

Goal: Reduce transportation-related emissions by modernizing our transportation system and accelerating development of low-carbon communities.

Smarter Travel. Smarter Places.

Transformation in how we get around, and how we build our communities.

To meet the global challenge of climate change, cities, states and regions have become vital sources of leadership. At the Barr Foundation, we seek to advance such leadership, and solutions, across our region in ways that also spur broader action. Barr's Climate program focuses on the two areas that produce the most greenhouse gases: energy and mobility.

While cleaner fuels and more efficient vehicles have limited growth in transportation-related emissions, to achieve the dramatic reductions required, we must transform how we move around and build communities. That is why Barr's Mobility portfolio focuses on smarter travel and smarter places.

We need new conversations and new ideas, and we must shift focus from what isn't working to what's possible. We see Barr's role as helping to build understanding about challenges and potential solutions, and helping to bring solutions to life—creating more walkable, vibrant communities that work for people. In many ways, our region and nation lag behind others in realizing this vision. Yet we know we have the potential to be bold and lead—even as we learn from and with others engaged in this work.



Strategy: Improve and modernize the region's transportation system.

Priorities

- Strengthen our existing MBTA system: Support research and communications to inform public discussion and decision-making about current and future transportation needs and to increase public confidence that the transportation system can work.
- Expand mobility choices and financing options: Support research, communications, convening, and learning opportunities to explore and catalyze new solutions for closing transit gaps and for sustainably financing transportation in the region.
- Catalyze a seamless 21st century transportation system: Invest in leadership, leverage technology, and support innovative pilots that can help catalyze a seamless, 21st century transportation system.



Strategy: Accelerate the development of low-carbon communities.

Priorities:

- Strengthen planning and development capacity in outer-ring suburbs and rapidly-developing cities that are, or could be, well connected to transportation.
- Support research, convening, communications, and advocacy that advances smart-growth development across the region.