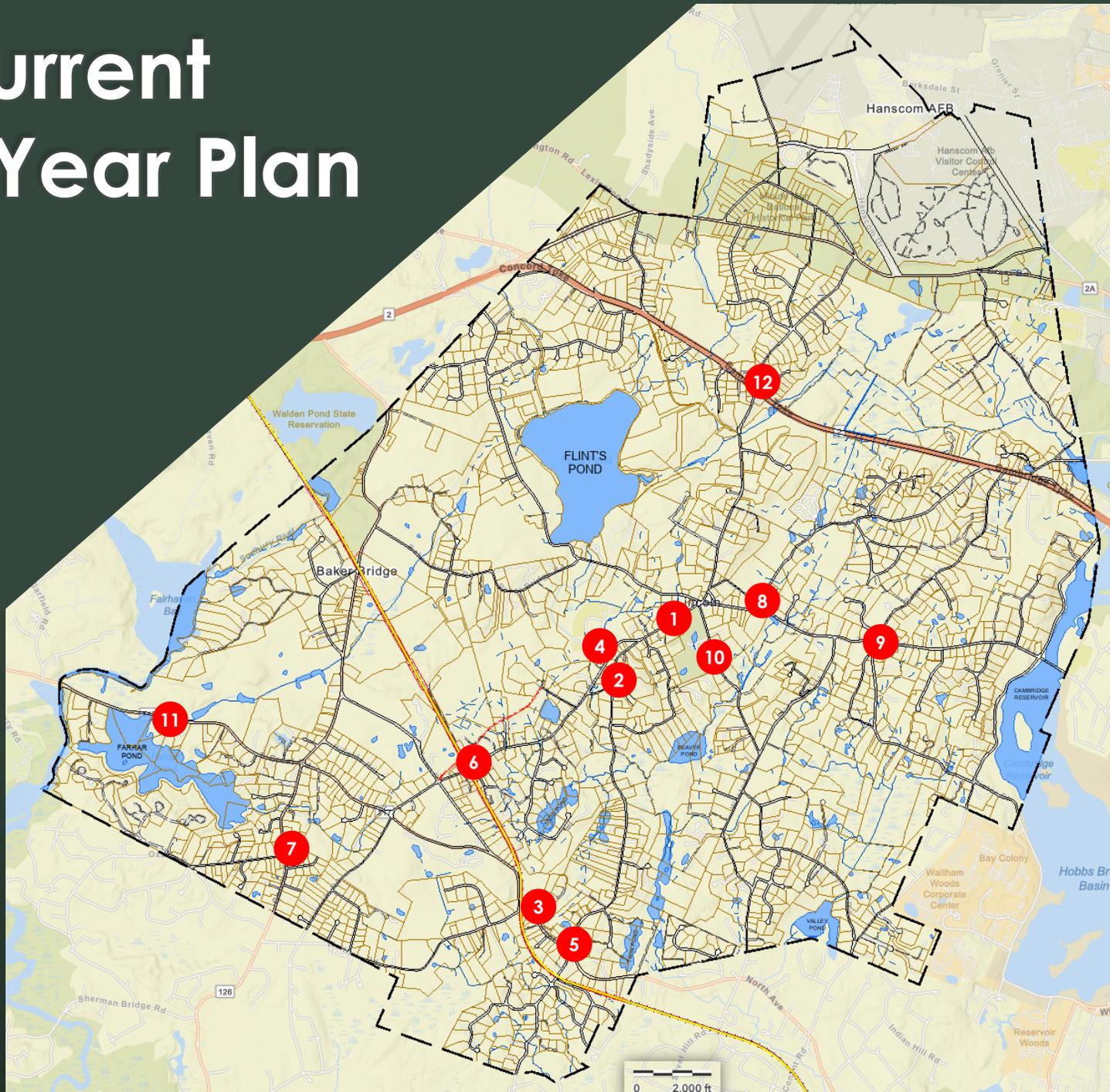
Quick Links

- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
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<https://lincolntown.org/1083/Bicycle-Pedestrian-Advisory-Committee>

Current 5 Year Plan



- 1 **Crosswalk and raised traffic table at Old Town Hall**
\$X (Chapter 90) Fall 2025
- 2 **Tower Road repaving**
\$X (Chapter 90) Completed, 2025
- 3 **Crosswalk and possible island: Rt 117 & Old Sudbury Road**
\$250,000 (Complete Street Grant) FY2026
- 4 **Ballfield Road**
\$50,000 (costs for initial planning only) FY2027
- 5 **Crosswalk and possible island: Rt 117 & Tower Road**
\$250,000 (Planned: Complete Streets Grant) FY2027+
- 6 **Village Center Pedestrian Plan**
\$TBD FY2028+
- 7 **Crosswalk: Route 126 & Farrar Road**
\$50,000 (Chapter 90) FY2028
- 8 **Crosswalk: Trapelo Road & Lexington Road**
\$50,000 (Chapter 90) FY2028
- 9 **Crosswalk: Trapelo Road & Page Road**
\$50,000 (Chapter 90) FY2028
- 10 **Weston Road pedestrian & bicycle safety improvements**
\$500,000 – scope dependent (Bond) TBD
- 11 **Path extension & crosswalk relo: Mt Misery & 117**
\$TBD – (Possible grant opportunity) TBD
- 12 **Crosswalk improvements: Rt 2 & Bedford Rd**
\$TBD – (Request from Commonwealth) TBD

Transportation Coalition 5 Year Plan

Project Name	Description	Estimated Cost (2024 Dollars)	Recommended Funding Source	Estimated Construction Timeline
Lincoln Road/Old Town Hall Crosswalk and Table	Design and construction of crosswalk and table		Chapter 90	Fall 2025
Repaving Tower Road	Repaving Tower Road		Chapter 90	Completed
Old Sudbury Road / Rt. 117 Crosswalk		\$250,000	Complete Street Grant	FY26
Lincoln Road/Ballfield Road Slip Lane & Ballfield Road Circulation Design Improvements	Circulation improvements not already completed by school building project	Minimal test stage costs \$50,000. Does not include construction	DPW Budget Study; TBD for construction; likely to require cash capital or other town funds grant possible	FY27
Route 117/Tower Road Crosswalk and possible inclusion of Island	Pedestrian and Bicycle safety improvements	\$250,000+	Complete Streets Grant Funding and Town Funding	FY27 ?
Village Center Pedestrian Plan	Study pedestrian infrastructure when RLF presents a development plan			FY28/TBD
Route 126/Farrar Road Crosswalk	Crosswalk south of Farrar Road	\$50,000	Chapter 90	FY28
Trapelo Road/Lexington Road Crosswalk	new painted crosswalk with sign package; no beacons; no raised table	\$50,000	Chapter 90	FY28
Trapelo Road/Page Road Crosswalk	new painted crosswalk with sign package; no beacons; no raised table	\$50,000	Chapter 90	FY28
Weston Road	Pedestrian and Bicycle safety improvements. Scope TBD	\$500,000 but cost is contingent on scope	Borrowing/bonds	TBD
Route 117 Mt. Misery	Path extension on south side of 117 and crosswalk relocation to vicinity of parking lot		Possible grant opportunity	TBD
Route 2/Bedford Road Crosswalk Improvements	Start by sending letter to Commonwealth (MHD) requesting them to undertake project.			TBD

Available on the Transportation Coalition page of the
Town of Lincoln website: www.lincolntown.org

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Magnolia Path linking Lincoln Station to Codman Farm
- Lincoln Road/Rt. 117 Crosswalk
- Route 126/Food Project new path link
- Tower Road repaving and drainage
- Route 126 repaving and drainage
- Planning for new Mill Street/Transfer Station path link
- 2024 BPAC Master Plan
- 2023 Complete Streets Prioritization Plan



Lincoln Station Wayfinding



Magnolia Path – Phase I



Magnolia Path – Phase II



Advisory Shoulder Project – Farrar Pond

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

- **This year:**

- Route 117/Old Sudbury Road new crosswalk
- Lincoln Road/Old Town Hall crosswalk improvement
- **Water Main Project** (outside the purview of Transportation Coalition but impacting roads)
 - Multi-year project to replace the water main (dating from 1927) from Bedford Road to Five Corners and then Lincoln Rd to Route 117
 - Phase 1: From Five Corners to Ballfield Road will be completed by early Nov.
 - Phase 2: Ballfield Rd to Codman Rd expected to begin early summer 2026 and completed in 2027

THE WORK AHEAD

- Ballfield Road safety and pavement plan
- Town-wide roadway system assessment
- Continue roadway maintenance
- Maintain 5-year rolling Transportation Plan
- Continue to pursue grants to support special projects

NEXT MAJOR PAVING PROJECT

- **The last major paving project (2010):**
 - Focused primarily on reconstructing and repaving main roadways
 - Expected useful life 20 +/- years
 - \$5.5 million
- **Planning for next major project:**
 - Plan to keep roads maintained & safe as they approach end of useful life
 - Roadway system evaluation
 - Alternative improvement approaches
 - Estimate cost: TBD
 - Timing

HOW CAN RESIDENTS INFLUENCE THE DECISION- MAKING PROCESS?

- Participation in Transportation Coalition, Roadway & Traffic Committee, and Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings
- Survey
- Town Meeting Funding Votes

WHO DO I CALL?

Roadway condition concerns – Contact
Department of Public Works (DPW)

Speed/Safety concerns – Contact Public Safety

Specific location safety concerns/road design
aesthetics – Contact the Roadway & Traffic
Committee (RTC) via DPW

Bike/ped safety concerns/suggestions –
Contact Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory
Committee (BPAC)

General roadway concerns – Contact
Transportation Coalition (TC)

CONTACT INFO

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Transportation Coalition:
<https://www.lincolntown.org/1552/Transportation-Coalition>

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- Feedback can be given via google Feedback Form
- Please do not forget to take the Transportation Survey
- Survey results will be available after October 9th
- Feedback Form and Survey are available on the Transportation Coalition webpage:
<https://www.lincolntown.org/1552/Transportation-Coalition>

Thank you!