



# Social Equity & Infrastructure

**What Engineers Need to Know**

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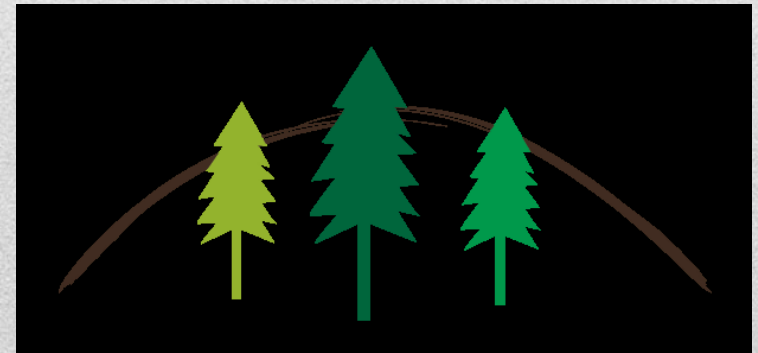
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*Increasing specialization* of practice, combined with *new disruptions* in transportation service and mobility needs (demographics, technology, modal diversity, etc).

The **GAP** is between the have and the have nots is at risk of getting wider.

*Engineers play an important role in preventing further inequities and isolations of people from transportation services.* It starts with:

- 1) Understanding the risks
- 2) Asking the right questions
- 3) Getting the information and data
- 4) Understanding the metrics to use to achieve inclusion.



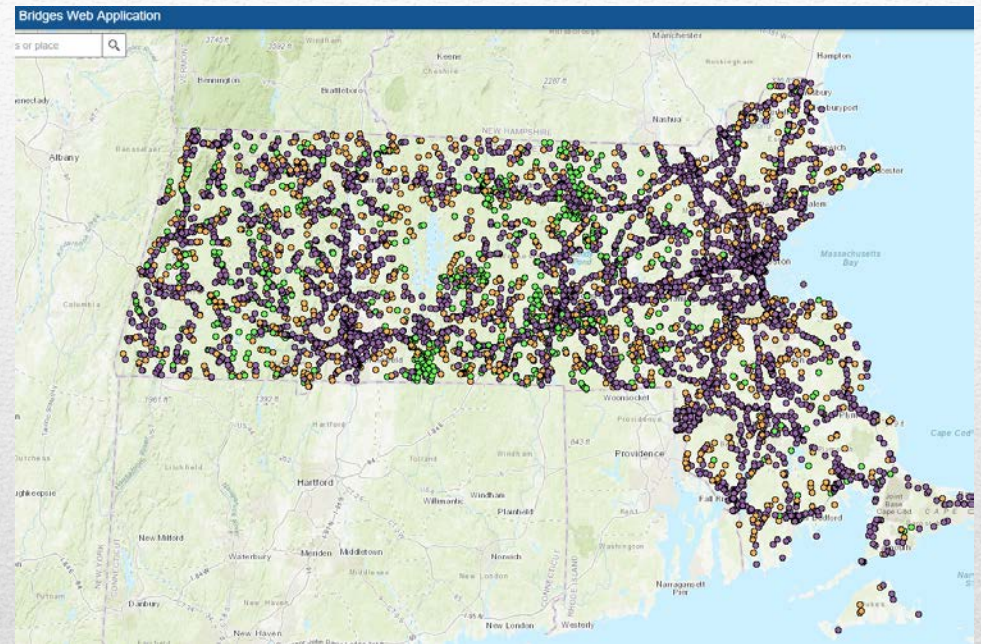
The Forest and The Trees

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Over last few decades, there has been significant progress to advance the understanding of the need to consider inclusion

- Policies: Title VI, EJ, and ADA
- Tools: GIS, Asset Management Data bases
- New Data and Emerging Tools: Engage Portal, MaPIT and others to come.



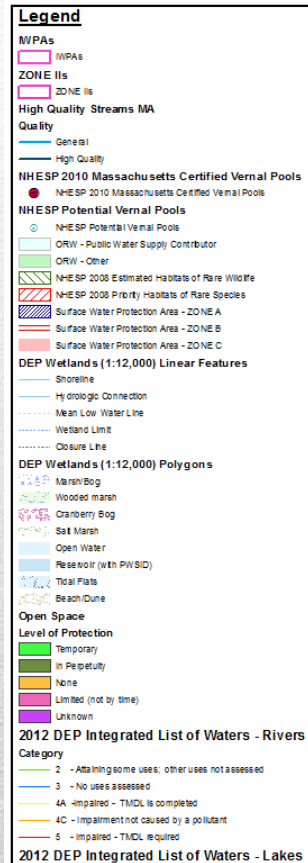
## Policy, Tools and Data



Originally an  
offline  
Environmental  
data viewer.

Expanded into a  
comprehensive  
project screening  
tool.

Other data layers  
were added to  
provide planners  
with a holistic  
vision of a  
project's unique  
character.



# MaPIT tool



How to Access MassDOT/MBTA Data Sets to better understand, plan and design projects... **GO TO**

<http://massdot.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>

That will take you to Engage and to MaPIT

<http://gis.massdot.state.ma.us/engage/projectimpact/>

Other Critical Data Links:

*MBTA Better Bus Project Site*

<https://www.mbta.com/projects/better-bus-project>

***Rail Plan and links to other Plans***

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rail-plan>

Governor's Report on the Future of Transportation

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/commission-on-the-future-of-transportation>

***MassDOT/MBTA is a RESOURCE for YOU***

***Planning: Steve Woelfel at OTP***

***Equity: John Lozada & Greg Sobczynski at ODCR***

# Planning Portal at MassDOT

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<b>System Preservation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects should contribute to a state of good repair on the transportation system.</li></ul>
<b>Mobility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects should provide modal options efficiently and effectively.</li></ul>
<b>Cost Effectiveness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects should result in benefits commensurate with costs and should be aimed at maximizing the return on the public's investment.</li></ul>
<b>Economic Impact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects should support strategic economic growth in the Commonwealth.</li></ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects should contribute to the safety and security of people and goods in transit.</li></ul>
<b>Social Equity &amp; Fairness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects should equitably distribute both benefits and burdens of investments among all communities.</li></ul>
<b>Environmental &amp; Health Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects should maximize the potential positive health and environmental aspects of the transportation system.</li></ul>
<b>Policy Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects should get credit if they support local or regional policies or plans; or state policies not addressed through the other criteria.</li></ul>

Holistic Approach is Needed To  
Consider Growing and Changing Needs

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<b>Category</b>	<b>Sample Measure</b>
<b>Economic Impacts</b>	Priority development areas; improvements to existing labor market; workforce commuting and accessibility; freight corridors and roadways of economic significance
<b>Social Equity</b>	Environmental Justice; Title VI; air quality and GHG reduction; regional equity
<b>Mobility</b>	Effects on motor vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle and transit mobility and congestion; and connectivity

## Sample Metrics to Consider

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