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Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Transit Working Group Coffee Chat: Schools and Transit

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1. **Introductions**
2. Presentation and Discussion
3. Next Steps and Upcoming Events

Introductions

Name, affiliation, pronouns if desired

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School-Transit Connections

Boston MPO Coffee Chat
2022



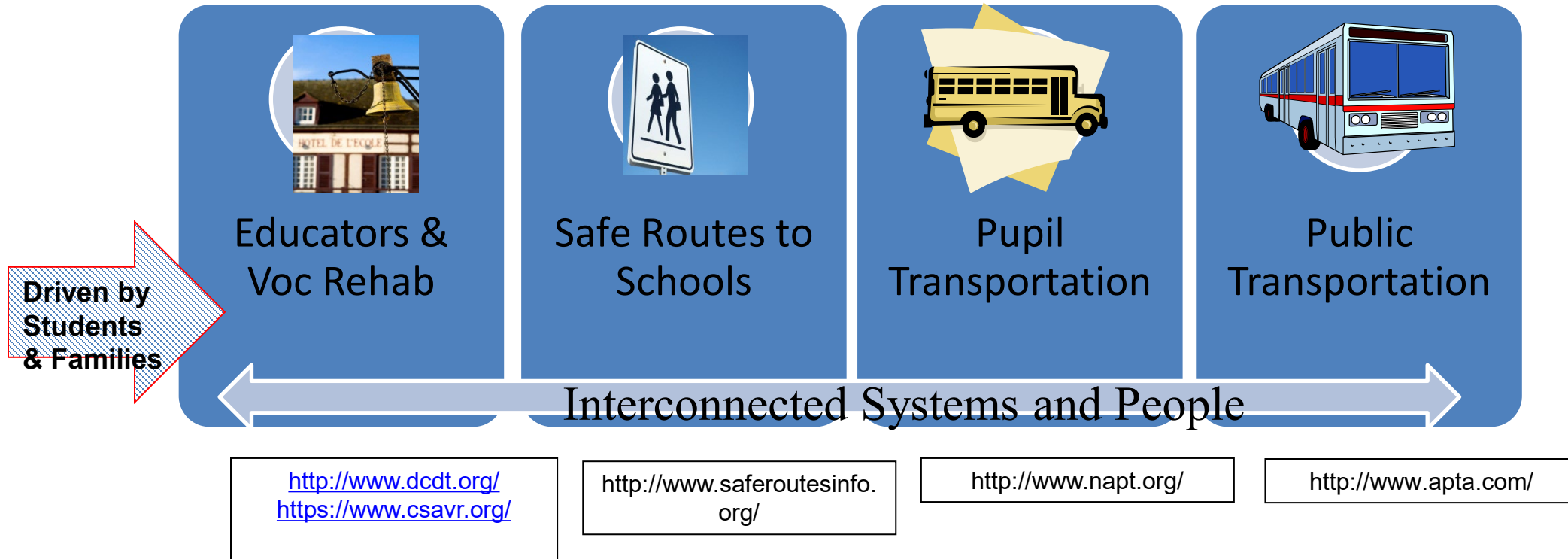
Build Connections Learn about Mobility Management

- A well-connected and diverse transportation system is the key to community-wide mobility.
- It begins and ends with the **customer, rider, or client.**
- We encourage communities' visions in which the **entire transportation network works together.**
- Deliver the transportation options that **best meet the community's needs.**



Building an Accessible Transportation Continuum for Students with Disabilities to Support Transition

Engage These Audiences and Organizations



Ideas to Help Build Connections



- Engage families, students, and colleagues – hold a transportation summit
- Conduct resource mapping of transportation resources & travel training services – share (church, school, business)
- Provide travel instruction
- Develop voucher or student pass programs to address cost issue
- Embed transportation content in academics – Math, Literacy – transit can help educators do this
- Connect with transit organizations and mobility management systems
 - Federal Coordinating Council on Access & Mobility
- Invite transit professionals into events – visit transit – invite educators into transit events
- Schools as mobility hub – one-stop center for accessing mobility solutions.
- Develop cooperative grants and programs – between Education and Transit; or between HHS and transit? Such as for 5310 programs.

Tap into Free National Resources



[National Center for Mobility Management](#)



[National Aging and Disability Transportation Center](#)

Washington, DC
www.nadtc.org
866.983.3222



[Rural Transit Assistance Program](#)



[ACL Inclusive Transportation Partnerships](#)



[Shared-use Mobility Center](#)



[National Center for Applied Transit Technology](#)

Questions to You...Let's Chat

- What relationships do you have with schools or educators?
- What are the challenges toward establishing these relationships?
- What suggestions do you have for facilitating these connections?

I look forward to follow-
up!

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School Transportation and Public Transit: Some Considerations

Susan Barrett, Transportation Manager, Town of Lexington

- Traffic congestion spikes around school hours.
- Families are very often adjusting their work and commuting habits around school schedules.
- If parents have to drive their kids to/from school, then they cannot take alternate modes.
- Despite many millions being spent on school transportation locally, we still have terrible school traffic congestion in many communities.
- Despite spending many millions on this mass transit (school transportation) there are still many people in communities lacking viable transportation options.
- Families complain that kids can't get to after school activities, high school students can't get to jobs, if students miss a bus, there is not another one coming, etc. No service in summer, etc.
- Schools are sometimes the largest employers in a community, yet we tend to not think of their commuting needs.
- Schools are often located in residential areas with sometimes very limited parking for their employees or others.
- Many communities are transitioning to electric school buses that require much of the same infrastructure public transit will need to transition. Can this be done more collaboratively?
- We need to train the next generation to walk, bike, and take transit.

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Discussion Questions

1. How can we holistically plan for the transportation needs of students, school staff, and others in our communities?
2. If we create better public transit in our communities, can we transition more students to public transit while also serving more members of the public?
3. What barriers need to be broken to do this, and how do we do it, or are there valid reasons to not pursue this?

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Next Steps and Upcoming Events

  **Save the Date!**  

1. May 31, 1:00-2:30 PM:
Quarterly Transit Working
Group Meeting

More info and registration to follow.



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