

From: [MassDOTCommunityGrants \(DOT\)](#)
To: [Undisclosed recipients:](#)
Subject: MassDOT Providing Safe Passage for Bicyclists Signs to Municipalities
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Attachments: [Vulnerable Road User Program - MassDOT Passing Signs Grant Application MOA.pdf](#)
[MassDOT Safe Passing Sign Guidance.docx](#)

Greetings,

"An Act to Reduce Fatalities" was signed into law in December 2022. As part of the law, the following was added.

"In passing a vulnerable user, the operator of a motor vehicle shall pass at a safe distance of not less than 4 feet and at a reasonable and proper speed. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain signage along public ways necessary to notify operators of motor vehicles of the requirements for passing a vulnerable user from a safe distance as required by this section."

While MassDOT cannot just install signs on municipal roadways, the position has been taken to provide the signage and materials to all cities and towns so that they can be installed on roadways within their own jurisdiction. **Guidance on location and installation of the signs can be found in the attached file named [MassDOT Safe Passing Sign Guidance.docx](#)**



bike passing - under 35 mph;
 2.0" Radius, 0.5" Border, 0.3" Indent, Black on White;
 "MOTORISTS", C 2K 75% spacing;
 "GIVE 4 FT", C 2K;
 "TO PASS", C 2K;
 Bicycle;



bike passing 35 mph +;
 2.0" Radius, 0.5" Border, 0.3" Indent, Black on White;
 "MOTORISTS", C 2K;
 "GIVE 4 FT", C 2K;
 "TO PASS", C 2K; Bicycle;

If cities/towns are interested in obtaining the signs and materials (they will be delivered directly to the community) from MassDOT, please let us know your intention and interest in receiving signs (how many signs of each size) as soon as possible.

Please complete, sign, and return the attached [Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\)](#) file named [Vulnerable Road User Program - MassDOT Passing Signs Grant Application MOA.pdf](#), including Attachment B, by June 1, 2023. Submit the completed MOA to

Ranjit Sivasubra (ranjit.sivasubra@dot.state.ma.us). If you have any questions, please reach out to Ranjit directly.

Thank you,
MassDOT Traffic & Safety Group

