

City of Newton



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Program FUNDING REQUEST

PRE-PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL

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Project TITLE	Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway Redesign Additional Funding		
Project LOCATION	Full street address (with zip code), or other precise location. Commonwealth Avenue (Lyons Field to Charles River Bridge)		
Project CONTACTS	Name & title or organization	Email	Phone
Project Manager	Nicole Freedman Director of Transp. Planning, City of Newton	nfreedman@newtonma.gov	617-879-8148
Other Contacts	Barney Heath, Director of Planning & Development, City of Newton	bheath@newtonma.gov	617-796-1131
Project FUNDING	A. CPA funds requested: \$ 133,002	B. Other funds to be used: \$ 5,928,000	C. Total project cost (A+B): \$ 6,061,002
Project SUMMARY	Explain how the project will use the requested CPA funds. You may provide more detail in attachments, but your PROJECT SUMMARY MUST FIT IN THE SPACE BELOW. Use a cover letter for general information about the sponsoring organization's accomplishments.		
<p>Funding Request - The CPA recently provided the Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway Redesign Project \$390,000 for design, to take the project from 25% design to final design. The City respectfully requests an additional \$133,002 in design funding to complete the design process. Since submission of the 25% design, there has been additional coordination required due to a scope change at Ash Street where the existing signal was deemed to be unwarranted by MassDOT. In working with the residents and MassDOT, the City needed to design a new alternative for Ash Street, as well as carry two alternatives through the 25% design process. This has been important, but unexpected work that is critical to maintaining and ensuring community support for the project. The requested additional funding will cover services required to perform the out-of-scope work performed on the additional alternatives and will enable the City to finish the design process and be constructed on time. The project is currently scheduled to start construction in Spring 2023.</p> <p>Project Summary - The project will redesign a critical compromised segment of the Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway from Lyons Field to the Marriot driveway. The project will create new green space and add a continuous walking and bicycle path where the roadway currently exists by rerouting vehicular traffic from north of the median to the south. Project benefits include: a) increase the overall amount of green space b) link myriad trail networks including the Charles River Path, the Riverside Greenway trail network and Weston's planned shared use path on Commonwealth Ave from Newton to Natick, c) increase visibility and access to the Charles River at the historic boathouse d) improve transit access in the area by upgrading bus stops.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway, the crown jewel of Newton, provides a nearly continuous east to west linear park, and walking and bicycling route for the expanse of Newton. Between Lyons Field and the Charles River bridge, however, the Carriageway assumes a compromised form, carrying the westbound vehicular traffic as it approaches Highway I95 and I90. The project will reroute the westbound vehicular traffic south of the median, allowing the Carriageway to again support biking and walking.</p> <p>MassDOT has fully funded construction of this project with \$5,900,000. Construction has been moved up to FY23 from FY25 with construction planned to start in spring 2023. The project will be constructed in coordination with MassDOT's \$23.8M Project 110980 Newton-Weston-Bridge Rehabilitation South Avenue (Rt. 30) over the Charles River which abuts our project. Both share a project limit of the Marriot Driveway. Constructing these projects in tandem means the Carriageway bike and pedestrian facilities and green space will be carried from Lyons Field, past our project limit at the Marriott, to the bridge over the Charles River. MassDOT has also initiated a new project to look at continuing the bike and pedestrian west beyond the Charles River over I95.</p>			

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USE of CPA FUNDS	RECREATION																		
	create	x																	
	rehabilitate/ restore																		
COMMUNITY NEEDS	<p>From each of at least 2 plans linked to the Guidelines & Forms page of www.newtonma.gov/cpa, provide a brief quote with plan title, year, and page number, showing how this project meets previously recognized community needs. You may also list other community benefits not mentioned in any plan.</p> <p>This project restores a critical gap of the Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway to its preferred form of a linear parkway and pathway for people recreating on foot and on bicycle. Numerous plans recognize the need for this project. More importantly, both the City of Newton and MassDOT have committed financially to this project: A) Newton’s Capital Improvement Plan has committed \$200,000 to 25% design in FY21. The City has contracted with Howard Stein Hudson and has completed 25% design. The City had previously committed \$24,000 for concept design, which has since been completed. B) MassDOT has committed more than \$5,900,000 to construction in FY2023 through their Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects budget, to coincide with the construction of MassDOT’s previously mentioned bridge project.</p> <p>Current plans which reference this project are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newton Capital Improvement Plan, 2020, page 6, “Two new Complete Streets projects were approved in the spring of 2019. The second project is the Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway improvements. This Auburndale project will complete MassDOT’s work on the Charles River Bridge. The segment along Comm Ave will be a shared use path for pedestrians and bicycles on the Charles River Trail from Lyons Field to the Auburn Street intersection then connecting to walkable streets over Pigeon Hill to trails along the river” 2. MassDOT State Prioritized Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects, FY 2025, Project construction funded. Project ID 610674. (To be posted shortly on MassDOT/MPO website. Project approved by vote at MPO meeting on 5/25) 3. Metropolitan Area Planning Council Landline Vision Plan, 2018, Shown on map. https://trailmap.mapc.org/ The LandLine is a vision for a continuous trail network throughout the metro-Boston area. 4. Newton Open Space and Recreation Plan 2020-2027, 2020, page 153, “81. Create a safe, low-stress bike lane on Commonwealth Avenue Carriage Lane.” 																		
COMMUNITY CONTACTS	<p>List at least 3 Newton residents or organizations willing and able to comment on the project and its manager’s qualifications. No more than 1 should be a supervisor, employee or current work colleague of the project manager or sponsor. Consult staff on the community contacts required for your specific proposal.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #d3d3d3;">Name & title or organization</th> <th style="background-color: #d3d3d3;">Email</th> <th style="background-color: #d3d3d3;">Phone</th> <th style="background-color: #d3d3d3;">Mailing address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mayor Ruthanne Fuller City of Newton</td> <td>rfuller@newtonma.gov</td> <td>617-796-1108</td> <td>1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Herb Nolan Founder Solomon Foundation</td> <td>herbnolan@solomonfoundation.org</td> <td>617-875-6861</td> <td>10 Laurel Ave, Wellesley, MA 02481</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Halle Transportation Advisory Group</td> <td>m@halle.us</td> <td>617-721-8585</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Name & title or organization	Email	Phone	Mailing address	Mayor Ruthanne Fuller City of Newton	rfuller@newtonma.gov	617-796-1108	1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459	Herb Nolan Founder Solomon Foundation	herbnolan@solomonfoundation.org	617-875-6861	10 Laurel Ave, Wellesley, MA 02481	Mike Halle Transportation Advisory Group	m@halle.us	617-721-8585	N/A
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Full proposals must include separate, detailed budgets in addition to this page.

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SUMMARY CAPITAL/DEVELOPMENT BUDGET		
Uses of Funds		
Concept Design – Complete. 50% paid for by City of Newton. 50% paid for by Solomon Foundation		\$47,900
25% Design – Complete. Paid for by City of Newton. City is under contract with HSH.		\$200,000
Final Design – In Process with CPA funding.		\$390,000
Final Design Amendment – Request of CPA		\$133,002
Construction – Assigned MassDOT construction funds, FFY2025 via MassDOT’s Bike/Ped program		\$5,900,000
		\${amount}
D. TOTAL USES (should equal C. on page 1 and E. below)		\$6,670,902
Sources of Funds	Status (requested, expected, confirmed)	
City of Newton & Solomon Foundation (Concept Design)	Confirmed	\$47,900
City of Newton (25% Design)	Confirmed	\$200,000
CPA Funding (Final Design)	Confirmed	\$390,000
CPA Funding (Amendment)	Request	\$133,002
MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (Construction)	Confirmed	\$5,900,000
E. TOTAL SOURCES (should equal C. on page 1 and D. above)		\$6,670,902
SUMMARY ANNUAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET (cannot use CPA funds)		
Uses of Funds		
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F. TOTAL ANNUAL COST (should equal G. below)		\${amount}
Sources of Funds		
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G. TOTAL ANNUAL FUNDING (should equal F. above)		\${amount}
Project TIMELINE	Phase or Task	Season & Year
	Concept Design	Complete
	25% Design	Complete
	Final Design	In Process
	Construction	2023

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REQUIRED.		PHOTOS	of existing site or resource conditions (2-3 photos may be enough)
		MAP	of site in relation to nearest major roads (omit if project has no site)
<p>Pre-proposals: separate attachments not required, just use page 3 of form.</p> <p>Full proposals: separate, detailed budget attachments REQUIRED.</p>	PROJECT FINANCES printed and as computer spreadsheets, with both uses & sources of funds		
		Development pro forma/capital budget: include total cost, hard vs. soft costs and contingencies, and project management – amount and cost of time from contractors or staff (in-kind contributions by existing staff must also be costed)	
		Operating/maintenance budget, projected separately for each of the next 10 years (CPA funds may not be used for operations or maintenance)	
		Non-CPA funding: commitment letters, letters of inquiry to other funders, fundraising plans, etc., including both cash and est. dollar value of in-kind contributions	
	Purchasing of goods & services: briefly summarize sponsor’s understanding of applicable state statutes and City policies		
REQUIRED for all full proposals.	SPONSOR FINANCES & QUALIFICATIONS, INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
		For sponsoring department or organization, most recent annual operating budget (revenue & expenses) & financial statement (assets & liabilities); each must include both public (City) and private resources (“friends” organizations, fundraising, etc.)	
		For project manager: relevant training & track record of managing similar projects	
REQUIRED for all full proposals involving City govt., incl. land acquisition.		CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	current listing/ranking & risk factors for this project
		COVER LETTER	from head of City department, board or commission confirming: current custody, or willingness to accept custody, of the resource and commitment of staff time for project management
	DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION		
	X	Professional design & cost estimates: include site plan, floor plans & elevations	
OPTIONAL for all proposals.		LETTERS of SUPPORT	from Newton residents, organizations, or businesses