Connecting the Dots: Region I Town Hall

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• Objective: This regional town hall meeting is designed to connect local organizations with regional offices of federal agencies.

• Will help you know what others are doing, help you create excitement for your local efforts and facilitate support and connections with regional federal agencies.

Today’s Agenda

• Who’s in the Room - Polling Participants and Insights from Our Survey

• Presentations from Regional Federal Agencies and Partners

• Breakout Sessions

• Next Steps- How do we move forward together?
1 Make walking a national priority

- Encourage people to promote walking and make their communities more walkable.
- Create a walking movement to make walking and walkability a national priority.
Design communities that make it safe and easy to walk for people of all ages and abilities

• Design and maintain streets and sidewalks so that walking is safe and easy.
• Design communities that support safe and easy places for people to walk.
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Promote programs and policies to support walking where people live, learn, work, and play

• Promote programs and policies that make it easy for students to walk before, during, and after school.
• Promote worksite programs and policies that support walking and walkability.
• Promote community programs and policies that make it safe and easy for residents to walk.
Provide information to encourage walking and improve walkability

• Educate people about the benefits of safe walking and places to walk.
• Develop effective and consistent messages and engage the media to promote walking and walkability.
• Educate relevant professionals on how to promote walking and walkability through their profession.
Fill surveillance, research, and evaluation gaps related to walking and walkability.

- Improve the quality and consistency of surveillance data collected about walking and walkability.
- Address research gaps to promote walking and walkability.
- Evaluate community interventions to promote walking and walkability.
For More Information

www.surgeongeneral.gov/stepitup
Who’s in the Room

What state are you from?

• Connecticut
• Maine
• Massachusetts
• New Hampshire/Vermont
• Rhode Island
Who’s in the Room
What sector are you in?

• Transportation
• Public Health
• Planning
• Community Activist/Advocate
Which of the following ______________ is your organization likely to work on in 2016? (n=33)

**Infrastructure or built environment improvements...**
- Map routes: 70%
- Signage: 74.2%
- Build or improve sidewalks: 75%
- Improve crosswalk signals: 73.33%
- Walking audits: 75%

**Policies, zoning, or ordinance...**
- Passing complete streets: 77.42%
- Implementing complete streets: 80%
- Developing pedestrian plans: 67.74%

**Events or activities...**
- Walking group – one time: 61.29%
- Walking group – regularly: 60%
- Walking audits: 73.33%
- Walk to school events: 80%
- Community forum: 83.87%