

## Public Comments for Development of the Boston Region MPO FFYs 2012 - 2015 Transportation Improvement Program

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Bob Nadeau	Town of Maynard		Supports the ARRT and modifying the project evaluation to reflect project benefits. It is a high priority of the communities of Acton and Maynard. It will have big benefits for livability and mobility. Maynard has a downtown overlay district that has increased residential units. Residents will have great access to the trail. The trail could reduce auto traffic in the downtown and boost bike and pedestrian traffic; economic benefits would result.	
Gary Nicksa, Vice President for Operations	Boston University		Boston University strongly supports the Commonwealth Avenue Phase 2A Project. It extends improvements from Kenmore Square past the BU Bridge to Alcorn St. It would provide much needed safety improvements for all modes and enhance the streetscape.	3/28/11
Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator	Town of Medway		Provides an update on and detailed description of progress in the design of the Route 109 Reconstruction Project. They have selected a design consultant. This shows their strong commitment to manage the project in a manner consistent with MassDOT procedures.	4/7/11
Melissa A. Hoffer, Esq	Conservation Law Foundation		Supports MassDOT's GreenDOT policy directive. CLF is strongly interested in plans for GHG emission accounting in transportation planning. CLF wants the TIP to show how it is consistent with the GHG reduction targets. CLF, the Environmental League of Massachusetts and WalkBoston have formed the Transportation for Massachusetts (T4MA) Coalition. T4MA representatives are seeking information on how the MPO is planning to comply with GreenDOT requirements and want to work with MassDOT to advance the program. The Climate Plan requires LRTPs to address the plan's sustainability goals and plan for reducing GHG emissions and TIPs to be consistent with the GHG reduction targets. GHG emissions analyses, healthy transportation options and smart growth impacts should be considered in project programming. CLF supports balancing highway expansion with smart growth, public transit, walking and bicycling and improvements in transportation system efficiencies. CLF asks: How will GHG emissions be quantified? Which agency will be responsible for this? How will MassDOT ensure consistency in quantification? What methods, metrics and protocols will be used?	4/12/11

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Steven A. Tolman, State Senator; William N. Brownsberger, State Representative; Ralph Jones, Chair, Belmont Board of Selectmen; Mark Paolillo, Vice-Chair, Belmont Board of Selectmen; Angelo Firenze, Belmont Board of Selectmen	State Senate, House of Representatives, and Belmont Board of Selectmen		Support the Belmont Trapelo Road Corridor Project and ask that it be programmed in the 2015 element (or earlier) of the upcoming TIP and in the LRTP. The project design, all issues, and right of way could be ready in FFY 2013. They appreciate the anticipated approval of additional design funds for the project and the recognition of its regional significance in the LRTP (highlighted in the Northwest Corridor chapter). Belmont has spent \$2.5 million on the project (for design and water pipes) and National Grid has installed gas lines in advance of the project.	5/2/11
Patrick McMahan, Vice President	Simpson Housing, LLLP		Supports the Causeway Street Reconstruction Project. Simpson Housing will build 286 rental apartment homes and retail space in the Bullfinch Triangle. The Causeway Street Reconstruction Project will transform Causeway Street, make it pedestrian-oriented and make a dynamic, mixed-use neighborhood. The project will support the viability and livability of the area, and improve safety, mobility, and accessibility.	5/3/11
Michelle Ciccolo, Chair	MAGIC		Asks that the MPO fully fund the Crosby's Corner project in the FFYs 2012 – 2015 TIP. MAGIC supports the TIP Amendments 2 and 3 to the FFY 2011 element because the group understands that the project is not ready to fully use the amount programmed for FFY 2011. Crosby's Corner is MAGIC's top priority highway project; it is critical to the regional transportation network. It would improve safety, mobility and air quality as well as addressing drainage and flooding problems in the Route 2 corridor. It is a model of regional collaboration. They expect construction to begin in September 2011.	5/11/11
Lori A. Ahrlich	State Representative		Strongly supports the roadway reconstruction project (ID 604923) along Humphrey Road, from Atlantic Avenue to the Marblehead town line, and on Salem Street, in Swampscott. The project is vital for both Swampscott and Marblehead. It is: a heavily used commuter road that also carries MBTA buses; in great need of repair; ranked #20 in TIP evaluations.	5/19/11

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The Honorable Michael E. Capuano	House of Representatives, Congress of the United States		Asks that the Green Line Commonwealth Avenue Improvement project (redesigning the Green Line B stops from Kenmore Square through the BU campus) be included in the FFYs 2012 – 2015 TIP. It is an important pedestrian safety project and will have important quality of life benefits. He has provided an earmark for the project.	5/24/11
Roland Bartl, AICP, Planning Director	Town of Acton		Is concerned that the ARRT is not in the staff recommendation for the FFYs 2012 – 2015 TIP (and is also worried that it will not be in the LRTP). The project has \$615,451 remaining in HPP funds for design; this must be programmed in the TIP and construction within the next 10 years in the LRTP. If not programmed in the TIP and LRTP, the earmark may be lost and the Stow section possibly never designed. The Stow portion is proceeding and should move forward with the Acton/Maynard section. (The remainder portion of the earmark was mistakenly taken out of the FFY 2011 element of the FFYs 2011 – 2014 TIP when staff believed the design funds for the whole project had been committed.) Acton will request that the remaining earmark funds for the design of the Stow segment be programmed in the FFY 2012 element of the upcoming TIP.	5/31/11
Mary Ellen Lannon, Acting Town Manager	Town of Winchester		Supports the identification of funding for the Intersection improvements at four location project and the Tri-Community Bikeway. The intersection improvement project is a significant safety concern for the town with an average of 8.2 accidents a year occurring at the Cambridge at Church/High St location alone. The Tri-Community Bikeway would connect three communities with over 6 miles of shared-use path and will connect to both the Winchester Center and Wedgemere Commuter Rail Stations.	6/1/11
Michael J. Sullivan, Town Administrator	Town of Maynard		Supports funding for the ARRT. It is vitally important for its economic, recreational, and transportation benefits. He thinks there is a civic contract between the MPO and the citizens of the region to complete the project. Residents of the area have been patiently waiting for funding. The town is thankful to be considered for funding.	6/3/11
Gino Carlucci, Chair	SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP)		Expresses thanks for the continued funding of the Route 16 Traffic Signal Improvements in Milford, East Central/Main (Route 140) in downtown Franklin. Would ask that funding be identified for: Route 109 in Medway; Route 1A/I-495 slip ramps, Taunton Street and Congestion Mitigation – Rtes. 1A, 140, Common, David Brown and Bank Streets in Wrentham; Pleasant Street, Lincoln Street and Main Street in Franklin; Main Street Traffic Improvements and the School Street/W. Main Street Intersection in Hopkinton; and Veteran’s Memorial Drive Extension in Milford	6/3/11

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Joseph Stigliani, DPW Director	Town of Hull		Appreciates the fiscal constraint issue in the FFYs 2012-15 TIP and would like to request that the Atlantic Ave project in Hull and requests that the project be included in the first tier list of projects.	6/6/11
Charles Martin, Resident	Former Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail member		Is very supportive of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and would like to see the project constructed, as it provides a facility for inexpensive exercise, alternative transportation, and scenery enjoyment. Additionally, the stretch of the Bruce Freeman constructed in Phase 1 has become a tourist draw from New Hampshire. He would strongly recommend continued MPO support of these two rail trails and moving up the construction targets, especially for the Bruce Freeman.	6/3/11
Jamie Fosburgh, Chair	Winchester Greenway Committee		Expresses the frustration that staff has not recommended that the Tri-Community Bikeway be included for construction funding in the FY12-15 TIP document. This project is well-designed, popular with all three communities, and long overdue. The Commonwealth, together with our three communities, has a decade of substantial investment in the Tri-Community Bikeway/Greenway project, including funding of approximately \$800,000.	6/6/11
Richard Ross, State Senator; Karen Spilka, State Senator; Paul Linsky, State Representative; Alice Piesch, State Representative	State Senator and State Representatives - Natick		Expresses their strong concerns regarding the exclusion of improvements to the Oak Street/ Route 9 intersection in Natick on the Boston Region MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Natick delegation has many times expressed to MassDOT our concerns and the need to address the increased the traffic flow on Route 9 due to the Math Works expansion, and other job growth in the region. The project is a top priority for Natick. The MetroWest region is a crucial economic engine for the Commonwealth, as it is responsible for one out of every eleven jobs in Massachusetts. It is our hope that you will take regional equity into strong consideration when selecting projects to include on the FY12 element of the Boston Region MPO's TIP.	6/6/11

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Michael Lang	East Braintree Neighborhood Assoc.		Ask the MPO to support the Fore River communities position that the type study that supports the preferred MassDOT option be available online. Additionally, they request that the MPO not fund the preferred option can be reviewed.	7/9/11
Judith Flanagan Kennedy, Mayor	City of Lynn		Urges support for funding the Route 129 project (also known as Wyoma Square) in the FFYs 2012-15 TIP. The project is an continuation of the City's plan to upgrade the Route 129 corridor. The project will result in upgraded pedestrian facilities and improve the safety at the intersections. The most recent accident data indicates that between 2007 and 2010 150 accidents occurred on this stretch of roadway. Stresses that she cannot underestimate the projects importance to the residents and business community in the City of Lynn.	7/11/11

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Thomas McGee, State Senator; Robert Fennell, State Representative; Steven Walsh, State Representative; Donald Wong, State Representative	State Senator and State Representatives - Lynn		Urges support for funding the Route 129 project (also known as Wyoma Square) in the FFYs 2012-15 TIP. The project is the main route into Lynn and the entrance to the Wyoma Square Business District. The project is vital to the sustainability of the area. The project will result in upgraded pedestrian facilities and improve the safety at the intersections. The most recent accident data indicates that between 2007 and 2010 150 accidents occurred on this stretch of roadway and it carries over 39,000 cars daily. The project is exactly the kind of infrastructure improvement that will stimulate future investment and growth.	7/20/11
Barbara Myles, Resident	The town of Stow		Would like the Assabet River Rail Trail extension into Stow from Maynard include in the FFYs 2012-15 TIP. She states that the project would be a great addition to Stow and would make Track Road much more accessible than it is now.	6/17/11
Wayne Marquis, Town Manager	Town of Danvers		Expresses support for the inclusion of the Liberty Street project in the FFY 2012 element of the FFYs 2012-15 TIP. The project is very important for the town and is Danvers top priority. The town has expended significant funds on the project, dating back to 1996. The town has addressed every comment received from MassDOT including utility work, acquiring easements and ROE form submission. Mr. Marquis states that he has received personal commitments from both Governor Patrick and Secretary Mullan that the project will be funded.	
Leslie Gould, Executive Director	Lynn Chamber of Commerce		Expresses support for the Route 129 (Broadway) project in Wyoma Square and sincerely hopes the committee will give favorable consideration to the much needed project. The Chamber members firmly believe they have lost business as a result of the state of Route 129. To the Chamber, this is unacceptable. Infrastructure improvements are key ingredients to further economic development in Lynn and benefit all.	