REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Regional Transportation Advisory Council Meeting

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(Estimated duration: One hours and 30 minutes, expected ending at 4:00 PM)

Meeting Agenda

- 1. Introductions, 5 minutes (2:30 PM), Lenard Diggins, Chair
- 2. Annual Advisory Council Conversation with Kate Fichter, 30 minutes (2:35 PM), Kate Fichter, Assistant Secretary and Chief of Climate and Decarbonization, MassDOT
- **3. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Studies,** 40 minutes (3:05 PM), Sandy Johnston and Srilekha Murthy, MPO Staff, *introduction of the new UPWP manager and discussion of potential studies for the inclusion in the federal fiscal year 2023 UPWP*
- **4. Big Ideas for Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs),** 10 minutes (3:45 PM), Jon Seward and Franny Osman, Advisory Council, *continued discussion of innovative ideas for RTAs*
- 5. Old Business, New Business, and Member Announcements, 5 minutes (3:55 PM)
- 6. Adjourn (4:00 PM)

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