

FFY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program Development

Process

The UPWP is a document developed annually to program transportation planning projects to be conducted by CTPS and MAPC on behalf of the MPO, MassDOT, Massport, and sometimes an MPO city or town. MPO projects are funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration with a 20% local match. All other projects are funded by the project proponent.

Most of the funding available for the UPWP will be spent to continue ongoing MPO work such as the TIP, the Plan, the Regional Model, the Livable Communities Program, public outreach activities, disability access support, etc. MPO Staff is currently in the process of reviewing the status of these projects and determining FFY 2013 budgets for them.

Current guidance is to assume level funding for the UPWP, although that could change when we receive the targets for planning funds in March. We are assuming that there will be the usual \$400,000 to \$500,000 available for new projects.

Staff is also in the process of developing a universe of new projects to present to the MPO's UPWP Committee for its consideration through February and March. Projects included in the universe will come from several sources:

- The MPO's Congestion Management Process
- The MPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan Needs Assessment
- Other planning documents such as MAPC's MetroFuture, MassDOT's You Move Massachusetts, and the MBTA's Program for Mass Transportation
- Comments received during an MPO outreach session such as this open house or the MAPC subregional group meetings
- Written comments sent during the comment period on the previous UPWP
- Federal guidance on addressing issues such livability climate change, evaluating effectiveness of transportation investments

The universe of potential new UPWP studies is arranged according to the core themes of the Long-Range Transportation Plan such as mobility, livability, safety, etc. Study ideas will be evaluated in terms of how well they advance the MPOs visions and policies articulated in the LRTP. They are:

- Linking land use planning and transportation planning
- Working with limited financial resources
- Using a management and operations approach
- Protecting air quality and the environment
- Preserving and maintaining the transportation system
- Increasing transit and other "healthy transportation" mode shares
- Helping build sustainable communities

The UPWP Committee will select a set of projects from the universe giving consideration to other factors such as regional distribution, and contribution to a balanced mode-mix.

Schedule*

Project universe development:	1/5/12 - 3/15/12
Subregional input for the project universe:	2/1/12 - 3/15/ 12
UPWP Committee evaluation of universe ideas:	2/ 2/12 - 3/15/12
Receipt of planning funds target:	3/8/12
MPO UPWP Committee review of preliminary budgets for ongoing projects:	3/15/12
Staff presentation of recommended set of new UPWP projects:	3/15/12
MPO UPWP Committee recommendation:	3/29/12
MPO approval of draft UPWP for public review:	4/19/12
Comment period:	4/30/12 -
5/29/12	
MPO endorsement of final UPWP:	6/28/12

*Like the TIP, the UPWP schedule has been advanced a full two months this year.

If you would like to get a more detailed sense of the UPWP, you can go to www.bostonmpo.org to view the current document in its entirety.