Just FYI for any who may have missed this announcement, Wig

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Action Alert!

The Partnership for Sustainable Communities needs your help!



The Partnership for Sustainable Communities helps to create jobs and support strong regional economies. Their programs give Americans choices about how to get around, and will help keep this country economically competitive in the 21st century.

Ask Congress to make the right choice for our economy and let them know that you support the Partnership today.

Learn more about the program and find out how to contact your senators <u>here</u>.

Upcoming Events

November 16th - The State of MBTA Finance with Stephanie Pollack 5:30 - 7 PM



Join us with Stephanie Pollack, the Associate Director of the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University, as she discusses MBTA finances and the upcoming fare hike. The MBTA, after struggling for years to close operating deficits, has run out of options and will soon be proposing both fare increases and service cuts that will take effect

July 1, 2012. How big will the fare increases be? Can they be avoided? Will riders see both higher fares and worse service? And will the fare increases allow the MBTA to address its growing backlog of unfunded maintenance and capital projects, which has grown to at least \$4.5 billion? What options are available to address the MBTA's chronic financial problems? And is the MBTA the only transportation agency that has dug itself a deep financial hole – or is the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's highway division in just as much financial trouble? The talk will take place in the 3rd floor conference room at MAPC (60 Temple Place, Boston, MA).

For location information and registration click here.

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