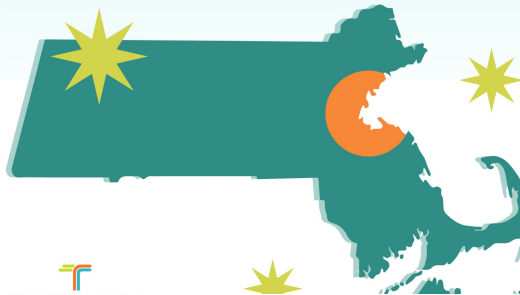


82% OF FUNDING GRANTED TO

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS



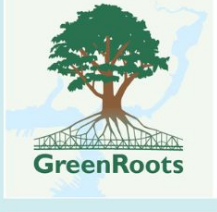
63% OF FUNDING

GRANTED TO ORGANIZATIONS

OUTSIDE OF GREATER BOSTON



PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS PARTNERS FOR HEALTH EQUITY



We asked our 2024 Impact Grant Cohort to reflect on the guiding questions:

- With the goal of the Impact Grants being building capacity, adding to your work at the intersection of transportation justice, what is some way that this showed up in the work, and how do you see this work's impact on the coalition?
- What is something surprising or you did not expect about the work?
- What is the next step for this work?

Full of joy and surprise to accomplish a great start of the school year with ACE youth program Alumni of Roxbury Environmental empowerment Project (REEP) had a Thanksgiving gathering, along with a December office visit to have a conversation with the current youth of REEP

Youth Assembly 1.25.2025

More than 50 youth gathered to participate in workshops designed to prepare and train them for upcoming campaigns, city and state budget discussions, and effective lobbying by engaging with their legislators.

Four workshops from our partners and allies:

- Mothers for Justice and Equality
- Speak for the Trees
- Mass Youth Climate Coalition (MYCC)
- Massachusetts Public Health Alliance (MPHA)

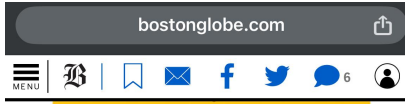


Youth Assembly in January with REEP Alumni pass YouthPass led Youth Organizers (Left to Right: Aliya and Javon)





- During our TRU Transit Equity Month Brunch in February, three of our youth from REEP participated, engaging in conversations about their ongoing advocacy efforts alongside Transportation Justice partners and ACE allies. A great success for our allies and youth to feel welcome in our beloved office space.
- Additionally the same month, during Mass Youth Climate Coalition Action Day, REEP met with legislators to discuss air quality concerns and emphasize the need for clean and reliable transportation. Between January and May, our REEP program conducted ACE and REEP workshops on Environmental Justice and Transportation Justice across four events.



Another bill would create an advisory committee that would determine which state communities suffer most from air pollution and reduce it by 50% by 2030 and by 75% by 2035. Vi'Shon Ginyard, 18, said he supports the bill because of his experience with asthma.

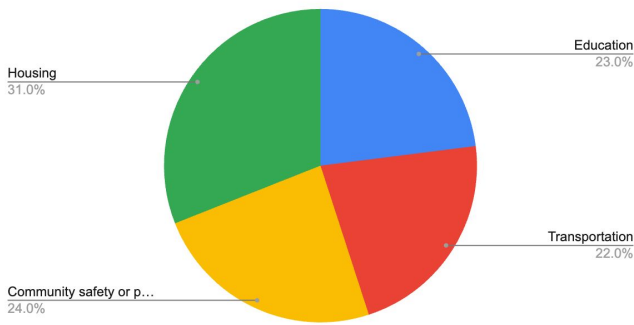
“This bill means something to me on a deep level because it can truly change the future of our community for people like me... especially for people born with asthma,” he said. “I don’t want my little brothers, my little cousin, my neighbors, your children, your family [to have to live like this].”



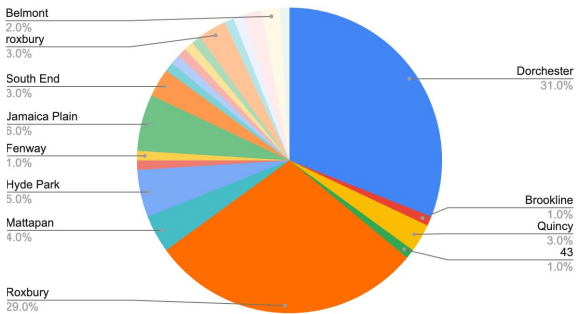
Created a Boston-based campaign survey (Transportation is one of the topics).

- April survey plan for 3 weeks (April 9th to May 1)
- REEP collected 100 surveys
- Next Steps is Youth Cohort and local campaigns

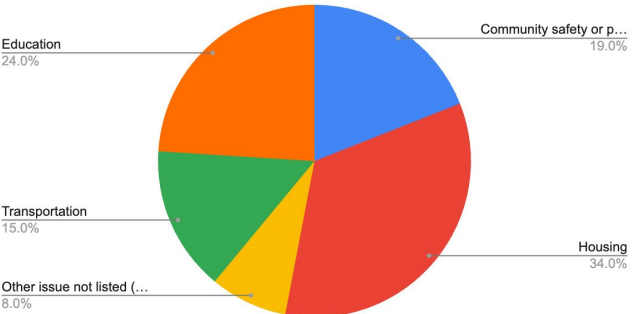
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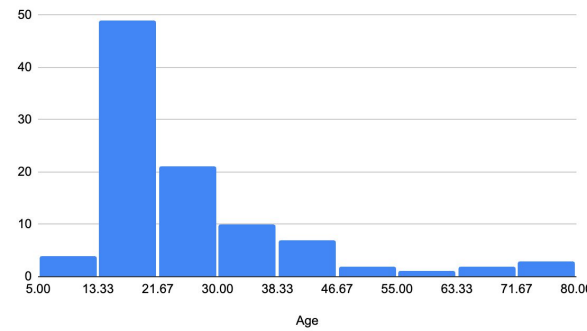
Count of Neighborhood (Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester etc.)



Count of What is the #1 issue area that you are concerned about?

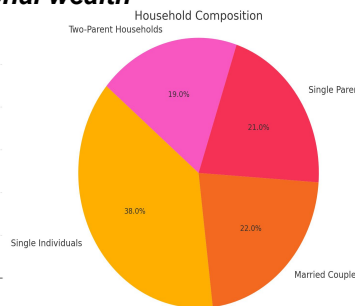
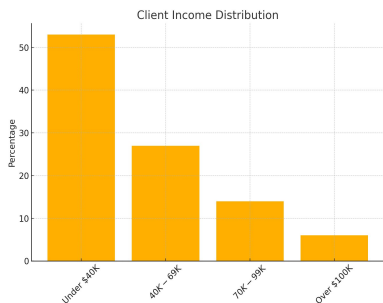


Histogram of Age



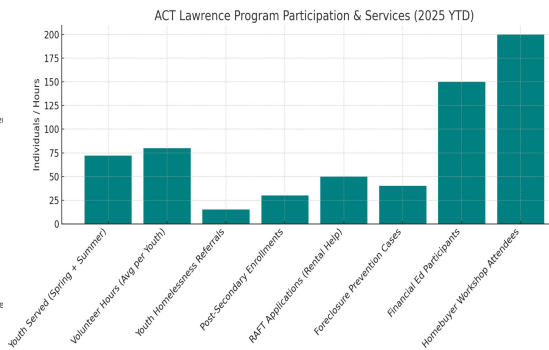
Gateway City, Growing Inequity

- 75%+ Hispanic/Latino population
 - 53% of ACT clients earn under \$40K/year
 - Over half are housing cost-burdened
 - Shared regional challenges: stagnant wages, rising rents, little access to
- “In a city where over half the residents are cost-burdened and 75% identify as Latino, the dream of stability is constantly at odds with stagnant wages, rising rents, and a legacy of exclusion from wealth.”generational wealth***



Youth Leadership Program (2025 YTD_

- 72 youth served (Spring & Summer)
 - Avg 80 volunteer hours per youth
 - Youth Homelessness Initiative Launched
 - Shelter referrals, wraparound support, wellness checks
 - Growth in advanced education & certifications
- “Meeting youth where they are and pushing for sustainable outcomes.”***



Financial Literacy for Renters

- 150+ Spanish-speaking renters served
 - Topics: Budgeting, Credit Repair, Debt Management
 - Outcomes: Increased confidence, rental relief, planning for housing goals
- “I’m not just surviving I’m planning now.”***

Structural & Systemic Barriers

- Immigration enforcement fear in mixed-status households
- Confusion over evolving public benefits
- Lack of internet/devices to access services
- Exclusion from aid due to informal or undocumented income
- Speculative property sales displacing residents



We work to achieve social and economic justice by empowering low to moderate-income populations in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Impact Grant Reflection Transportation Justice & Coalition Capacity

The grant elevated community voices and youth leadership around transit access. It strengthened coalition partnerships and ensured Lawrence remains central to transit equity efforts.

Unexpected Outcome

Youth quickly linked transportation justice to broader issues like job access and education, demonstrating powerful insight.

Next Steps

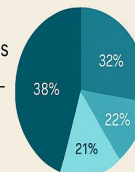
- Expand civic engagement workshops
- Support coalition campaigns on fare equity
- Train youth and residents in regional mobilization into action

Lawrence: A City on the Margins

- Designated Gateway City
- 53%+ Hispanic/Latino population
- Over half are housing cost-burdened

Shared regional challenges across a broad geographic live acrundng a srood gefonant wages

- Stagnant wages
- Rising housing costs
- Limited intergenerational wealth



These are not just statistics. They are individuals—first-generation homebuyers, immigrant parents, essential workers, and young professionals—fighting to secure a better future despite a system stacked them.

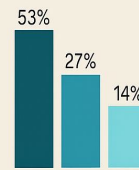
Who We Serve: The Demographics Behind the Numbers

Providing opportunities cross-section of residents live ad agr:

- Age Range: 18–72 | Average Age: 35
- Languages: 71% Spanish-speaking
- Race: English-speaking, with representation from Black, Non-Hispanic, Multiracial, and those who did not disclose

Household Composition:

- 38% Single Individuals
- 22% Married Couples
- 21% Single Parents with Children
- 6% over 100,000



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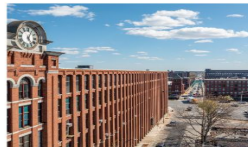


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ACT Lawrence, INC Awarded \$75,000 Cummings Grant

ACT Lawrence, INC received a grant of \$75,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support its efforts to provide job training and counseling services to low-income residents in Lawrence, Massachusetts. The grant will be used to fund a variety of programs, including job training, counseling, and financial literacy education. ACT Lawrence is committed to providing these services to help residents achieve economic stability and self-sufficiency.

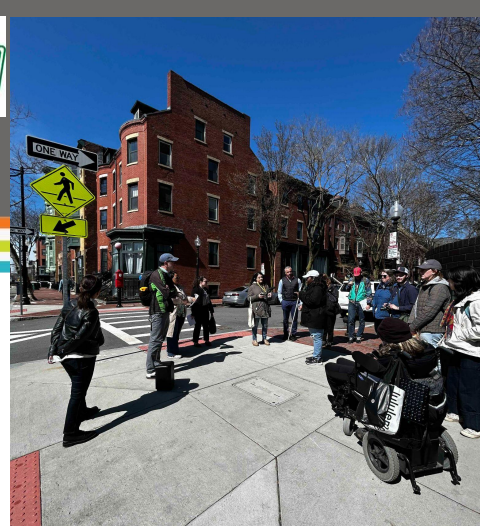




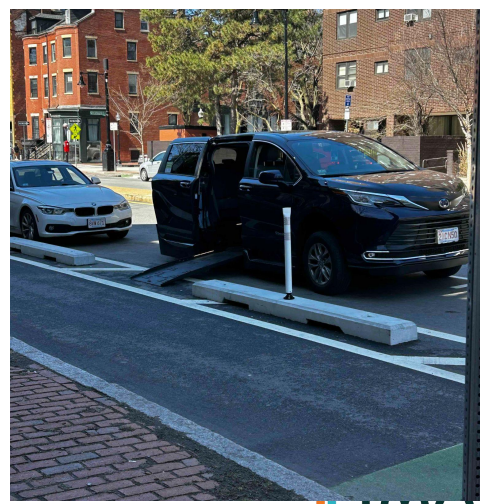
Shared Spaces is a working group with walking advocates, biking advocates and people with disabilities all advocating for a safer better way to share the streets so that they work for everyone. Our mission is to promote collaboration and understanding of the challenges associated with shared spaces - such as bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, and bus stops statewide.

Organize in-person visits to problematic bike lanes, allowing advocates to assess challenges firsthand; collect data on bike accidents, focusing on incidents involving people with disabilities.

The impact? Rather than putting these street users against one another for the small slice of the road we have to share, Shared Spaces brings them together for collaborative, inclusive solutions.



Tremont Street Site Visit





Free Fares!

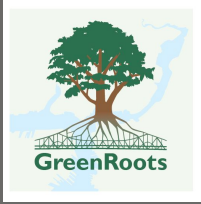


Evelyn Haley – Fall Fiver Bus Rider
'Since it's free I can take the bus and get my cable paid, go to CVS, Family dollar and more. It's good for me and a lot of people I know.'

Common Start Advocacy Day at the State House



Cleo – New Bedford Mother to be
When Cleo found out she was pregnant, she was taking full-time online college courses and working at the same time. When she applied for child care subsidies, she was told there was a long waiting list. "Everywhere we turned, there was another wall," says Cleo. 'I wanted the freedom to be able to put my child in child care, work, and provide for myself. But I didn't have that.'



Building Trust, Breaking Barriers, Advancing Transit Justice

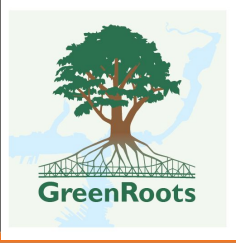
Expanding Access Through Outreach and Support



- **+109 MBTA Senior Pass** approved.
- **226 Low-Income fare cards** approved
- Support certificate (MassHealth).
- **85 meetings** in Chelsea and East Boston, either as organizers or active contributors



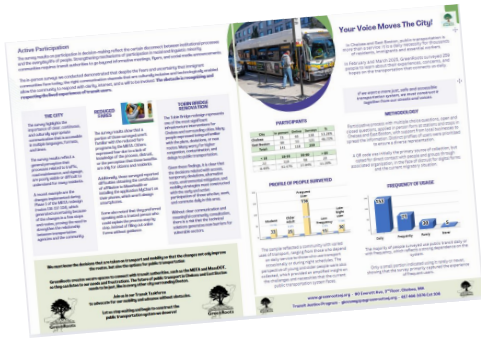
- **Over 3,600 flyers and booklets** about MBTA Better Bus Project & MBTA prog
- **Visits:** and 1:1 application sessions for people facing mobility issues.
- **1:1 older adults interviews** in different properties and housing projects across Chelsea



Building Trust, Breaking Barriers, Advancing Transit Justice



Multilingual outreach to uplift riders' voices

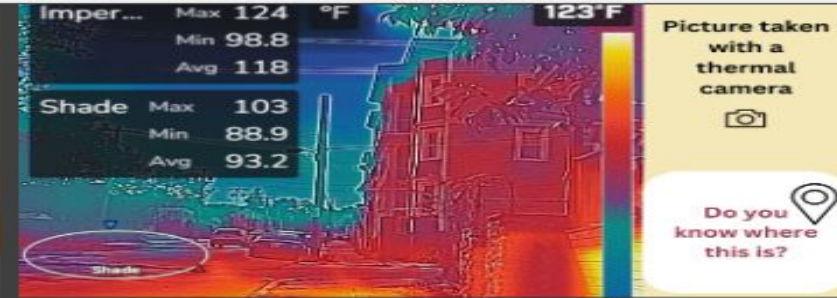


- Transit Justice Survey with **259 participants** (March 2025)
- Update database with new **322 individuals** identified in different public activities and meetings
- **168 pieces** of outreach material translated to Spanish

Chelsea Transit Task Force



- Developing community leadership and building advocacy skills. (May 2025)
- A welcoming space for all residents to engage in transit-related issues.
- *Support advocate for the inclusion of a train line study in the Tobin Bridge modernization project.*





- Transportation for all in need to access medical services and food
- Improved safety/Walkability
- Rural Complete Streets
- Rural Economics





Local trail advocacy panel Discussion at 2024 MassTrails Conference, hosted by MassBike in collaboration w/ Bike to the Sea, South Coast Bikeway Alliance, Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail, Mill River Greenway



Mobility Audit demonstration at 2024 MovingTogether Conference, collaboration w/ BCIL, RTAG, WalkMass

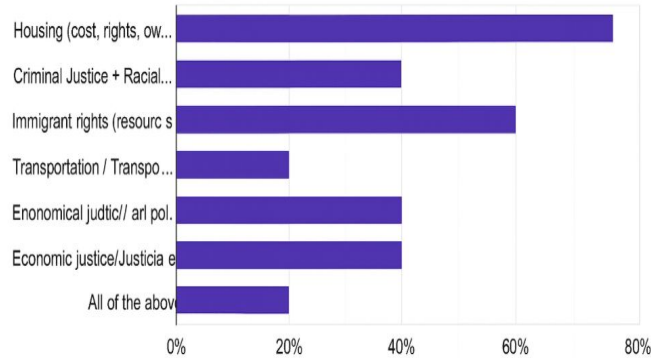


Biking audit test run in collaboration w/ CMRPC, Worcester DTM, WalkBike Worcester, E-Bike Grant Recipients, MassBike Council of Advocates

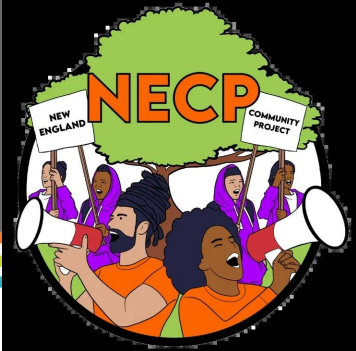




Membership Assembly: N2N kicked off the grant cycle bringing together 75 N2N members from Lynn, Holyoke, Springfield, and Worcester to determine issue priorities for the year, and closed the year with a statewide membership survey. While transportation did not rise to the top at the beginning or end of the period, members did prioritize mobility justice as related to access to healthy affordable housing and immigration rights.



N2N members met by chapter to explore how to pivot our work with the renewed attacks on our rights and democracy in 2025. N2N joined 20 immigrant led organizations to launch the LUCE immigrant justice network and hotline, incorporating know-your-rights and ICE verifier trainings, particularly around being stopped by immigration agents while driving.



New England Community Project: The Statewide Climate Organizing School



2024 - Brockton
Now - New Bedford + Fall River
Fall 2025 - Lawrence

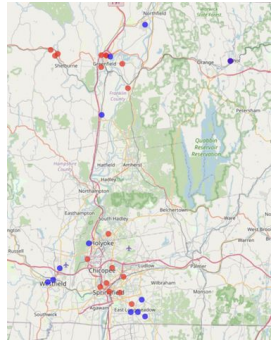
The Statewide Climate Organizing School is a place where organizational leaders and movement allies share their gifts of knowledge and experience and build a space focused on developing organizing skills for community leaders and members.

Currently in New Bedford with T4MA Member Coalition for Social Justice (CSJ), connecting their communities of New Bedford and Fall River to identify leaders and build out the curriculum that fits their communities needs.

Ensures community voices are at the center of our spaces and builds a stronger block of leaders who want to invest in transit at the intersection of other key issues. This is coalition building in areas that are central to our vision coming from grassroots organizations.

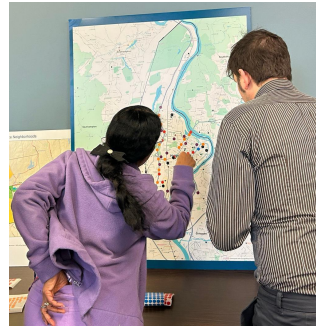


Air Sensor Data Analysis



How Traffic Impacts Air Quality

- Locations that most frequently have the **highest** PM_{2.5} mass concentrations
- Locations that most frequently have the **lowest** PM_{2.5} mass concentrations



Transportation & Air Quality Workshop

How to encourage PVTA ridership

- Need for Convenience
- Cost Savings
- Avoid Stress of Driving



Walk Audit in Holyoke



Legislative Advocacy

Advocacy

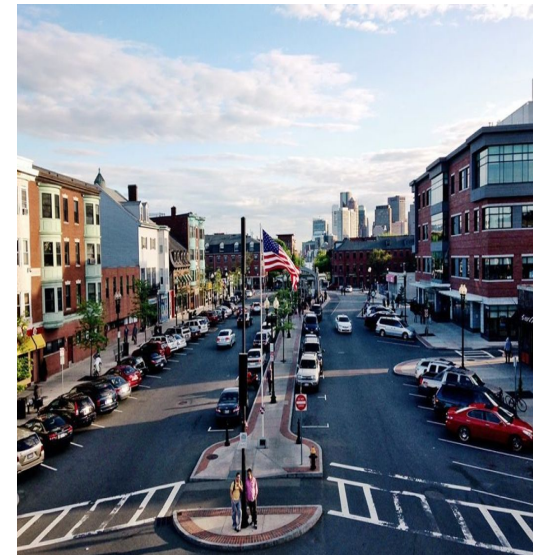
- RTA Funding
- Outdoor Air Quality Legislation

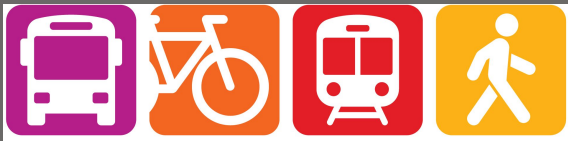


“ [Public Transit is important to me because] It is often the only way I can get to a doctor or other important meeting ” ”

-Resident Advisor

1. Grove Street at Lawrence Street Road Safety Audit Report completed by OCPC for the **Brockton** Traffic Commission (Iolando)
2. **Avon** Center Road Safety Audit completed by OCPC (Iolando)
3. **Chelsea** Road Safety Audit by HNTB (Jonny)
4. **East Boston** Maverick Sq Road Safety Audit by Bowman (Jonny)





Western Mass Transportation Advocacy Network

[WMTAN](#): a regional/statewide coalition bringing together all sectors of transportation justice with a focus on Western Mass

- Inadequate RTA funding
- Lack of connectivity between counties
- Car-dependent region

[WMTAN Forum](#) April 11, 2025

