



DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR

TIMOTHY P. MURRAY
LT. GOVERNOR

JEFFREY B. MULLAN
SECRETARY & CEO



South Coast Rail Technical Assistance Program
November 18, 2009

As part of developing and implementing the South Coast Rail Economic Development and Land Use Corridor Plan, the state is offering a second round of technical assistance to communities seeking to implement the Corridor Plan. This past summer, we notified the Corridor communities of the opportunity for technical assistance in the following areas: station area planning and zoning; economic development and transportation; housing plans and zoning changes; and open space preservation.

In reviewing requests for assistance, we gave preference to requests that demonstrated clear and achievable outcomes. We also attempted to use limited resources to allow for an equitable delivery of assistance between communities while prioritizing projects that related most closely to the rail project and smart growth.

Please find the description of the technical assistance that will be provided for participating communities below. We look forward to working with you to implement the Corridor Plan and to advance smart growth throughout the South Coast.

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| Acushnet | The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) will identify potential parcels for inclusion in an Economic Development District and provide recommendations for the development of the Riverfront Industrial Priority Development Area. |
| Berkley | SRPEDD will work with the Town to develop an Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) bylaw in order to preserve valuable open space, while accommodating development in an environmentally sensitive manner. |
| Bridgewater | The Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) will conduct a traffic and pedestrian circulation and access study in the downtown Priority Development Area, seeking to improve linkages to the MBTA station, Bridgewater State College and the Downtown. |
| Dighton | SRPEDD will work with the Town to develop an Inclusionary Zoning bylaw, in order to expand access to a range of housing opportunities. |
| Easton | OCPC and Regina Villa Associates, with support from Metropolitan Area Planning Council, will work with Easton and Stoughton on station area planning for the proposed North Easton station (near Roche Brothers). Transit oriented development potential, infrastructure capacity, and access options will be included in this process. |

www.mass.gov/massdot

Fall River	SRPEDD will work with the City to provide detailed zoning recommendations for station area transit oriented development (TOD) at the Fall River Depot Station, including the creation of visualizations of development options.
Freetown	SRPEDD will work with the Town to provide zoning proposals for station area transit oriented development (TOD) at the Freetown station site, including the incorporation of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) into the district to protect outlying land.
Lakeville	SRPEDD will work with Lakeville to update their Housing Production Plan.
Mattapoissett	SRPEDD will work with Mattapoissett to develop a Housing Production Plan.
New Bedford	SRPEDD will work with the City to provide zoning recommendations for station area transit oriented development (TOD) at the Whale's Tooth and King's Highway station sites.
North Attleboro	SRPEDD will work with the Town to develop the Housing Chapter of the Master Plan.
Raynham	A market feasibility study will be conducted covering Raynham Park, Ryan Industrial Park, and a parcel across 138 from the Raynham Park, analyzing different development scenarios.
Rehoboth	SRPEDD will work with the Town to develop an Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) bylaw in order to preserve valuable open space, while accommodating development in an environmentally sensitive manner.
Rochester	SRPEDD will work with Rochester to create a Housing Production Plan.
Seekonk	SRPEDD will work with Seekonk to create a Housing Production Plan.
Sharon	MAPC will work with Sharon on a 40R smart growth housing district in Post Office Square, a Priority Development Area.
Somerset	SRPEDD will work the Town to develop a mixed-use study for the Slade's Ferry Priority Development Area.
Stoughton	MAPC, with assistance from OCPC, will develop a Downtown Vision Plan and station area recommendations. In addition, the North Easton station planning work will be conducted in conjunction with Stoughton as the study area straddles the municipal border.
Taunton	SRPEDD will focus on Taunton Station, conducting a bike and pedestrian access survey that will result in recommendation on how to improve access and safety.
Westport	SRPEDD will work with the Town to implement economic development and land use recommendations from the Route 6 Study, which targets a Priority Development Area.