

**Afternoon discussion sessions will cover the following topics:**

1) Approve or change the vision, mission statement, and plan of action for the Boston area. (The Boston area, with its narrow and winding streets, heavily built infrastructure, diverse population, and high rates of obesity, diabetes, stroke, and asthma, is being used as a model for testing to demonstrate possible lessons that could then be useful in other cities and states.)

Vision:

The Boston area will provide to all residents and visitors an urban form that enables easy and safe engagement in a variety of physical activities as part of daily life.

Mission Statement:

A broad representative group of Boston area individuals and organizations will identify the issues of users, select model designs, and identify locations for projects that they would like to see tested in the Boston area to encourage bicycling, jogging, in-line skating, walking, skateboarding, and using a scooter. They will oversee the implementation and testing of these facilities and advocate on behalf of an expansion of the preferred designs.

Plan of Action:

Twenty pilot projects that enable easy and safe engagement in physical activity will be identified, constructed, and tested in the Boston area for consideration of more permanent inclusion. These facilities may be associated with such programs as Safe Routes to Schools and such issues as urban and suburban design, campus travel, senior movement, and existing or proposed multi-use path connections.

2) Outline issues related to your sub group (Safe Routes to School, Urban Issues, Suburban Issues, Senior Issues, Campus Travel Issues, and Boston-area Greenways (Rose Kennedy Greenway, Somerville Community Path, South Bay Harbor Trail and others).

3) Indicate on a map of the Boston area where you might want to implement design innovations.

4) List topic areas of research.

5) List new or proposed design innovations that you would like to see tested as part of the twenty pilot projects.

6) Indicate willingness to participate in the writing of a fourth standard or a new set of design guidelines that would eventually be adopted as a new American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guide. The three general standards are for: 1) highways; 2) sidewalks; and 3) the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities that primarily provides design guidance for road facilities with language for separate multi-use paths such as rail-trails. This fourth document would encourage use of the road for bicyclists and the sidewalk for pedestrians but also provide design guidelines for urban and suburban environments for children under 12, seniors, the less athletically-inclined, and participants in Safe Routes to School programs. This additional urban form design would enable those populations to slowly bicycle, in-line skate, jog, use a scooter, or skateboard to preferred destinations such as schools, stores, or places of business.

7) State a time and location when you might meet again, if deemed to be useful.