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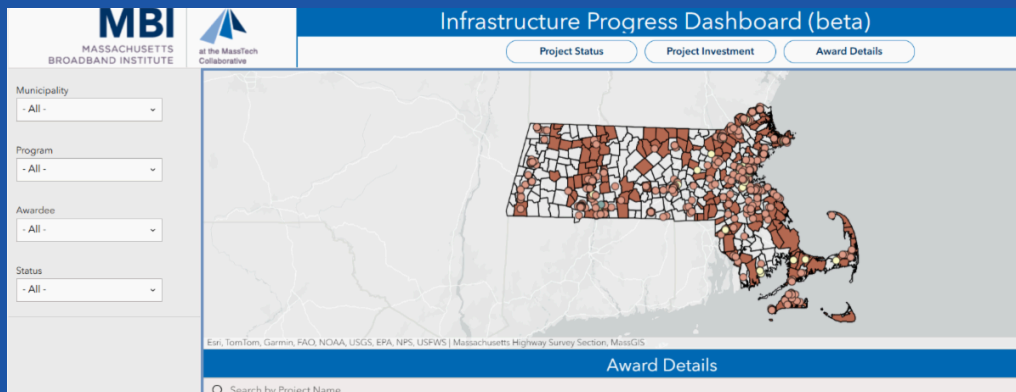
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News & Updates

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MBI Launches Public Dashboard to Track Broadband Investments



The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) unveiled a new **Infrastructure Progress Dashboard** to provide up-to-date information for ongoing broadband infrastructure projects. Launched on Tuesday, Jan. 20, this dashboard is part of MBI's effort to achieve increased accessibility and transparency for broadband investments and will record projects funded through the U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund (CPF). The dashboard now allows for the tracking of the **Gap Networks Grant Program** and **Residential Retrofit** programs across three categories including design and planning, construction, and completion.

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Request for Proposal (RFP) Opportunity: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Consultant

MBI published a RFP on Wednesday, Jan. 14, seeking qualified consultants to provide the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental and historic preservation consulting services. This consultant will support MBI to fulfill its role as joint lead

agency with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the **Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program**. The selected consultant will assist MBI to ensure BEAD Program grant awardees satisfy all NEPA requirements for broadband deployment projects. The selected consultant will also support MBI's efforts to facilitate efficient and timely permitting of BEAD-funded projects. Proposals must be submitted by **Friday, Feb. 13**.

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MBI Partners with Comcast and Just A Start to Celebrate Retrofit Work in Cambridge



Pictured left to right: Just A Start Executive Director Carl Nagy-Koechlin, Just A Start resident Myniece Greenidge, Cambridge Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, MBI Director and General Counsel Michael Baldino and Senior Vice President of Comcast's New England Region Carlyne Hannan.

MBI and Comcast celebrated the completion of more than 2,100 broadband wiring upgrades in affordable housing units at Just A Start in Cambridge with Cambridge Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The event, made possible through **MBI's Residential Retrofit Program**, highlighted the positive impact of the updated wiring with Myniece Greenidge, a resident of the building, speaking to her experience. Cambridge Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, MBI Director and General Counsel Michael Baldino, Just a Start Executive Director Carl Nagy-Koechlin and Senior Vice President of Comcast's New England Region Carlyne Hannan also spoke about the advantages of improved broadband not just for the residents of Just A Start, but statewide.

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MBI Showcases Local Progress and Data Transparency at Massachusetts Municipal Association's (MMA) Connect 351 Trade

Show



Pictured left to right: MBI's Project Coordinator of Reporting and Operations Nidal Naji, Director and General Counsel Michael Baldino and Manager of Digital Equity, Outreach and Engagement Cheryl Coss.

The MBI team engaged with municipal leaders at the Massachusetts Municipal Association's (MMA) **Connect351** Conference and Trade Show, Thursday, Jan. 22 and Friday, Jan. 23. At Connect351, MBI put forth the completion of 70 digital equity plans, showcasing a comprehensive look at the impact of local planning and implementation programs funded through the **Municipal Digital Equity Planning** and **Implementation** programs. Staff also debuted an interactive **Infrastructure Dashboard** to showcase the broadband access work taking place across the state.

In the News

Free Digital Training Offered to Residents

The Berkshire Eagle highlighted a free digital device training program in Sheffield that was supported through the MBI's Municipal Digital Equity Implementation Program

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Comcast Upgrades Broadband in Massachusetts Public Housing

Light Reading covered Comcast's statewide broadband infrastructure upgrades through MBI's Residential Retrofit Program.

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