



## **Town of Cohasset Sidewalks, Safety, and Connectivity Committee**

In accordance with the 2019 Cohasset Master Plan and the 2022 Select Board infrastructure goal to improving roads and sidewalks, the Select Board charges the Sidewalks and Safety Connectivity Committee (SSCC).

The SSCC responsibilities shall include:

### **Community Input**

- Review and understand previous sidewalk study efforts, including but not limited to the Master Plan, Complete Streets Program, and previous Sidewalk Committee research and public input data.
- Work with Town Hall Staff and the Select Board to complete a public-outreach campaign as necessary to ensure maximum community engagement and participation, which may include hosting community input sessions to invite direct input from residents as well as attending other applicable committee, commission, and board (“Town Committees”) meetings.
- Engage MA DOT on 3A North and 3A South design process and make recommendations to the Select Board to advocate to MA DOT.

### **Prioritization & Costing**

- Review the Town consultant (TEC) assessment of all existing sidewalks as to condition, accessibility, and cost.
- Create a methodology for repair and/or upgrades of existing sidewalks, implementation of Safety Measures, and new areas for targeted construction. This methodology should account for traffic and safety need generated by education, recreation or commercial uses.
- Create a methodology for ranking priorities based on safety and cost, including the difficulty of the project and land use issues such as public land takings, and shall utilize the Norfolk County Engineering Department services, as available.
- Identify immediate areas of concern in existing sidewalks, crosswalks and intersections that can and should be fixed quickly, including but not limited to sidewalk repair, signage, lighting, or other safety measures.
- Provide cost estimates and funding recommendations on all projects to the Select Board, Advisory Board, Capital Budget Committee and other associated boards.

### **Final Report**

- Develop a long-term vision for Cohasset to ensure pedestrian safety and access are protected.
- Submit conclusions on Prioritization and Costing, including the Town’s TEC Report and Cohasset’s Police Recommendation(s).
- Finalize recommendations from Capital Budget and Advisory Committees on regarding funding mechanisms for sidewalk, roadway safety & connectivity improvements including but not limited to Complete Streets Grant Program, Chapter 90, Planning Board Mitigation Agreements, and Stabilization Fund and/or other mechanisms.
- Work with Town Hall Staff and the Select Board to socialize the final report findings and recommendations for next steps.

The SSCC will require assistance and input from a wide cross-section of Cohasset departments including but not limited to the Department of Public Works, Recreation and School Leadership. The SSCC may require and request funding for outside consulting, engineer and planning resources.



The SSCC will be comprised of nine (9) Cohasset residents, including six (6) residents at large, one (1) representative from the Planning Board or Open Space & Recreation, one (1) representative from the Capital Budget Committee, and one (1) representative from the Select Board. Citizen at large positions shall be distributed throughout town to encourage a broad community perspective. Accordingly, new applicants will be prioritized based on their location in Town to ensure all areas of Cohasset are represented.

The Cohasset Director of Public Works, or other staff member assigned by the Town Manager, will serve ex-officio and be responsible for convening meetings and moderating discussion. SSCC shall meet no-less than once per month and provide updates to the Select Board as requested. The SSCC shall target February 1, 2023 to submit a preliminary report outlining next steps.

Agendas and dates shall be posted and minutes kept in accordance with Open Meeting Law.

The SSCC will have advisory authority only and have no authority to approve projects or funding. The Study Committee will recommend to the public parent boards the actions necessary to achieve progress in improving sidewalk condition, overall safety and accessibility.

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