



**Complete Streets Funding Program  
Tier 3 Project Application  
Exhibit A - Scope of Work Narrative**

**Municipality** Cohasset

**Date** April 29, 2019

**Project Rank #13 Name: Town Common Pedestrian Improvements: Crosswalks, Curb Tightening, and Sidewalk Reconstruction**

Cohasset's Town Common is a historical landmark and is bounded by Highland Avenue, Robert E. Jason Road, William B. Long Jr. Road, and South Main Street. The buildings that surround the Town Common include Town Hall, the Second Congregational Church, and Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church. It is a heavily-visited site by senior citizens, parents, and children that hosts the Town's Farmers Market and many other local events. The site is less than a one-mile walking distance to the Cohasset Senior Center, South Shore Community Center, Cohasset Housing Authority, Pratt Memorial Library, residential homes, business and services in Village Center, and the waterfront, thus bringing people from various parts of the Town with different interests and purposes, together. Residents who live near the Town Common arrive as pedestrians so having a safe and complete pedestrian network upon approval to the area is essential to reducing unnecessary driving trips and increasing walking trips.

Although this site and the remainder of Cohasset do not serve Environmental Justice Populations, Town Common is located approximately a half mile from the Cohasset Housing Authority (60 Elm Street) and their housing site on Elm Street, which has 64 apartments for the elderly and persons with disabilities and 12 units of Department of Developmental Services (DDS) housing. The Cohasset Senior Center and destinations that Cohasset senior citizens commonly visit (e.g., Pratt Memorial Library and the South Shore Community Center) are also approximately a half mile distance from the Town Common. Making sure that everyone, including those with disabilities and no access to vehicles, will have safe pedestrian accommodations in and around the site is vital to getting all Cohasset residents to see the value in considering other travel modes that do not include driving.

The Complete Streets improvements that will help improve the pedestrian network at the Town Common include:

- Curb tightening (S6)<sup>1</sup> on the north side of Highland Avenue and Robert Jason Road to allow for safe vehicle turning speeds and help drivers avoid any conflicts with pedestrians and cyclists.
- Seven crosswalks with ADA-compliant curb ramps (P2, P3, and P9)<sup>2</sup> that will be installed at several locations.
- Reconstruction of the sidewalk (P5)<sup>3</sup> that wraps around the Town Common, which is currently in disrepair with cracks that make it difficult for anyone, especially anyone with a

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<sup>1</sup> From MassDOT's Complete Streets Funding Program Eligible Project Worksheet

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

wheelchair or stroller, to walk safely. This reconstructed sidewalk will at least be 5 feet in width, approximately 1,308 feet in length, and meet ADA-compliance.

- Repaving of the diagonal pathway (P5)<sup>4</sup> across the Town Common that connects South Main Street and Highland Avenue. The length of this pathway will be approximately 300 feet and meet ADA compliance.

The work of this proposed project includes, but is not limited to, unclassified excavation, gravel borrow, loam borrow, seeding, thermoplastic for crosswalks, drainage structure adjustment, cement concrete wheelchair ramp, hot mix asphalt walk surface, calcium chloride for roadway dust control, street signs to be removed and reset, and other incidental work.

The timing of this project's construction schedule would align with the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year 2020, in which the Town will celebrate its incorporation as Cohasset with local events and tours that would mainly take place on the Town Common.

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid.