

## Public Comments on the DRAFT FFYs 2010 - 2013 TIP (Received by 9/22)

Date	Affiliation/Name	Comment	MPO Action
8/17/2009	Friends of the Stoneham Bikeway	Request that the Committee put the Tri-Community Bike/Greenway back on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project will follow the former railbed through the center of town to the Woburn City Line, and eventually into Winchester. The trail will link schools, parks, the library, the Boys' and Girls' club, and the proposed Mini Rose Kennedy Greenway. The project has the support of Stoneham officials and residents and has been advocated for over 22 years. The project was removed from the TIP in June 2008.	
8/19/2009	R. Alan Rugman, Chairman, David C. Greene, Selectman, Daniel A. Pallotta, Selectman, Town of Hanover Board of Selectmen	Ask that the TPPC upgrade Hanover's Route 53 Final Phase project (602602) from the draft listing of 2016-2020 time band of the Plan Amendment and put into the FFY 2012 Element of the 2010-2013 TIP. Believe that the MPO staff recommendation to list this project in the FFY 2013 Element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP more accurately characterizes the timeframe for project readiness. This project aims to improve the projected level of service, alleviate congestion, and reduce accident ratings. Attached recent TIP and Plan recommendations from July by MPO staff with the project highlighted.	
8/26/2009	Denis Fraine, Town of Bellingham, Town Administrator	Expresses appreciation for the MPO's hard work and for inclusion of the Pulaski Boulevard project in the Draft FFY 2010 Element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. The project is 100% ready with all easements and takings secured. The Town has invested more than \$3,000,000 to prepare for the undertaking and is committed to its successful completion.	
8/28/2009	Donald F. DiMartino, Town of Bellingham, DPW Director	Thanks the MPO for including the Pulaski Boulevard project in the 2010 TIP Element and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The project's ROW information will be submitted to MassHighway on Thursday, September 3 and the final PS&E will be submitted by September 11. Believes the project is shovel ready and hopes it can be advertised, bid, awarded, and started early in FFY 2010.	
8/28/2009	Chairwoman Dawn M. Davies, Board of Selectman, Town of Bellingham	Expresses gratitude for inclusion of Bellingham's Pulaski Boulevard project in the FFY 2010 Element of the FFY 2010-2013 TIP. The project is important to the community and the SWAP subregion. It is 100% ready to move forward and the Town has appropriated over \$3 million to the finalization of design work and land takings.	

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9/9/2009	Michelle Ciccolo, Chair, Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC)	Expresses gratitude for inclusion of the Middlesex Turnpike Phase Two (Bedford) and two earmarks for design of the Assabet River Rail Trail (Acton, Maynard) and (Hudson, Stow) in the FFY 2009 Element of the TIP. Also expresses appreciation for inclusion of the following projects in the proposed FFYs 2010-2013 TIP: Route 2/Crosby's Corner (Lincoln and Concord), Assabet River Rail Trail (Acton, Maynard) and (Hudson, Stow), and Intersection Improvements at Route 2A and Waltham Street (Lexington). Suggests text changes to the project description of the Assabet River Rail Trail to include all the municipalities the trail traverses. States that the Crosby's Corner project is of critical importance to our regional transportation network and it will solve significant drainage and flooding issues. Believes that the Route 2A and Waltham Street intersection improvements are timely because they complement projects underway at Route 2A and address the traffic volume increases in the area. Requests that the Middlesex Turnpike Phase 3 and Route 85 projects be considered for funding in the event that other projects are funded through other sources. Reiterates the MAGIC project priorities and lists them as urgent, high priority, and significant projects.	
9/11/2009	William J. Plasko, Chairman, Norwood Board of Selectmen	Expresses support for including Norwood's Pleasant St./Morse St. project in the FFY 2010 Element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. The intersection has struggled with safety issues as more commuters travel along the corridor to avoid Route 1 and notes that congestion during peak travel times has contributed to a crash rate above the state average. The proposed improvements will benefit motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists by providing access to the MBTA 34E bus line and two schools in the area. 100% design plans have been submitted.	
9/14/2009	Dennis E. Harrington, Planning Director, City of Quincy	The City of Quincy is pleased that the MPO has programmed the federal earmark for the Quincy Center Concourse Phase II in the FFFY 2010 Element of the FFFYs 2010-2013 TIP. The project will create a signature urban boulevard that will improve vehicular traffic flow and pedestrian access, in addition to opening additional parcels of land for the redevelopment of Quincy Center.	
9/14/2009	John Curran, Town Administrator, Town of Maynard	Expresses gratitude on behalf of the Town of Maynard and its residents for inclusion of design funds for the Assabet River Rail Trail in the FFY 2010 Element of the FFFYs 2010-2013 TIP and construction funds in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. The project remains Maynard's highest priority project and the Town will proceed to secure further Community Preservation funding to fill the gap between current local funding and the required 20% local match for design.	

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9/15/2009	Malek Al-Khatib, Chair, Regional Transportation Advisory Council	The Advisory Council supports the draft TIP and submits several comments and suggestions on Advisory Council priorities, which are: project scale balance, freight projects, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, and transit. Identifies Advisory Council priorities for TIP development as: mobility improvements for people and goods, regional benefit and connectivity, safety, modal split balance, and support of economic development. Recognizes the impact that large-scale projects such as Crosby's Corner can have on MPO targets and notes that the Council will continue to discuss how to achieve the right balance between larger and smaller projects in pursuit of meeting the needs of the region. Supports projects that improve the flow of goods in the region and is disappointed with the lack of projects that advance freight rail movement. Supports the allocation of funding for alternative modes of transportation in the TIP and would like to see more bicycle and pedestrian projects included in future TIPs. Expresses concern about the backlog of MBTA maintenance projects and supports the MPO's decision to dedicate more resources for public transit through the TIP.	
9/16/2009	State Representative Jennifer Callahan, 18th Worcester District	Thanks the Committee for advancing the Town of Bellingham's Pulaski Boulevard project on the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP and appreciates the attention to projects based on merit in the review process. Anticipates that the Town will be able to complete the remaining paperwork in order to move the project through the process.	
9/16/2009	Stanly E. Black, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Concord	Expresses continuing support for the inclusion of the Route 2 Crosby's Corner project in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. It remains an urgent project and of critical importance to the regional transportation network. The project is a gateway project for the regional Route 2 corridor; critical to mobility, safety, and air quality in the corridor; critical to implementation of the goals of the Battle Road Scenic Byway; and will solve significant drainage and flooding issues.	
9/17/2009	Paulina Knibbe, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Acton	Thanks the TPPC and the MPO for including the the Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) in the FFY 2010 Element of the Draft FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. A preliminary design for the Acton-Maynard portion of the trail was completed with local funds and it received MassHighway PRC approval. The listing of ARRT construction funds in the 2011-2015 time frame of the RTP and the programming of its high priority project (HPP) funds in the FY 2010 Element of the TIP will allow the advance and completion of the design. Notes that the ARRT project should listed as "Acton to Hudson." Suggests that the ARRT project name and project description be changed to reflect that HPP funds can and will be used for acquisition, design, and/or construction.	
9/18/2009	Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager, Town of Arlington	Thanks the Committee for supporting the Town of Arlington's Massachusetts Avenue Construction project on the FY 2012 Element of the TIP. The project will improve mobility for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers. It will be submitted to MassHighway for 25% review this month. Requests that the MPO add the Massachusetts Avenue, Phase 2 project to the universe of projects list. Phase 2 will extend the improvements from Phase 1, westerly, for another one-half mile.	

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9/21/2009	State Representative John H. Rogers, 12th Norfolk District	Requests that the Town of Norwood's Pleasant Street/Morse Street project be included on the FFY 2010 Element of the proposed FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. The improvements would enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists that use the intersection to access the MBTA, schools, athletic facilities, and the historic downtown. It will also address safety problems for residential, industrial, commercial, and school bus traffic in the area.	
9/21/2009	Mayor Thomas L. McLaughlin, Town of Woburn	Echoes the concerns of the North Suburban Planning Council (NSPC) regarding the geographic inequities in the proposed FFY 2010-2013 TIP with no local projects from the NSPC communities included in the TIP. Requests that Woburn's New Boston Street Bridge project be added to the current FY 2011 Element of the TIP as a locally initiated project of the NSPC subregion. It is Woburn's top priority and is currently included in the proposed RTP Amendment. Asks that this project be included in the Universe of Projects of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP and moved from the 2016-2020 time frame to the 2011-2015 time frame of the RTP Amendment. Requests consideration of the Magazine Hill Park and Ride project in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP to program necessary earmark funds. Requests that the Montvale Avenue Reconstruction project be brought closer to the expected construction date of FFY 2011. Requests that the Woburn Loop Bikeway Project is programmed as funding for Transportation Enhancements become available.	
9/21/2009	Gino Carlucci, Chair, South West Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP)	Supports the inclusion of Route 115 (Foxborough, Norfolk, and Wrentham), East Central/Main Design (Franklin), King Street I-495 Ramps (Franklin), Upper Charles Trail Phase 2 (Milford), and Route 115 Bridge (Millis) in the FY 2009 Element of the FFYs 2007-2010 TIP and requests that they be funded in FY 2010 if delayed. Thanks the MPO for including Pulaski Blvd. in Bellingham for construction in FY 2010, but expresses concern that the Route 140 project in Franklin, proposed to be completed with HPP funds in FY 2010, is not listed in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. Lists the following SWAP priority projects for consideration on future TIPs: Pulaski Blvd. (Bellingham), East Central/ Main Construction (Franklin), Route 109 (Medway), Route 1A/I-495 slip ramps (Wrentham), and Tauton Street (Wrentham).	
9/21/2009	Tony Fields, Chairman, North Suburban Planning Council (NSPC)	Expresses concern about the geographic inequities in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP and note that there are no locally initiated projects from the NSPC communities. Urges the MPO to consider adding at least one of the following projects to the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP: Tri-Community Bikeway (Stoneham, Woburn, and Winchester), New Boston Street Bridge (Woburn), West Street (Reading), Route 28 Bridge (Reading), and Route 62 and Glen Road (Wilmington). Attached a memo of Woburn's highest priority projects.	

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9/21/2009	Paul F. Matthews, Executive Director, I-495/MetroWest Partnership	Expresses concern about the dire condition of transportation financing in the Greater Boston region, but urges the MPO to consider the economic impact of delaying projects in the region responsible for one out of every eleven jobs in the state. Attached a list of projects in the I-495/MetroWest Partnership's area and notes that the following projects, previously included on the FFYs 2008-2011 TIP are not included in the "Universe of Projects": I-495/I-290 (Hudson and Marlborough), Route 126/135 Underpass (Framingham), Route 135 over the Sudbury River (Ashland), Winter Street over MBTA (Framingham), Taylor Street over I-495 (Littleton), Houghton Street over the Assabet River (Hudson). Supports the inclusion of Route 2 (Acton) in the FY 20011, Interstate 95 (Foxborough and Sharon) in FY 2012, and Route 20 (Northborough and Marlborough) in FY 2013. Commends the MPO for providing a reliable funding stream to the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA).	
9/21/2009	Taber Keally, Chair, Three Rivers Interlocal Council (TRIC)	Expresses support for the following TRIC priorities: Route 138 (Canton), North Street (Foxborough), and Central Avenue (Milton) in FY 2010 and Route 138 (Stoughton) in FY 2011. Notes from the Transportation Finance Commission (TFC) March, 2007 Report that spending on local roads have declined and there is a \$951 million gap between required funding and available revenue. Believes that this has left towns with no means of maintaining and improving their local roadways. Remains supportive of the Pleasant St./Morse St. (Norwood) and Washington St. (Walpole) projects that are programmed in the FY 2010 Element of the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP.	
9/21/2009	Mark Chase, Transportation Planning Consultant	Thanks the MPO for supporting the building of the Green Line Extension by 2014. It is a critical piece for citizens working to make Somerville the most sustainable city in the Commonwealth. Suggests that it might be cost effective to jointly build the Somerville Community Path along the Green Line right of way during construction. Urges the MPO to require McGrath O'Brien Highway/Route 28 plans to bring road to grade, integrate it with the community, and prioritize sustainable modes of transportation.	
9/21/2009	Brian Watson, Chairman, North Shore Task Force (NSTF)	Supports the inclusion of the following projects in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP: Improvements to Route 128, Route 35, and Route 62 (Danvers and Peabody), North Green Improvements (Ipswich), and Howley Street Bridge over the North River (Peabody). Also continues to support the Salem and Beverly Intermodal Center, design of the Border to Boston Bikeway project, completion of Salem's Bridge Street/Route 1A project, and the replacement of the Middle Street Footbridge in Middleton.	
9/22/2009	Thomas S. Michelman, President, Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	Thanks the MPO for inclusion of Phases 2A and 2C of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) in the 2021-2025 time frame of the RTP Amendment. Expresses concern that the BFRT is not included in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP nor an earlier timeslot of the RTP. Believes that enhancement projects are underfunded and that there are systematic and structural problems that do not capture the value of multi-modal enhancement projects like the BFRT. Notes the success of Phase 1 upon its recent opening and states that the usage and utility of the BFRT will increase with the construction of Phase 2. Attached a petition with over 1300 signatures requesting that the remainder of the BFRT be designed and built as soon as possible.	

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9/22/2009	John Kerrigan, Somerville Resident and Taxpayer	Requests that the Green Line Extension be added to the proposed FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. Notes that this is a vital project for the area and should be the number one priority of the state.	
9/22/2009	jill.clarke@gmail.com	Requests that the Green Line Extension in Somerville and Medford be included in the proposed FFYs 2010-2013 TIP.	
9/22/2009	David Dahlbacka	Requests that the Green Line Extension and the Assembly Square Orange Line T-Stop be included in the proposed FFYs 2010-2013 TIP. States that the Green Line Extension is required by the Federal government and leaving it out of the document could jeopardize potential funding. Asks the MPO to consider additional funding sources, such as iCubed funding to support the second head house at the Assembly Square T-Stop. Also urges the MPO to consider transferring funding for the MacArthur overpass on McGrath Highway in Somerville to mass transit.	
9/22/2009	mfrazer@gov.harvard.edu	Emphasizes the importance that the Green Line Extension through Medford and Somerville be included in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP.	
9/22/2009	ethanfield@comcast.net	States that it is critically important to include the Green Line Extension into Somerville on both the TIP, STIP, and RTP to keep the promise made with the Big Dig.	
9/22/2009	Gemma Rodrigues	Requests that the Green Line Extension be included in the Draft TIP and STIP as it is a critical project for Somerville.	
9/22/2009	Nathan Grossman, Somerville resident	Expresses concern that the Green Line Extension project is not included in the FFYs 2010-2013 TIP and hopes that the state is not complacent or accepting that the project is being delayed beyond the commitment deadlines.	