



# MetroWest Regional Collaborative



Identifying Transportation Needs, Construction Projects,  
and Studies in Your Subregion

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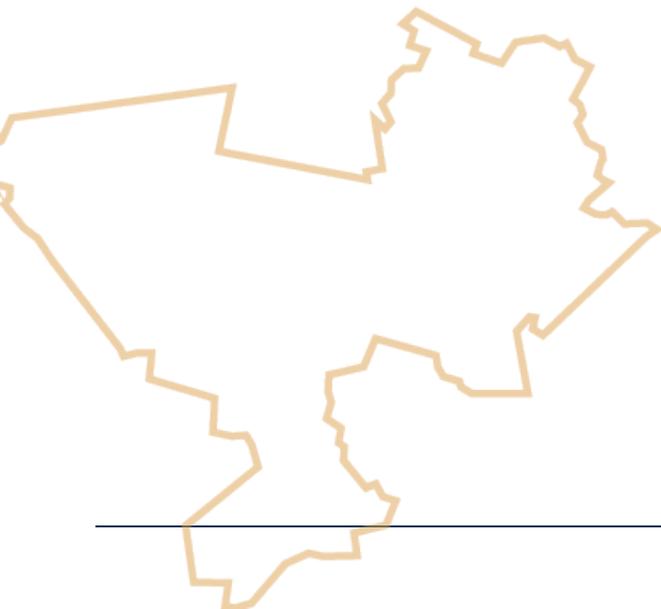
## WHAT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS DID THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) IDENTIFY IN METROWEST REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE (MWRC) COMMUNITIES?

The [Boston Region MPO](#), which is responsible for allocating federal funds to transportation projects and planning for the Boston region's transportation future, conducted an assessment of transportation needs in the Boston region to inform the MPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), [Destination 2050](#). The LRTP and Needs Assessment inform the MPO's planning and policy work and guide the MPO's investments in transportation infrastructure projects each year through its rolling capital plan, the [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#).

The following information highlights some transportation needs identified in the MWRC subregion based on MPO staff's analyses and past engagement with MWRC communities. This booklet also contains a list of MWRC projects currently programmed in the TIP.

# Transportation Needs Identified in the LRTP Needs Assessment

The MPO identified transportation needs throughout the Boston region during the development of the *Destination 2050* LRTP through public engagement and data analyses conducted between 2019 and 2022. These needs are documented in the [Destination 2050 Needs Assessment StoryMap collection](#). Key themes from the Needs Assessment are listed here by goal area. More information can be found at [bostonmpo.org/lrtp](http://bostonmpo.org/lrtp) or by clicking on each goal for a table with detailed needs and recommendations.



Safety



Mobility and Reliability



Access and Connectivity



Resiliency



Clean Air and Healthy Communities



Equity



# Transportation Needs Identified through Public Engagement in the MWRC Subregion

The following comments were collected during MPO subregional engagement activities in the fall of 2023 and subsequent outreach.

Theme	Municipality	Specific Location	Comment
TIP	Holliston	Holliston	TIP process and project design inquiry
Policy	MetroWest	MetroWest subregion	Expressed support for the MPO Memorandum of Understanding Committee and discussion of regional transit authority representation on the MPO board
TIP	MetroWest	MetroWest subregion	Letter of support on TIP Amendment Three
TIP	MWRTA Service Area	MetroWest subregion	Spoke in support of the Transit Transformation Program and the MWRTA's application for funding for procurement of new buses
TIP	MetroWest	MetroWest subregion	Letter of comment regarding the draft FFYs 2025–29 TIP
Policy	MetroWest	MetroWest subregion	Letter of comment regarding the draft FFY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program
Bicycle and Pedestrian	Wellesley	Route 9	Pedestrian concerns along Route 9
Bicycle and Pedestrian	Framingham	Chris Walsh Trail	Bike and pedestrian connectivity

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Bicycle and Pedestrian	Framingham	Bishop/Arthur intersection, Herbert Street, Badger Road/Parmenter Road culvert, and McAdams Road	Safety concern
TIP	Framingham	Chris Walsh Trail	Support of the TIP project design pilot
Bicycle and Pedestrian	Framingham	Route 9/Temple Street	Safety concern
TIP	Holliston	Linden Street and Whitney/ Washington Street	Safety concern
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Connectivity	Wellesley	MetroWest subregion	Significance of developing housing and transportation infrastructure together
Connectivity	Marlborough	MetroWest subregion	Funding opportunities for last-mile connection
Bicycle and Pedestrian	Weston and Natick	Route 30	Discussions around extension of shared-use path facilities along Route 30

FFY = Federal Fiscal Year. MWRTA = MetroWest Regional Transit Authority. TIP = Transportation Improvement Program.



# MWRC Projects Funded in the Federal Fiscal Years 2025–29 TIP

The MPO funds transportation projects that align with LRTP goals and address needs identified in the Needs Assessment and priorities identified by MWRC municipalities and other stakeholders through engagement. The following projects are currently programmed for MPO funding over the next five years. The MPO solicits new project applications each year and programs selected projects on the TIP on an annually rolling basis. You can find more information about the TIP and how to get a project in your community funded at [bostonmpo.org/tip](https://bostonmpo.org/tip).

Project Number	Project	Category	Municipality	Fiscal Year Programmed	Cost
612099	Bridge Replacement, A-14-006, Cordaville Road over Sudbury River	Bridge	Ashland	2027	\$4,620,483
608436	Rehabilitation and Rail Crossing Improvements on Cherry Street	Intersection Improvements	Ashland	2028	\$1,316,339
612894	Improvements at Harmony Grove Elementary School	Safe Routes to School	Framingham	2026	\$1,370,066
S12907	Chris Walsh Aqueduct Trail Connectivity Project (MA-275)	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Framingham	2025	\$275,000
S12982	Chris Walsh Trail Phase 2 (Design only)	Safe Routes to School	Framingham	2026	\$1,370,066
S12977	Preliminary Design of Intersection Improvements at Route 126/135/ MBTA and CSX Railroad	Major Infrastructure	Framingham	2026	\$1,400,000

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613639	Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9	Non-Interstate Pavement	Framingham	2028	\$9,525,600
S12807	CatchConnect Microtransit Service Expansion Phase 2	Community Connections	Framingham Natick	2025 2026	\$503,125
613477	Linden Street Improvements at Robert Adams Middle School	Safe Routes to School	Holliston	2027	\$1,012,500
S12894	Intersection Improvements at Route 16 and Whitney Street (Design only)	Intersection Improvements	Holliston	2025	\$250,000
S12701	MWRTA CatchConnect Microtransit Service Expansion	Community Connections	Hudson Marlborough	2025	\$159,488
613216	Bridge Preservation, M-06- 010, Elm Street over Interstate 495	Bridge	Marlborough	2025	\$2,160,000
S12980	Reconstruction of Granger Boulevard (Design only)	Complete Streets	Marlborough	2025	\$1,215,000
S12972	Procurement of Three 29-Foot Buses	Transit Transformation	MWRTA Service Area	2025	\$1,980,000
S12971	Blandin Hub Equitable Redesign Initiative	Transit Transformation	MWRTA Service Area	2025 2026	\$2,500,000
610680	Lake Cochituate Path	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Natick	2026	\$3,428,355
612178	Bridge Replacement, N-03-010, Speen Street over RR MBTA/CSX	Bridge	Natick	2026	\$6,722,582

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607420	Superstructure Replacement, N-03-012, Boden Lane over CSX/MBTA	Bridge	Natick	2027	\$11,407,315
605091	Bridge Preservation, N-03-032, N-03-033, N-03-034, N-03-035, Ramp A and B over Route 9 and Speen Street over Ramps G and D	Bridge	Natick	2028	\$11,205,600
610691	Cochituate Rail Trail Extension, from MBTA Station to Mechanic Street	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Natick	2028	\$7,492,849
613640	Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9	Non-Interstate Pavement	Natick	2029	\$4,162,950
613319	Bike Path Construction of Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, from the Sudbury Diamond Railroad Crossing to Eaton Road West	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Framingham Sudbury	2029	\$8,526,000
610660	Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT)	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Wayland Sudbury	2027	\$3,916,363
608940	Intersection Improvements Boston Post Road (Route 20) at Wellesley Street	Intersection Improvements	Weston	2026	\$3,237,804
608954	Reconstruction on Route 30	Complete Streets	Weston	2027	\$19,999,712

MBTA = Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. MWRTA = MetroWest Regional Transit Authority. RR = Railroad.

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