

Draft Memorandum for the Record Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Unified Planning Work Program Committee Meeting Summary

July 13, 2023, Meeting

1:00 PM-2:30 PM, Zoom Video Conferencing Platform

Derek Krevat, Chair, representing Gina Fiandaca, Secretary of Transportation and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

Decisions

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Committee agreed to the following:

- Approve the summary of the June 8, 2023, meeting
- Approve the summary of the June 13, 2023, meeting
- Recommend the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 UPWP for endorsement by the MPO board

Materials

Materials for this meeting included the following:

1. Summary of June 8, 2023, meeting ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))
2. Summary of June 13, 2023, meeting ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))
3. FFY 2024 UPWP ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))
4. FFY 2024 UPWP Appendices ([html](#))
5. FFY 2024 UPWP Executive Summary ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

Meeting Agenda and Summary of Discussion

1. Introductions

See page 4 for attendance.

2. Public Comments

There were none.

3. Meeting Summary of June 8, 2023—*Approval of this summary*

A motion to approve the summary of the June 8, 2023, meeting was made by the Three Rivers Interlocal Council (Tom O'Rourke) and seconded by the At-Large City of Newton (David Koses). The motion carried.

4. Meeting Summary of June 13, 2023—*Approval of this summary*

A motion to approve the summary of the June 13, 2023, meeting was made by the MBTA Advisory Board (Amira Patterson) and seconded by the Three Rivers Interlocal Council (T. O'Rourke). The motion carried.

5. Action Item: Federal Fiscal Year 2024 UPWP, *Srilekha Murthy, MPO Staff*

S. Murthy presented the six public comments received during the 21-day public comment period for the FFY 2024 UPWP, which included discussions on the MPO's work on climate resilience and mitigation and expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as comment letters from the Regional Transportation Advisory Council, the MBTA, and MassDOT.

S. Murthy also walked the committee through the edits made to the document itself, consisting of minor editorial changes and the addition of the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant to Appendix A.

Discussion

Lenard Diggins (Regional Transportation Advisory Council) directed staff towards a formatting error in Table 3-1 of the FFY 2024 UPWP. L. Diggins also asked how the budget for the Advisory Council is presented in FFY 2024. S. Murthy replied that funding for the Advisory Council will now be a part of the Public Engagement Program, and therefore will not be represented separately.

L. Diggins further expressed that he was looking forward to the Advisory Council working with the MPO and staff more closely.

Vote

A motion to approve the FFY 2024 UPWP and recommend the MPO board's endorsement was made by the Inner Core Committee (Tom Bent) and seconded by the Advisory Council (L. Diggins). The motion carried.

6. Members' Items

There were none.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 27, 2023, to discuss Amendment Two to the FFY 2023 UPWP.

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by the Three Rivers Interlocal Council (T. O'Rourke) and seconded by the MBTA Advisory Board (A. Pattersson). The motion carried.

Attendance

Members	Representatives and Alternates
Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Office of Transportation Planning)	Derek Krevat
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	
Regional Transportation Advisory Council	Lenard Diggins
At-Large City (City of Newton)	David Koses
At-Large Town (Town of Arlington)	
City of Boston (Boston Transportation Department)	Jen Rowe
Inner Core Committee (City of Somerville)	Tom Bent
Three Rivers Interlocal Council (Town of Norwood/Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce)	Tom O'Rourke
Three Rivers Interlocal Council alternate (Town of Westwood)	
City of Framingham (Metrowest Regional Collaborative)	
MBTA Advisory Board	Amira Patterson

Other Attendees	Affiliation
Sandy Johnston	MBTA
Steven Olanoff	Town of Westwood

MPO Staff/Central Transportation Planning Staff

Tegin Teich, Executive Director
Annette Demchur

Hiral Gandhi
Srilekha Murthy
Erin Maguire

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