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Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Inner Core Committee Transportation Meeting

October 7, 2020



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Introductions

- Name
- Role
- Municipality



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MPO Updates

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ICC Transportation Meeting: TIP Updates

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Today's Discussion

- TIP overview
- Key takeaways from TIP criteria revisions
- FFY 2021 TIP development timeline



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Transportation Improvement Program Overview

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TIP Overview

1. What is the TIP?

- Five-year, rolling capital plan for Boston region
- Allocates all federal highway and transit funds
- Includes projects prioritized by MPO, MassDOT, MBTA, MWRTA, and CATA

2. What types of projects are funded?

- Complete Streets and intersection improvements
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- First- and last-mile connections
- Transit improvements



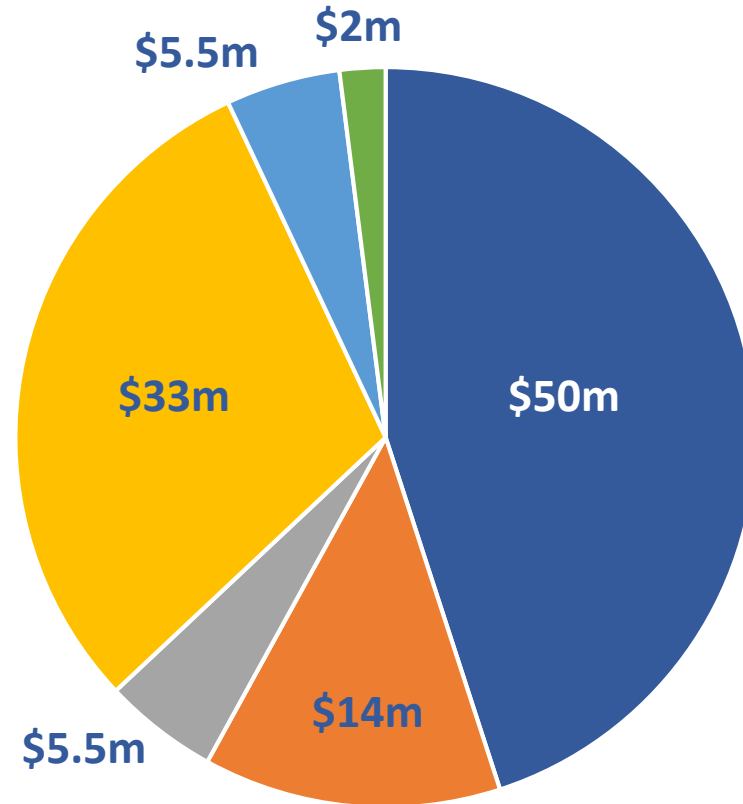
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TIP Overview

3. How much funding is available annually?



Total = \$110 million

- Complete Streets
- Major Infrastructure
- Intersection Improvements
- Transit Modernization
- Bicycle and Pedestrian
- Community Connections



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TIP Overview

4. How do I apply for funding?
 - Work with MassDOT to initiate your project
 - Submit project information to MPO staff
 - MPO staff will score project and share results
5. How can I learn more?
 - How-to sessions:
 - Monday, October 26 at 2:00 PM
 - Wednesday, October 28 at 10:00 AM
 - Talk with us!



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TIP Criteria Revisions: Key Takeaways

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TIP Criteria Revisions: Key Takeaways

1. Distinct criteria for each type of project
2. Created criteria for transit projects
3. More fully recognized transit improvements in all projects
4. Increased weight of equity scoring
5. Scaled overall score to 100 points



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FFY 2021 TIP Development Timeline

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TIP Development Timeline

- **October-November:** Discuss project ideas with MPO staff
- **Early December:** Submit project information
- **December-January:** Project evaluations
- **Early February:** Deadline for feedback on evaluations
- **Late February:** Evaluation results presented to MPO
- **March:** MPO discusses funding scenarios
- **Late April:** Draft TIP released for public comment
- **Late May:** Final TIP approved by MPO



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Community Connections (CC) Program

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Community Connections Program: What is it?

- MPO's funding program for
 - First- and last-mile solutions
 - Community transportation
 - Other small, nontraditional transportation projects
- Eligible applicants
 - Municipalities
 - Regional transit authorities
 - Transportation management associations or other organizations (via partnership with eligible entities)
- <https://www.bostonmpo.org/community-connections>

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Pilot Projects (FFY 2021)

Project	FFY 2021 Funding	FFY 2022 Funding	FFY 2023 Funding	Total Funding
Alewife Wayfinding		\$292,280		\$292,280
Newton Microtransit	\$300,000	\$275,000	\$152,000	\$727,000
Sharon Carpool Marketing	\$42,000			\$42,000
Davis Square Signal Improvements	\$220,000			\$220,000
Concord Avenue Signal Improvements	\$160,000			\$160,000
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Bike Shelters	\$100,000			\$100,000
Regional Blue Bikes Expansion		\$340,000		\$340,000
TOTAL	\$822,000	\$907,280	\$152,000	\$1,881,280

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Project Categories

Pilot	Upcoming (FFY 2022)
Transit Operations and Improvements	Transit Operating
Parking Management	Transit Signal Priority
Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	Bike-Supportive Infrastructure
Education and Wayfinding	Automatic Vehicle Location
	Parking Payment Systems
	Education



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Potential New Categories

Bus Lanes



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Scoring Structure

Criteria	Pilot Points	FFY 2022 Points
Network or connectivity value	6	18
Coordination or cooperation between multiple entities	5	15
Inclusion in and consistency with local and regional plans	5	15
Transportation equity	5	15
Generation of mode shift	4	12
Demand projection	4	12
Budget spreadsheet	n/a	10
TOTAL	30	100

n/a = not applicable.

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Questions and Discussion

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Break (10 minutes)

Poll Questions

1. What are the current regional transportation challenges?
2. What do you think could be the future regional transportation challenges in 5, 10, and 20 years?
3. What could be potential solutions to these challenges?
4. What would you want peoples' day-to-day lives to look like in terms of transportation?
5. What regional transportation issues would you want the MPO to study?



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Discussion of Transportation Study Ideas (UPWP)

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Resilience Updates

- Adding more resilience measures in the TIP criteria
- UPWP Study: Exploring Resilience in MPO-Funded Corridor and Intersection Studies
- Meeting with agencies and groups on funding projects that have resiliency improvements
- Incorporating resiliency ideas into scenario planning for next Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)



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Next Meetings

(all Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM)

- January 13, 2021
- April 7, 2021
- July 14, 2021

Please send your suggestions for topics.



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