



# MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

City of Northampton

Office of the Mayor

210 Main Street Room 12

Northampton, MA 01060-3199

(413) 587-1249 Fax: (413) 587-1275

mayor@northamptonma.gov

---

For Immediate Release – September 9, 2016

## Northampton Embarks on Sidewalk Inventory

The City of Northampton has contracted with Alta Planning + Design to conduct a baseline inventory of all public sidewalks, ramps, and curbs. Alta will be using video capture technology developed by the Georgia Institute of Technology. The Sidewalk Sentry is an application on a tablet attached to a wheelchair. Alta's technical staff will walk 83 linear miles of sidewalk throughout the City using the Sidewalk Sentry to determine the general condition, material, width, and slopes of existing sidewalks. The Sidewalk Scout is a mobile application used to collect data on wheelchair ramps and driveway curb ramps. Five teams of 2 will be collecting this data throughout the City during the month of September. Alta will identify gaps in the sidewalk network and make recommendations to aid in the prioritization of sidewalk projects. The sidewalk network database will assist the City in programming and budgeting sidewalk improvements for future projects. The project is being funded through a combination of City Capital Improvement Program funding and State Chapter 90 funding.

