



BOSTON REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting

December 7, 2023, 10:00 AM (Estimated duration: 2 hours and 26 minutes, expected ending at 12:26 PM)

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Meeting Agenda

1. **Introductions**, 2 minutes
2. **Chair's Report**, 2 minutes
3. **Executive Director's Report**, 5 minutes
4. **Public Comments**, 20 minutes
5. **Committee Chairs' Reports**, 5 minutes
6. **Regional Transportation Advisory Council Report**, 2 minutes
7. **Action Item: October 19, 2023, MPO Meeting Minutes:** Vote to approve the minutes of October 19, 2023, 5 minutes (to be posted)
8. **Action Item: Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2024–28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment One**,* Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff: Presentation and vote to endorse the FFYs 2024–28 TIP Amendment One following its 21-day public review period, 10 minutes (posted)
9. **Action Item: FFYs 2024–28 TIP Amendment Two**,* Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff: Presentation, discussion, and vote to release the FFYs 2024–28 TIP Amendment Two for its 21-day public review period, 15 minutes (to be posted)

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- 10. Action Item: FFYs 2024–28 TIP Adjustment One,*** Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff: Presentation, discussion, and vote to endorse the FFYs 2024–28 TIP Adjustment One, 10 minutes (to be posted)
 - 11. Rutherford Avenue Update,** Jascha Franklin-Hodge, City of Boston Staff: Presentation and discussion on updates to the Rutherford Avenue project, including project features and next steps, 15 minutes
 - 12. MBTA Strategic Initiatives,** Lynsey Heffernan and Laura Gilmore, MBTA Staff: Presentation and discussion of the MBTA’s strategic initiatives, 20 minutes
 - 13. Summary of Federal Grant Awards in Boston Region,** Kenneth Miller, Federal Highway Administration Staff: Presentation and discussion of federal discretionary grant awards within the Boston region, 15 minutes
 - 14. A Method to Evaluate Flexible Bus Routing Opportunities,** Steven Andrews, MPO Staff: Presentation and discussion of findings from the study to develop a methodology to help transportation planners determine how and when to consider flexible bus routing, funded in the FFY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, 15 minutes (to be posted)
 - 15. Members’ Items:** Reports and notices by MPO members, including regional concerns and local community issues, 5 minutes

*The MBTA, Cape Ann Transportation Authority (CATA), and MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA), which are Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307(c) applicants, have consulted with the MPO and concur that the public involvement process adopted by the MPO for the development of the TIP satisfies the public hearing requirements that pertain to the development of the Program of Projects for regular Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program, grant applications, including the provision for public notice and the time established for public review and comment.

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