
APPENDIX B PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public involvement in the development of the FFY 2013 UPWP followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's adopted "Public Participation Process for Planning Documents in the Boston MPO," which are designed to ensure early and continued public involvement in the transportation-planning process. Steps to develop this year's UPWP began in January 2012 when staff reviewed comments received during the FFY 2012 UPWP review period and recent planning documents such as youMove Massachusetts, MetroFuture, and the recommendations of MPO's Congestion Management Process to generate ideas for potential studies. Development continued through February with meetings with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's eight subregions. Particular attention was paid during these outreach sessions to the extensive needs assessment that was conducted during the development of the MPO's long-range transportation plan, *Paths to a Sustainable Region*. Staff then identified potential studies, evaluated them according to the MPO's policies and the federal planning factors, and presented them to the MPO's UPWP Committee. The Committee met three times to review the budgets for ongoing work and to develop a recommendation on studies for inclusion in the FFY 2013 UPWP to present to the MPO for approval.

Following the approval of a circulation draft UPWP by the MPO on April 19, 2012, the document was posted for downloading from the MPO's website, www.bostonmpo.org. Notice of its availability and a 30-day period for public review and comment on it was published, in English, in the *Boston Globe*, the *Bay State Banner*, and *TRANSREPORT*. The notice was also published, in Spanish, in *La Semaña*, a major Spanish-language newspaper in the region. Press releases were sent to local and regional newspapers. In addition, notification about the availability of the draft document was distributed to the chief elected officials and planning directors of the region's 101 municipalities, the Regional Transportation Advisory Council, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's subregional groups, participants in the MPO's transportation equity work, and state legislators and public libraries in the region.

During the review period, the MPO sponsored four public meetings (in Melrose, Randolph, and Boston) for discussion of the draft UPWP and for gathering input from members of the public about their planning priorities. MPO staff also presented the draft document to the Regional Transportation Advisory Council.

A summary of the written comments received during the review period and the MPO's responses to them are presented on the following pages.

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5/30/12	A Better City (ABC)	Richard A. Dimino, President and CEO	<p>Considers the Household Survey–Based Travel Profiles and Trends study to be the most important effort cited in the work plan. Supports the following projects: Accelerated Bridge Program Support; Green Line Extension Study FEIR; South Station Expansion Support; and Land Use, Demographics, and Climate Change in Transportation Modeling.</p> <p>In addition to these projects, requests the re-introduction of three projects that were in previous work plans. These projects are: The Urban Ring Transportation Improvements; Silver Line Phase III; and Design of the Red Line/Blue Line Connector.</p>	<p>The MPO appreciates the support for the projects included in the draft. The MPO notes the support for</p> <p>The Urban Ring Transportation Improvements, the Silver Line Phase III project, and the Red/Blue Line Connector have not been included in the UPWP in more recent years because the MPO seeks to maximize the efficacy of its planning studies by funding UPWP projects that have the most likelihood of moving to implementation in the near future. MassDOT and the MBTA have not asked for planning support at this time.</p>
5/31/12	City of Cambridge	Brian P. Murphy, Assistant City Manager for Community Development	Looks forward to the completion and publication of the Bicycle Network Evaluation, the Impacts of Walking Radius/Transit Frequency and Reliability Study, the Roundabout Screening Tool, and the TIP Project Impacts Before-After Evaluation.	So noted. The availability of reports or memoranda related to these studies will be announced in <i>TRANSREPORT</i> , the MPO's newsletter, following MPO approval.
5/30/12	495/MetroWest Partnership	Paul F. Matthews, Executive Director; Jessica Strunkin, Deputy Director of Public Policy and Public Affairs	<p>Provides background on the organization and the transportation challenges it faces. The region has experienced significant growth recently, presenting challenges due to increasing traffic congestion and vehicle-miles traveled, highway capacity issues, gaps in public transit, and aging transportation infrastructure. The Partnership provides a voice of consensus on transportation constraints in the region.</p> <p><u>Supports the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Model Enhancement. The partnership is also eager for the results of the Statewide Household Survey. • Congestion Management Process: Eager to see the outcome, particularly the review of intersection performance related to multimodal facilities. • Safety and Operations Analyses at Selected Intersections: Hopeful that the project will include some of the challenged intersections in the 495/MetroWest region. • MAPC Alternative-Mode Planning and Coordination: Pleased that technical assistance with local bicycle and pedestrian planning initiatives will continue in FFY 2013. • Community Transportation Technical Assistance Program: Suggests that the success of the program depends on how 	<p>The MPO appreciates the support of the Partnership for the projects in the UPWP and its offer to publicize the Community Transportation Technical Assistance Program. The Partnership will be notified when the solicitation for the FFY 2013 program is about to get underway as part of the MPO's outreach process, which includes press releases, promotion through the MPO's listserve and newsletter, as well as letters to the chief elected officials of the MPO's 101 municipalities.</p> <p>For the Safety and Operations Analyses at Selected Intersections study, it should be noted that the MPO will seek municipal cooperation and commitment to implement study recommendations and that the selection process will seek to achieve a balanced geographic distribution of municipalities from within the MPO region.</p> <p>Regarding the Priority Corridors for LRTP Needs Assessment study, all the corridors in the MPO region, including those in the 495/MetroWest region, will be considered during the selection process, which, like the project mentioned above, will also seek to achieve a balanced geographic distribution of corridors.</p>

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			<p>well and to whom it is publicized. Asks the MPO to consider utilizing the Partnership to publicize the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MetroWest RTA Transit Planning Assistance: Hopeful that an evaluation of route efficiencies and demand for service will result in meeting untapped demand and relieve traffic congestion. Offers the Partnership's region-specific insights if needed. • SWAP Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study: Obtaining a clear picture of existing public transit services with the SWAP region is important to creating viable transit options and services for the region. • Priority Corridors for LRTP Needs Assessment: Pleased to see the inclusion of Route 9 in Framingham, Natick and Southborough, Route 30 In Framingham, Route 140 in Wrentham and Route 140 in Franklin as candidate locations. Urges their selection in FFY 2013. <p>Also supports various MassDOT projects listed in Appendix A: The Downtown Framingham Traffic Impact Analysis, the I-495 /Route Interchange Study and the two Massachusetts Turnpike studies.</p>	<p>The MPO notes the Partnership's comments on the projects included in Appendix A.</p>
5/31/12	N/A	Pat Brown	<p>Requests that Route 2 be added to the list of candidates for the Priority Corridors for LRTP Needs Assessment study. Route 2 is of critical importance as access to Alewife Station and the Route 128 corridor. With further development and the completion of the Crosby's Corner project, the corridor will assume even greater importance.</p> <p>For the Bicycle/Pedestrian Support Activities work, requests that there be an estimation of recreational (as opposed to transportation) use of trails. Expresses concern that currently consideration is not given to impacts from auto travel to access trails, which contributes to an overestimation of the environmental benefits of trail facilities and an underestimation of the parking required to support the use of the facilities. Encouraged to see that the document specifies the need to "conduct technical analyses to quantify the impacts of proposed bicycle facilities, including air quality improvements, reductions in vehicle-miles traveled, and parking needs." Requests further study of the additional emissions expected due to people accessing recreational facilities.</p>	<p>The MPO will consider segments of the Route 2 Corridor in the selection process for the Priority Corridors for LRTP Needs Assessment. The selection process will include factors such as a balanced geographic distribution of corridors, the cost of implementing study recommendations, and the ability of the recommendations to move quickly to implementation.</p> <p>MPO staff will consider these concerns and address them, where feasible, in the process of conducting the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program. The request to quantify the additional emissions related to recreational facilities will be considered during the development of the FFY 2014 UPWP.</p>

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5/31/12	North Suburban Planning Council	Tony Fields, Chairman	<p>The North Suburban Planning Council Priority Mapping Project provides opportunity to promote dialogue about land use issues that transcend municipal boundaries. Local perspectives are key to identifying areas where growth and development should be emphasized as well as areas that should be preserved. The process also identifies regionally significant transportation and infrastructure investments.</p> <p>The I-93/I-95 Interchange, Woburn continues to be a high priority for the Council. The project needs to move forward in accordance with recommendations of the I-93/I-95 Task Force.</p> <p>MPO staff will initiate communication with the Council once the study is underway. Design for an HOV-lane system should begin with working with the Council and member communities to be studied to understand its implications and impacts on the regional transportation system.</p> <p>Route 3/3A in Burlington and Woburn listed on this project is top priority for the subregion and has the full support of communities.</p>	So noted.
5/31/12	Regional Transportation Advisory Council	Steve Olanoff, Chair	<p>Supports the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Region MPO Freight Program. Requests that more freight-related studies be conducted that can be implemented in TIP projects. • Regional HOV Systems Planning Study. Notes that Regional HOV and studies that are closely coordinated with the MAPC subregions are of great interest to the Advisory Council. • Southwest Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP) Transit Feasibility Study • Addressing Safety, Mobility, and Access on Subregional Priority Roadways 	<p>So noted; implementation is an important factor that the MPO considers in the selection of projects to be conducted in its UPWP.</p> <p>As a matter of policy, MPO staff coordinates with MAPC and the municipalities affected by the studies it conducts.</p> <p>The MPO appreciates the Council support for these projects.</p>
5/30/12	SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee	Gino Carlucci, Chair	Supports the SWAP Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study, which will focus on a regional approach to transit within the member communities.	The MPO appreciates the Committee's support.

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5/29/12	Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives	Representative Garrett J. Bradley	Supports the Route 3A Corridor Study which should address intense development along the roadway that includes the MBTA Cohasset commuter rail station. The study should help to meet the needs for the sustainability of the subregion and communities on the South Shore, making the Route 3A corridor a safer, more efficient transportation conduit while planning for future economic development.	The MPO appreciates the Representative's support for this study. It was included in the FFY 2013 UPWP Universe of Proposed New Projects and considered by staff and the MPO's UPWP Committee. It was determined that the study location is a good candidate for examining in the Addressing Safety, Mobility and Access on Subregional Priority Roadways project listed on page 6-4 of the FFY 2013 UPWP.
4/30/12	South Shore Coalition	Ann Burbine, Chair	Requests a Route 3A Corridor Study, which focuses on improving traffic safety and increasing transportation choices for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users as a priority for the South Shore Coalition. It should include the segment of Route 3A between the Cohasset Commuter Rail Station and the intersection of Route 3A with Henry Turner Bailey Road.	This study was included in the FFY 2013 UPWP Universe of Proposed New Projects and considered by staff and the MPO's UPWP Committee. It was determined that the study location is a good candidate for examining in the Addressing Safety, Mobility and Access on Subregional Priority Roadways project listed on page 6-4 of the FFY 2013 UPWP.
5/17/12	Town of Cohasset	Michael Milanoski, Town Manager	Requests a Route 3A Corridor Study, which focuses on public safety issues and the integration and access for transit users. Study supports goals of the LRTP and is critical due to the intensification of land uses and development along 3A: MBTA commuter rail station, 220 unit affordable housing project, 80,000 sq. ft. mixed use TOD project, 41 unit residential subdivision large scale wind turbine, rezoning allowing intensification of development of Cohasset Village, reuse of large industrial property for recreational purposes) It should include the segment of Route 3A from Cohasset commuter rail station and the North Scituate intersection with Henry Turner Bailey Road.	This study was included in the FFY 2013 UPWP Universe of Proposed New Projects and considered by staff and the MPO's UPWP Committee. It was determined that the study location is a good candidate for examining in the Addressing Safety, Mobility and Access on Subregional Priority Roadways project listed on page 6-4 of the FFY 2013 UPWP.
5/17/12	Town of Cohasset, Cohasset Planning Board	Stuart W. Ivimey, Chairman	Requests a Route 3A Corridor Study, which focuses on public safety issues and the integration and access for transit users. Study supports goals of the LRTP and is critical due to the intensification of land uses and development along 3A: MBTA commuter rail station, 220 unit affordable housing project, 80,000 sq. ft. mixed use TOD project, 41 unit residential subdivision large scale wind turbine, rezoning allowing intensification of development of Cohasset Village, reuse of large industrial property for recreational purposes) It should include the segment of Route 3A from Cohasset commuter rail station and the North Scituate intersection with Henry Turner Bailey Road.	This study was included in the FFY 2013 UPWP Universe of Proposed New Projects and considered by staff and the MPO's UPWP Committee. It was determined that the study location is a good candidate for examining in the Addressing Safety, Mobility and Access on Subregional Priority Roadways project listed on page 6-4 of the FFY 2013 UPWP.

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5/17/12	Town of Scituate, Board of Selectmen	Anthony V. Vegnani, Chairman	Supports the Route 3A Corridor Study that will study the intersection of Route 3A and Henry Turner Bailey Road in Scituate. The segment will improve safety and allow for the expansion of the business district and is an important and valuable study.	This study was included in the FFY 2013 UPWP Universe of Proposed New Projects and considered by staff and the MPO's UPWP Committee. It was determined that the study location is a good candidate for examining in the Addressing Safety, Mobility and Access on Subregional Priority Roadways project listed on page 6-4 of the FFY 2013 UPWP.
5/9/12	Town of Scituate, Planning Board	William Limbacher, Chairman	Requests a Route 3A Corridor Study which includes the analysis of Route 3A and Henry Turner Bailey Road as well as the surrounding area that serves shopping development and commuter rail station traffic. The intersection is awkwardly designed, requiring a complete stop on state highway with high traffic volumes. The Planning Board is concerned with traffic safety in this area and considers future development of commercial activity in this area a reason to give this study a high priority.	This study was included in the FFY 2013 UPWP Universe of Proposed New Projects and considered by staff and the MPO's UPWP Committee. It was determined that the study location is a good candidate for examining in the Addressing Safety, Mobility and Access on Subregional Priority Roadways project listed on page 6-4 of the FFY 2013 UPWP.