Discovery: Transportation and Circulation

Shrewsbury Master Plan

ABOUT

A town's transportation system shapes how residents and visitors alike experience the community and interact with one another. Shrewsbury's transportation system has historically been centered around motor-vehicle travel and roadways have primarily been constructed for this purpose. In recent decades, the Town has been increasingly focused on expanding its transportation network to accommodate all modes of users.

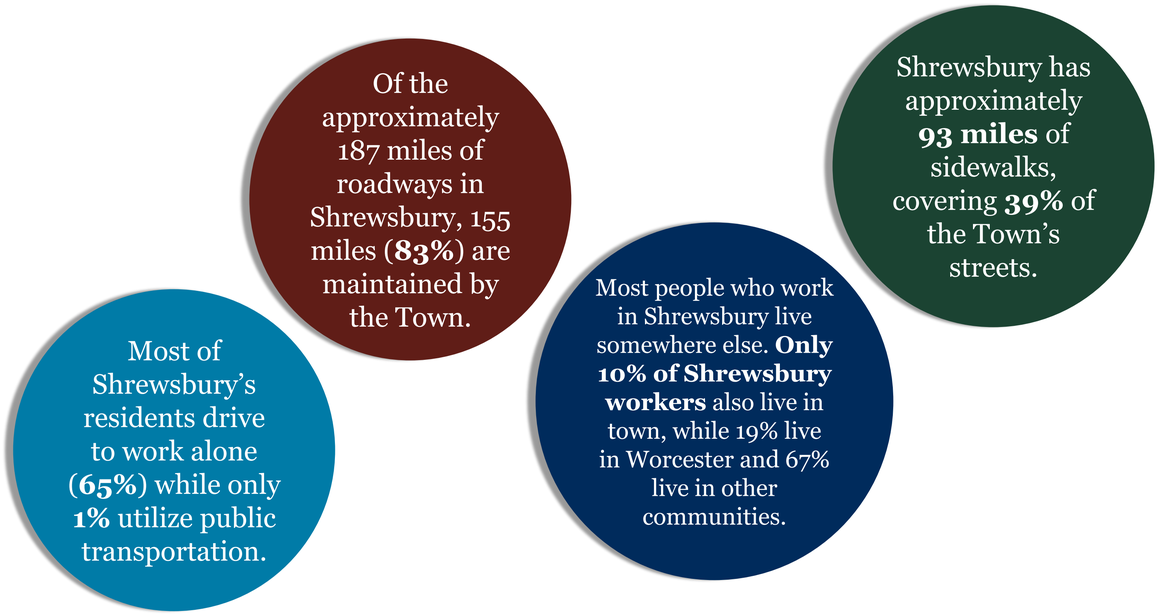
To continue developing into a healthy and sustainable community, the future of Shrewsbury's transportation network should be one in which multimodal transportation options are built into the fabric of the network. This includes maintaining robust pedestrian and bicycle networks while simultaneously ensuring the safe and efficient movement of cars and trucks throughout the Town.

In the past decade, Shrewsbury has made strides in expanding microtransit and public transportation options. An extensive network of sidewalks and trails exists in the Town, though gaps exist that hinder connectivity. There have also been numerous planning efforts over the past decades to address aging roadway infrastructure and safety concerns that continue to be an ongoing challenge.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS SINCE THE 2016 MASTER PLAN

- ✓ The Town received funding for the North Quinsigamond Complete Streets Project in 2024. Construction was completed in 2026 and included installation of sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, and bike lanes.
- ✓ In 2025, Via-WRTA expanded its on-demand ride service zones to include Route 9 and areas south in Shrewsbury, including Edgemere Crossing/Market Basket.
- ✓ A Route 20 Corridor Master Plan was finalized in early 2020 and a Corridor Improvements Project was developed to improve traffic safety for all road users. Two separate projects along Route 20 have received TIP funding since. This includes roadway widening, improvements to lane geometry, construction of sidewalks and shared use paths, and improved signage.

DID YOU KNOW?



SIDEWALKS IN SHREWSBURY AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES

Municipality	Total Miles of Sidewalks	Sidewalk Mileage Percentage
Shrewsbury	93	39%
Worcester	338	50%
Northborough	37	26%
Westborough	51	29%
Boylston	8	11%
Grafton	45	29%

Source: MassDOT, Municipal Dashboard, 2026