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January 18, 2024



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# Introductions



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# Chair's Report



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# Executive Director's Report



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# Engagement Updates

- Soliciting ideas for new transportation studies and technical assistance
  - Contact: Srilekha Murthy ([smurthy@ctps.org](mailto:smurthy@ctps.org))
- Vision Zero
  - New Vision Zero Transportation Planner: Ali Kleyman
  - Task Force members have been selected
    - First meeting in early February
    - Contact: Rebecca Morgan ([rmorgan@ctps.org](mailto:rmorgan@ctps.org))





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# Today's Agenda

- Four action items
  - Work Scope: Parking in Bike Lanes: Strategies for Safety and Prevention
  - Work Scope: I-90 Allston Multimodal Modeling Phase 2
  - Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2024–28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Two
  - FFYs 2024–28 TIP Amendment Four



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# Today's Agenda

- Three presentations
  - Learning from Roadway-Pricing Experiences
  - FFY 2023 Public Engagement Program Update
  - Certification Review Action Plan Update



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# Next Meeting

- February 1, 2024, at 10:00 AM



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# Committee Chairs' Report



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# Regional Transportation Advisory Council Report



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# Action Item: November 30, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Vote to approve these minutes



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# Action Item: Work Scope for Parking in Bike Lanes—Strategies for Safety and Prevention

**Kyle Casiglio, MPO Staff**

Presentation and discussion of this work scope, funded by the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Unified Planning Work Program





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# Action Item: Work Scope for Interstate 90 Allston Multimodal Modeling, Phase Two

## Ben Dowling, MPO Staff

Presentation and discussion of the work scope for phase two of the I-90 Allston Multimodal Modeling work



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# Action Item: FFYs 2024–28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Two

**Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff**

Presentation, discussion, and vote to endorse the  
FFYs 2024–28 TIP Amendment Two after its  
21-day public review period





# FFYs 2024–28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Two

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Ethan Lapointe  
TIP Manager, MPO Activities

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# Amendment Two Summary

- For the FFY 2024, 2025, and 2026 programs, Amendment Two proposed
  - Earmarks to design projects in the Towns of Arlington, Brookline, Dover, and Needham
  - Removal of FFY 2024 funding for the CATA On-Demand Service Expansion project
  - Scheduling changes for CATA projects to accommodate a procurement delay for trolley replacement
  - New funding for a Bluebikes project for Arlington, Newton, and Watertown
  - Adjustments to the set-aside for Community Connections in FFYs 2025 and 2026

CATA = Cape Ann Transportation Authority. FFY = Federal Fiscal Year.



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# Summary of Public Comment

- Comment period began December 11, 2023, and concluded January 1, 2024
- No public comments were received



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# Today's Requested Action

- MPO staff request that the board votes to endorse  
Amendment Two



# Discussion

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# Action Item: FFYs 2024–28 TIP Amendment Four

**Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff**

Presentation, discussion, and vote to release the  
FFYs 2024–28 TIP Amendment Four for its  
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# Amendment Four Summary

- For the FFYs 2024–28 program, Amendment Four proposes
  - Cost increases to one Regional Target and two Statewide Highway Projects
  - Acceleration of paving on Route 2 in Acton, Littleton, and Boxborough
  - Cost revisions to the I-90/I-495 Interchange project in Hopkinton and Westborough
  - Funding adjustments to two MWRTA projects
  - Carbon Reduction funding for Quincy Bus Garage
  - Programming of FFY 2024 Community Transit Grants for Operations

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 Regional Target Projects

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Funding Source	Current Budget	New Budget	Difference	Explanation
609054: Littleton–Reconstruction of Foster Street	<b>Cost Increase</b>	CMAQ, STBG, TAP	\$5,164,375	\$6,351,061	<b>+\$1,186,686 +22.98%</b>	The cost estimate for this project has been revised following achievement of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates in December 2023.

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CMAQ = Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality. FFY = Federal Fiscal Year. STBG = Surface Transportation Block Grants. TAP = Transportation Alternatives Program.

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 Statewide Highway Projects

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<b>612034:</b> Woburn - Interstate Pavement Preservation and Related Work on I-95	<b>Cost Increase</b>	NHPP-I	\$7,849,699	\$11,481,657	<b>+\$3,631,958 +46.27%</b>	The cost estimate for this project has been revised following a 75% design submission in November 2023.
<b>605313:</b> Natick - Bridge Replacement N-03-020, Route 27 (North Main Street) over Route 9 (Worcester Street) and Interchange Improvements	<b>Cost Increase, Source Change</b>	HIP-BR	\$75,677,350	\$86,481,347	<b>+\$10,803,997 +14.28%</b>	The cost estimate for this project has been revised following a 25% design resubmission. The project no longer uses federal CRRSAA funding and is entirely funded by HIP-BR.

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CRRSAA = Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. HIP-BR = Highway Investment Program, Bridge. NHPP-I = National Highway Performance Program, Interstate.

# FFYs 2025–28 Statewide Highway Program

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— Acton-Boxborough-Littleton Pavement Preservation on Route 2 Acceleration

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Funding Source	FFY 2024 (Current)	FFY 2024 (New)	FFY 2025 (Current)	FFY 2025 (New)
<b>610722: Acton-Boxborough- Littleton - Pavement Preservation on Route 2</b>	<b>Move Project (Acceleration)</b>	NHPP	\$0	\$7,564,711	\$7,867,299	\$0
<b>Explanation:</b>	This project has reached 100% design and is being accelerated out of the FFY 2025 Statewide Highway Program into the FFY 2024 Statewide Highway Program. The budget has been reduced to omit the inflation factor of 4% per year that was applied to the project in FFY 2025.					

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFYs 2025–28 Hopkinton-Westborough— I-90 / I-495 Interchange

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Federal Fiscal Year	Funding Sources	Current Budget	New Budget	Difference	Explanation
<b>607977:</b> Hopkinton- Westborough- Reconstruction of I-90/I-495 Interchange	<b>Cost Decrease, Source Change</b>	<b>FFY 2025</b>	NHPP-I, NFP-I, HIP- BR, NFA	\$83,800,711	\$83,719,910	<b>-\$80,801 -0.10%</b>	The Advance Construction schedule for this project has been adjusted to account for funding obligations made to the project through federal CRRSAA funding.
		<b>FFY 2026</b>	NHPP-I, NFP-I, NFA	\$74,768,307	\$66,631,580	<b>-\$8,136,727 -10.88%</b>	
		<b>FFY 2027</b>	NHPP-I, NFP-I	\$43,571,535	\$18,763,280	<b>-\$24,808,255 -56.94%</b>	
		<b>FFY 2028</b>	NHPP-I	\$777,064	\$0	<b>-\$777,064 -100%</b>	
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$202,917,617</b>	<b>\$169,114,770</b>	<b>-\$33,802,847 -16.66%</b>	

CRRSAA = Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. FFY = Federal Fiscal Year. NFA = Non-Federal Aid. NFP-I = National Highway Freight Program, Interstate. NHPP-I = National Highway Performance Program, Interstate. HIP-BR = Highway Investment Program, Bridge.



# FFY 2024 and 2025 Transit Program

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 MWRTA Transit Projects

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Funding Source	Current Budget	New Budget	Difference	Explanation
<b>RTD0011114:</b> MWRTA - Vehicle Replacements (six CNG)	<b>Shift Funds, Cost Decrease</b>	FTA Section 5307	<b>\$1,930,000</b>	<b>\$1,108,944</b>	<b>-\$821,056 -42.54%</b>	The funding source to replace six diesel vehicles at the end of their useful lives with CNG vehicles has been changed to utilize FTA Section 5307 funding. The budget has been reduced.
<b>RTD0011130:</b> MWRTA - Blandin Hub Projects	<b>Shift Funds</b>	FTA Section 5339, TDCs	<b>\$30,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$30,000,000</b>	This line item indicates intent from the MWRTA to pursue FTA discretionary funding for buses and bus facilities in FFY 2025.

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2025 MWRTA Transit Projects

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Funding Source	Current Budget	New Budget	Difference	Explanation
RTD0011130: MWRTA - Blandin Hub Projects	Shift Funds	FTA Section 5339, TDCs	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	This line item indicates intent from the MWRTA to pursue FTA discretionary funding for buses and bus facilities in FFY 2025.

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 MBTA Transit Projects

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Funding Source	Budget	Explanation
<b>MBTA011763:</b> Quincy Bus Facility Modernization	<b>New Project</b>	Carbon Reduction Funding	<b>\$25,689,014</b>	This line item allocates \$20,551,211 in FHWA Carbon Reduction formula funds to the MBTA's Quincy Bus Facility Modernization project, matched with \$5,137,803 from the MBTA.

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FFY 2024 Community Transit Grants  
Mobility Management and Operating Assistance

# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 Community Transit Grants

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Funding Source	Budget	Explanation
<b>CATA01160:</b> CATA Dialysis and Medical Van	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 CATA SCA	<b>\$117,708</b>	This project received \$58,854 in CTG funds with \$58,854 in match to support transportation of dialysis patients to Beverly from Cape Ann.
<b>MBTA011761:</b> MBTA - Virtual tool development for travel training and information	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 MBTA Capital	<b>\$250,000</b>	This project received \$200,000 in CTG funds with \$50,000 in match to develop teaching, training, and information tools for the Mobility Center Travel Training Program.
<b>MWRTA011674:</b> MWRTA - Transitions and Outreach Program (TOP)	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 MWRTA SCA	<b>\$125,000</b>	This project received \$100,000 in CTG funds with \$25,000 in match for MWRTA TOP, a program that empowers populations to use MWRTA services.
<b>MWRTA011675:</b> MWRTA - Weekend CatchConnect Framingham and Natick Support	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 MWRTA SCA	<b>\$301,842</b>	This project received \$250,000 in CTG funds with \$51,842 in match to extend MWRTA weekend hours for its CatchConnect microtransit service in Framingham and Natick.

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 Community Transit Grants

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Funding Source	Budget	Explanation
<b>MWRTA011676:</b> Sudbury - GoSudbury CatchConnect Shuttle	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310	<b>\$74,865</b>	Sudbury, in partnership with MWRTA, will expand CatchConnect service into Sudbury to improve mobility for older adults and residents with disabilities.
<b>MWRTA011685:</b> Mass211, Inc. - MassDOT Access Program	<b>New Project</b>	ETF (Fair Share)	<b>\$49,500</b>	This project will provide taxi rides for seniors and persons with disabilities in Framingham, Ashland, and Natick in a collaboration between MassDOT and the MWRTA.
<b>MBTA011760:</b> Irish Pastoral Centre - Improving Access for Low Income Seniors and Others in Greater Boston	<b>New Project</b>	ETF (Fair Share)	<b>\$125,000</b>	This project will improve the ability of the Irish Pastoral Center to create a mobility management program.
<b>MBTA011769:</b> Hull - Navigating with Ease, Convenience, and Confidence	<b>New Project</b>	ETF (Fair Share)	<b>\$4,720</b>	This project will provide technical and travel training for older adults who do not drive, are transitioning to not driving, are unfamiliar with technology, or changing habits.
<b>MBTA011770:</b> Lexington - Lexpress Bus Operating Support	<b>New Project</b>	ETF (Fair Share)	<b>\$200,000</b>	This line item provides continued funding to support Lexington’s Lexpress bus service.

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 Community Transit Grants

Project ID and Name	Change Type	Funding Source	Budget	Explanation
<b>MBTA011758:</b> Newton Senior Transportation Operating Support FY24	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310	<b>\$190,000</b>	This line item provides \$190,000 to support on-demand rides for seniors and persons with disabilities through Newton’s NewMo microtransit service.
<b>MBTA011759:</b> Greater Lynn Senior Services - Move Safe / Mobility Links	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 ONF	<b>\$144,950</b>	This project received \$115,960 in CTG funds with \$28,990 in non-federal funds to support travel training for older adults and persons with disabilities on the North Shore.
<b>MBTA011762:</b> Mystic Valley Elder Services - Mobility Management Program	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 ONF	<b>\$121,043</b>	This project received \$96,834 in Community Transit Grant award funding with \$24,209 in other non-federal funding to provide information, education, and referrals for transportation north of Boston.
<b>MBTA011764:</b> Needham Transportation Program	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310	<b>\$48,600</b>	This project supports on-demand transportation to appointments in and around Needham.

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 Community Transit Grants

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<b>MBTA011764:</b> SCM Community Transportation - Senior and Disabled Person's Transportation	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310	<b>\$36,000</b>	This project supports salaries for drivers who give rides to older adults in the communities of Somerville, Cambridge, and Medford.
<b>MBTA011766:</b> Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310, OF, ONF	<b>\$94,500</b>	This project provides administrative support to enable older adults in Somerville and Cambridge to have independent living. It includes \$75,600 in CTG funding, \$1,500 in other federal funds, and \$17,400 from non-federal sources.
<b>MBTA011767:</b> Brookline - Senior Transportation Service	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310	<b>\$100,000</b>	This funding will allow Brookline Senior Center to expand its current transportation programs and offer improved, streamlined service.
<b>MBTA011764:</b> Dedham - Council on Aging Ride Services	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310	<b>\$25,134</b>	This funding will allow Dedham's Council on Aging to support and expand its transportation operations.

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# Amendment Four Project Changes— FFY 2024 Community Transit Grants

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<b>MBTA011771:</b> Marblehead - Access to Medical Care in Surrounding Towns	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310	<b>\$45,000</b>	This funding supports Marblehead’s Council on Aging to continue transportation operations.
<b>MBTA011772:</b> Acton - Mobility Management	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 Local Funding	<b>\$40,000</b>	This project uses \$32,000 in CTG funds with \$8,000 in local match to hire a consultant to create a strategic transportation plan for its multi-town coordination system.
<b>MBTA011773:</b> Acton - CrossTown Connect Dispatch	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 Local Funding	<b>\$200,000</b>	This project uses \$100,000 in CTG funds and \$100,000 in local match to maintain shared dispatching services for three town’s in Acton’s Crosstown Connect network.
<b>MBTA011774:</b> North Reading - Public Transit Pilot	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310	<b>\$20,000</b>	This funding allows North Reading to expand driver service hours to increase capacity with two vans on the road, support mileage stipends, and use TNCs when staff are unavailable.
<b>MBTA011775:</b> North Reading Transportation Hotline	<b>New Project</b>	FTA Section 5310 Local Funding	<b>\$85,000</b>	This project uses \$68,000 in Community Transit Grant funding with \$17,000 in local matching funds to create a call center and hire a transportation coordinator to connect residents with transportation options.

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# Today's Requested Action

- MPO staff request that the board votes to release Amendment Four for a 21-day public comment period
- Comment period will commence January 22 and conclude February 12, 2024



# Discussion

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# Learning from Roadway-Pricing Experiences

**Seth Asante and Ryan Hicks, MPO Staff**

Presentation and discussion of the Learning from Roadway-Pricing Experiences study, funded in the FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program





# Learning from Roadway-Pricing Experiences

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Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

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# Roadway-Pricing Strategies

## Road Tolls and Usage Charges

### Tolls and Charges

## Congestion Pricing

### Cordon Pricing

### Variable Pricing

### Express Lane Pricing

### HOT\* Lane Pricing

### Target Road User Tolls

### Parking and Curb Pricing

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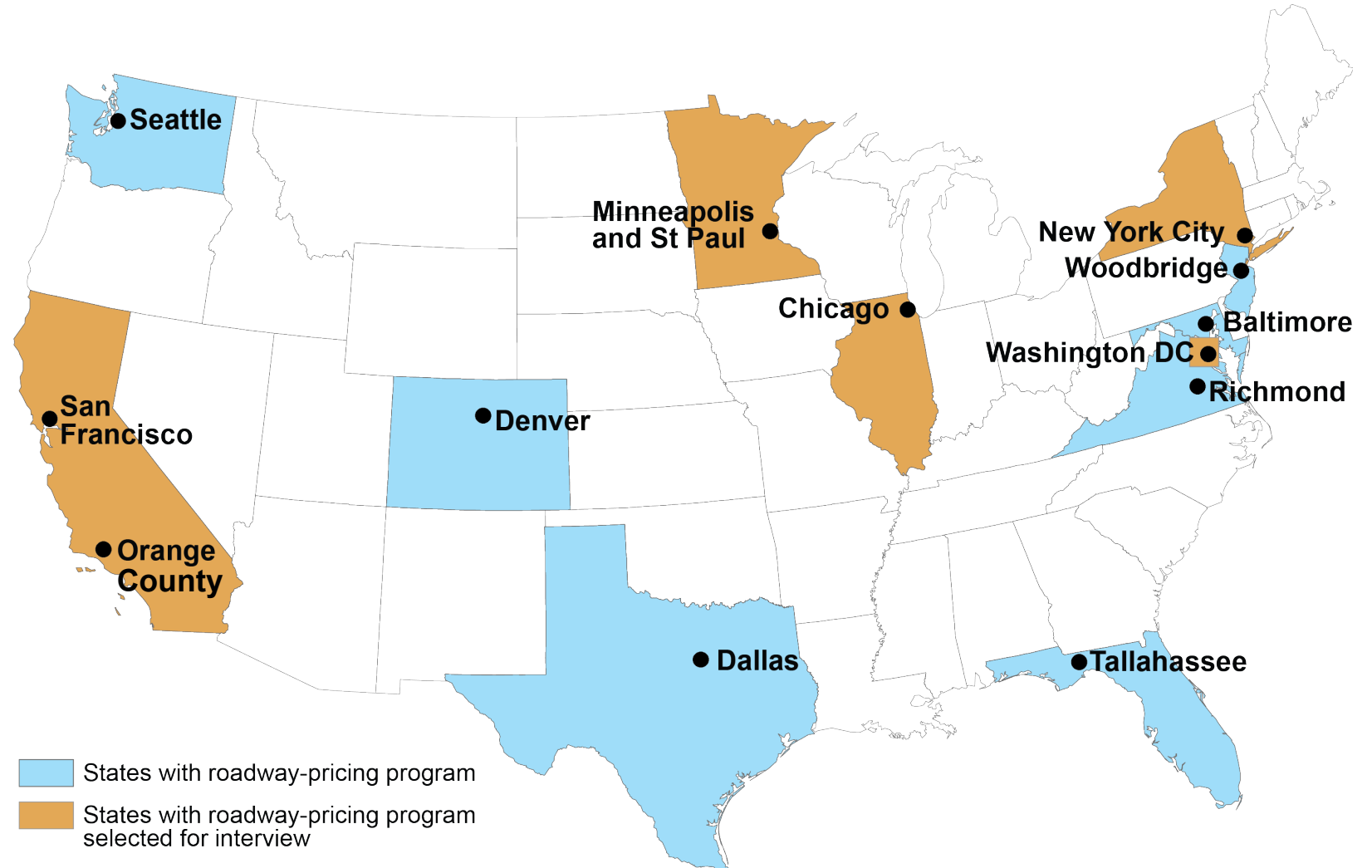


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# Locations of 13 Roadway-Pricing Programs Considered



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# Selection Criteria for Case Studies

- Congestion Management Process (CMP) workshop participants recommended the program
- Program goals align with the Boston Region MPO planning process
- Ease of implementation in the Boston region
- Environmental Assessment completed before implementation
- Program directly addresses equity concerns
- Opportunity to learn from challenges



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# Case Studies: Roadway-Pricing Types

## Transportation Network Provider Surcharge

Chicago

## High-Occupancy Toll Lanes

Minneapolis and St. Paul

## Central Business District Tolling Program

New York City

## Bay Area Express Lanes Program

San Francisco

## Penn Quarter/Chinatown Parking Pricing Program

Washington D.C.

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# Case Studies: Enabling Legislation

## State Legislation

**Minneapolis and St. Paul**  
High-Occupancy Toll Lanes

**New York City**  
Central Business District Tolling Program

**San Francisco**  
Bay Area Express Lanes Program

## Local Legislation

**Chicago**  
Transportation Network Provider Surcharge

**Washington D.C.**  
Penn Quarter/Chinatown Parking Pricing Program

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# Case Studies: Intended Goals

Chicago	Minneapolis	NYC	San Francisco	Washington D.C.
Reduce congestion	Reduce congestion	Reduce congestion	Reduce congestion	Reduce congestion
Support economic growth	Support economic growth	Support economic growth	Support economic growth	Support economic growth
Generate revenue		Generate revenue	Generate revenue	
Improve air quality		Improve air quality	Improve air quality	
	Improve reliability of travel		Improve reliability of travel	
	Move more people	Move more people	Move more people	Improve safety

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# Case Studies: Benefits

## Chicago

- Distributed ground transportation options more equitably
- Enabled transit service improvements

## New York City

- Reduced traffic, vehicle-miles traveled, and energy consumption in Manhattan central business district
- New source of funding for transit
- Improved regional air quality

## Minneapolis and St. Paul

- Reduced congestion and improved travel times and reliability
- Enabled transit service improvements and increased transit ridership

## San Francisco

- Reduced congestion
- Improved travel times, reliability, and air quality

## Washington D.C.

- Increased parking availability and use of low-demand parking spaces
- Encourage travel by transit and bicycle during peak periods

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# What were the MPOs' roles in the case studies?

## New York City

NYMTC regional travel model to identify expected effects.

- **Modeling tolling rates** (regional vehicle-miles traveled, mode shifts, congestion reduction, and diversion effects by tolling scenarios)
- **Analyses of potential effects** on traffic conditions, transit usage, parking, pedestrians, and bicycle usage

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## San Francisco

MTC 2035 Transportation Plan evaluated:

- **Scenario analyses** (congestion strategies, such as express lanes and HOT lanes with express bus enhancements )
- **Benefits** (congestion and vehicle-miles traveled reductions, greenhouse gas emissions, and crash reduction)
- **Legislative framework** for roles and responsibilities of the key players, use of revenue, and project development processes

Note: MTC operates the Bay Area Express Lanes

MTC = Metropolitan Transportation Commission.





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# Opportunities in Implementing Roadway Pricing

**Fund sustainable modes of transportation**

**Change behavior and encourage mode shift**

**Support economic vitality through reduced congestion**



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# Challenges in Implementing Roadway Pricing

**Balancing equity concerns and revenue collection**

**Mitigating traffic diversions**

**Building interagency collaboration**

**Getting political buy-in and public acceptance**

**Navigating state and federal statutes**



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# Case Studies: Lessons Learned



**Political leadership and legislation are essential**



**Emphasize engagement focused on environmental justice and underrepresented communities early in process**



**Show that revenue uses are beneficial, transparent, and linked to transit and active transportation infrastructure improvements**



**Pair pricing programs with transit and active transportation modes**

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# Case Studies: Lessons Learned



**Focus on goals and benefits rather than revenue with transparency around supporting data**



**Constantly evaluate the program to maintain the effectiveness of a pricing project**



**Have adequate and specialized staff**

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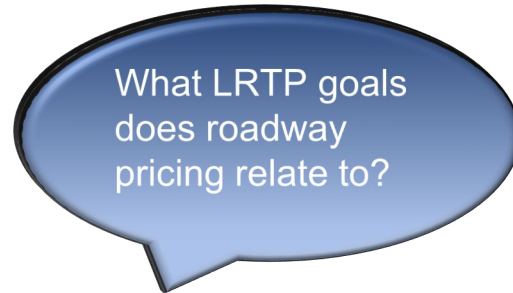
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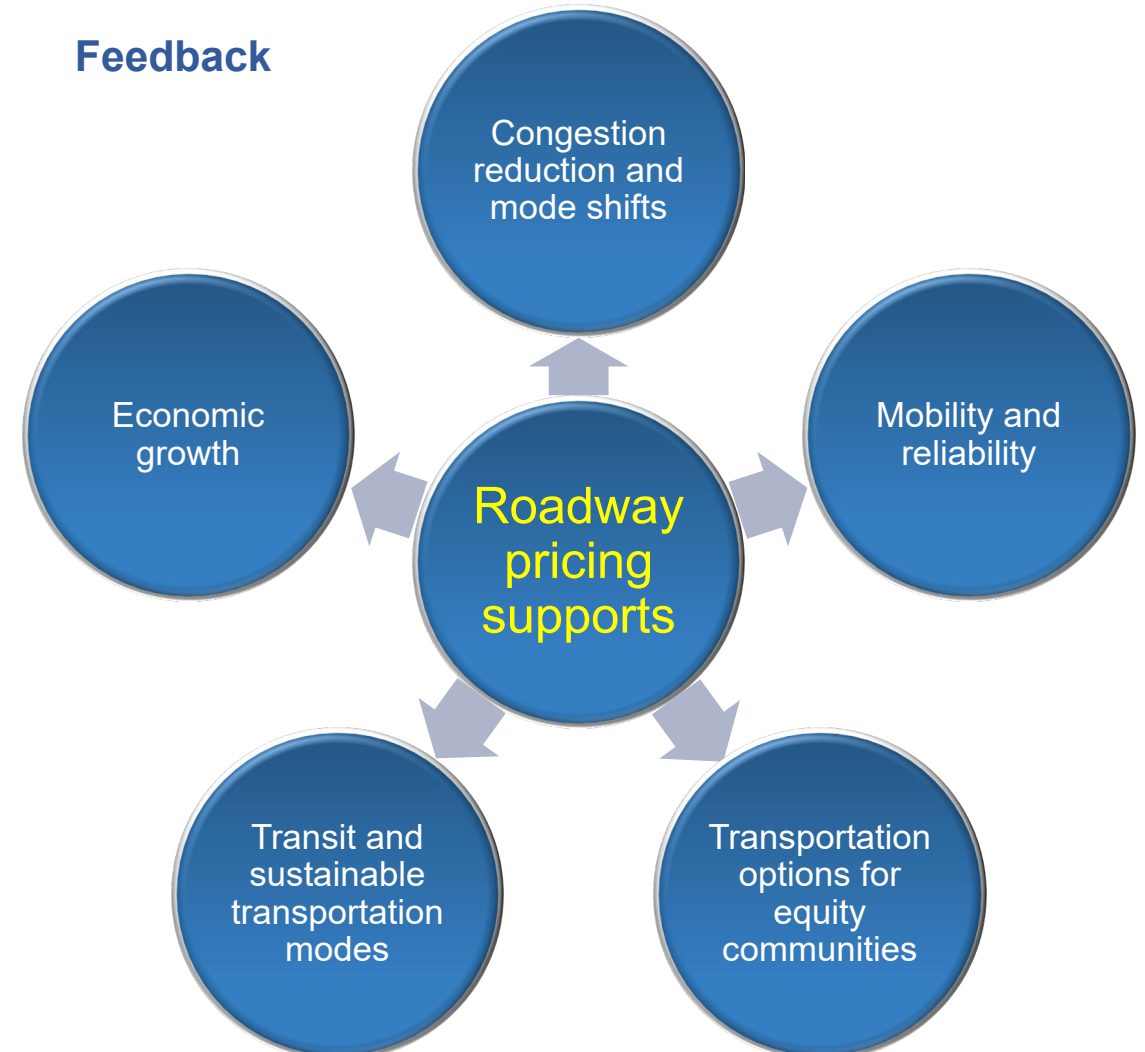
# CMP Committee Workshop August 17, 2023

## Workshop Questions



LRTP = Long-Range Transportation Plan.

## Feedback



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# Potential Next Steps for the Boston Region MPO

- Conduct a stakeholder analysis
- Engage equity and traditionally underrepresented populations
- Identify pricing strategies that are most technically feasible in the Boston region
- Workshop goals with the full MPO board and develop policy frameworks
- Develop concepts for scenarios that could be analyzed in the next LRTP



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# Questions and Comments

## How should the MPO move forward?

- What follow-up studies would you like to see?
- Who needs to be involved in this conversation?
- What is the MPO's specific role in this work?
- How should this work be planned for in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)?





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# FFY 2023 Public Engagement Update

**Stella Jordan, MPO Staff**

Presentation and discussion of public engagement activities throughout FFY 2023







# Summary of FFY 2023 Public Engagement Activities

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Stella Jordan, MPO Staff

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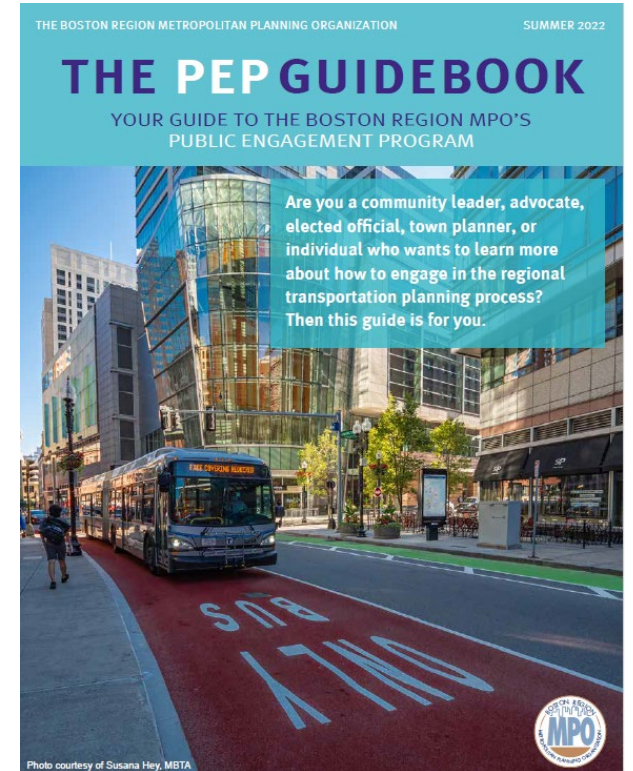
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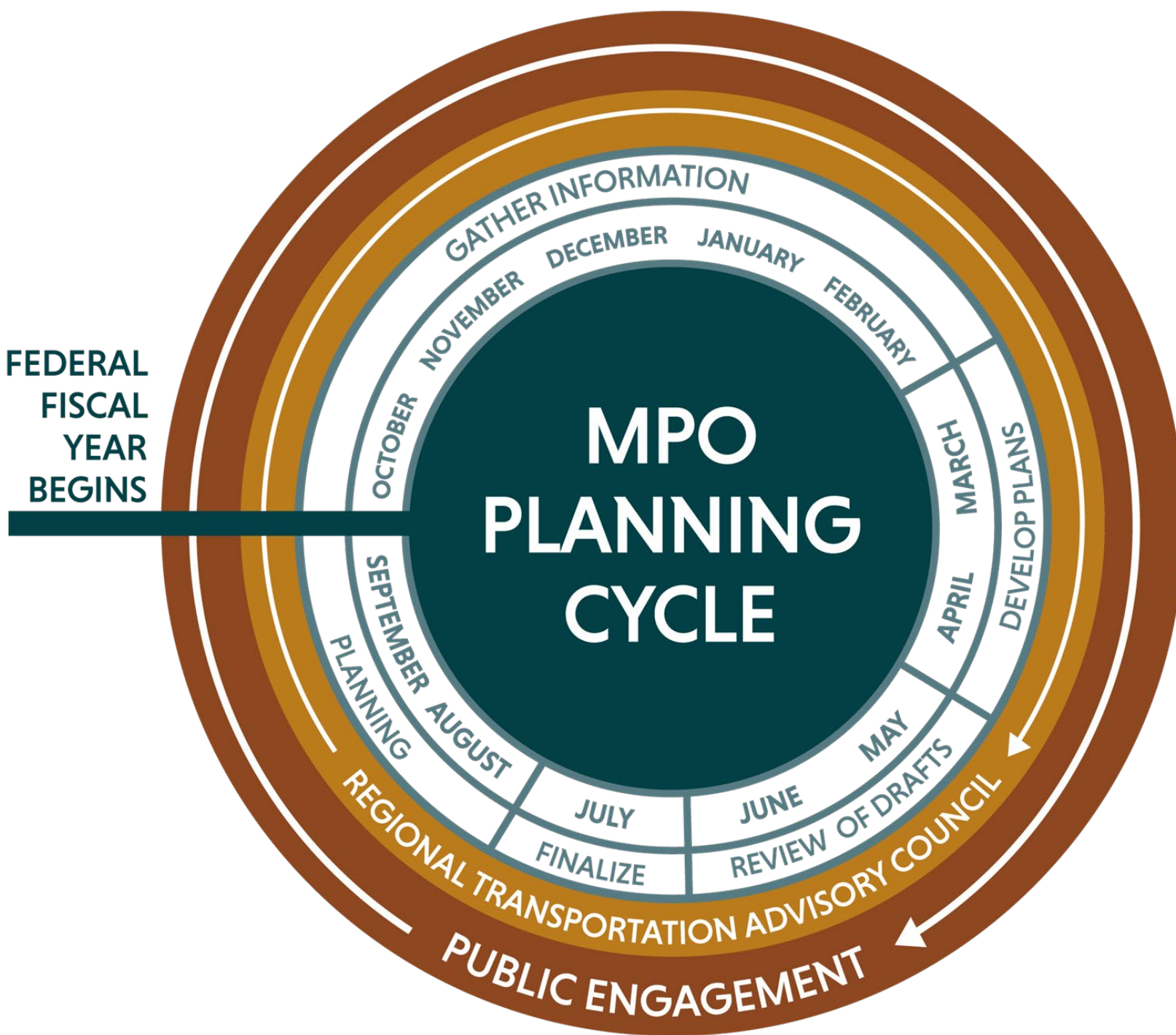
# Public Engagement Program

- MPO strategy to engage the public in the transportation planning process
- Guides public-facing MPO activities and communications; informs development of MPO programs and projects





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# FFY 2023 Program Support

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - FFYs 2024–28 TIP development
  - FFYs 2023–27 TIP amendment public review
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
  - FFY 2024 UPWP development
  - FFY 2023 UPWP amendment public review
  - FFY 2023 UPWP studies
- *Destination 2050* Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development and public review
- Coordinated Plan development and public review
- Title VI report public review
- Regional Transportation Advisory Council
- Support to other programs





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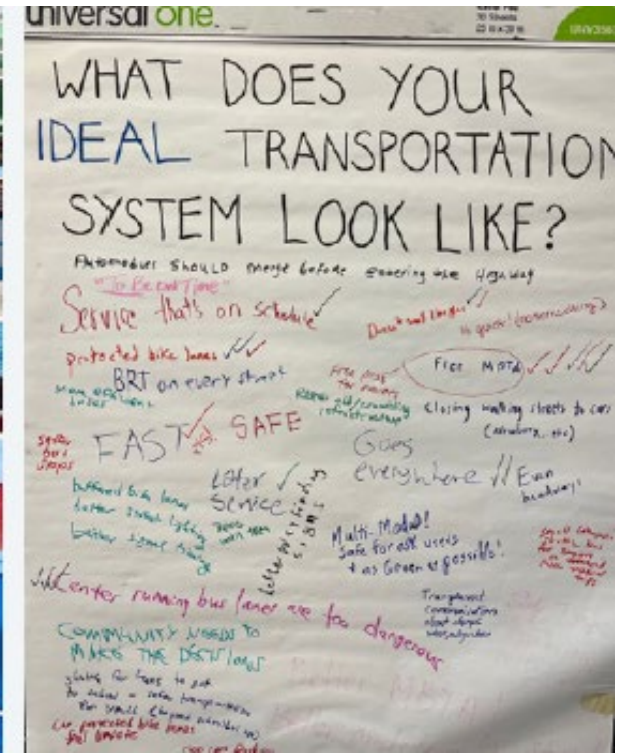
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# FFY 2023 Highlights

- Relationship building
- Equity Program support and coordination
- Peer exchange



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# Metrics: Meetings and Events



**2 virtual workshops held**  
47 attendees total



**3 in person event tablings**  
Engaged over 200 people total



**13 subregional meetings held or attended**



**4 in person pop-up activities**  
Engaged over 50 people total



**8 virtual program events held**

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# Metrics: Meetings and Events (cont.)



**65 individual/small group meetings held**

Mostly with CBOs

**~150% increase from FFY 2022**



**17 community meetings attended**

Mostly held by CBOs

**~180% increase from FFY 2022**



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CBO = Community-based organization.



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# Metrics: Surveys



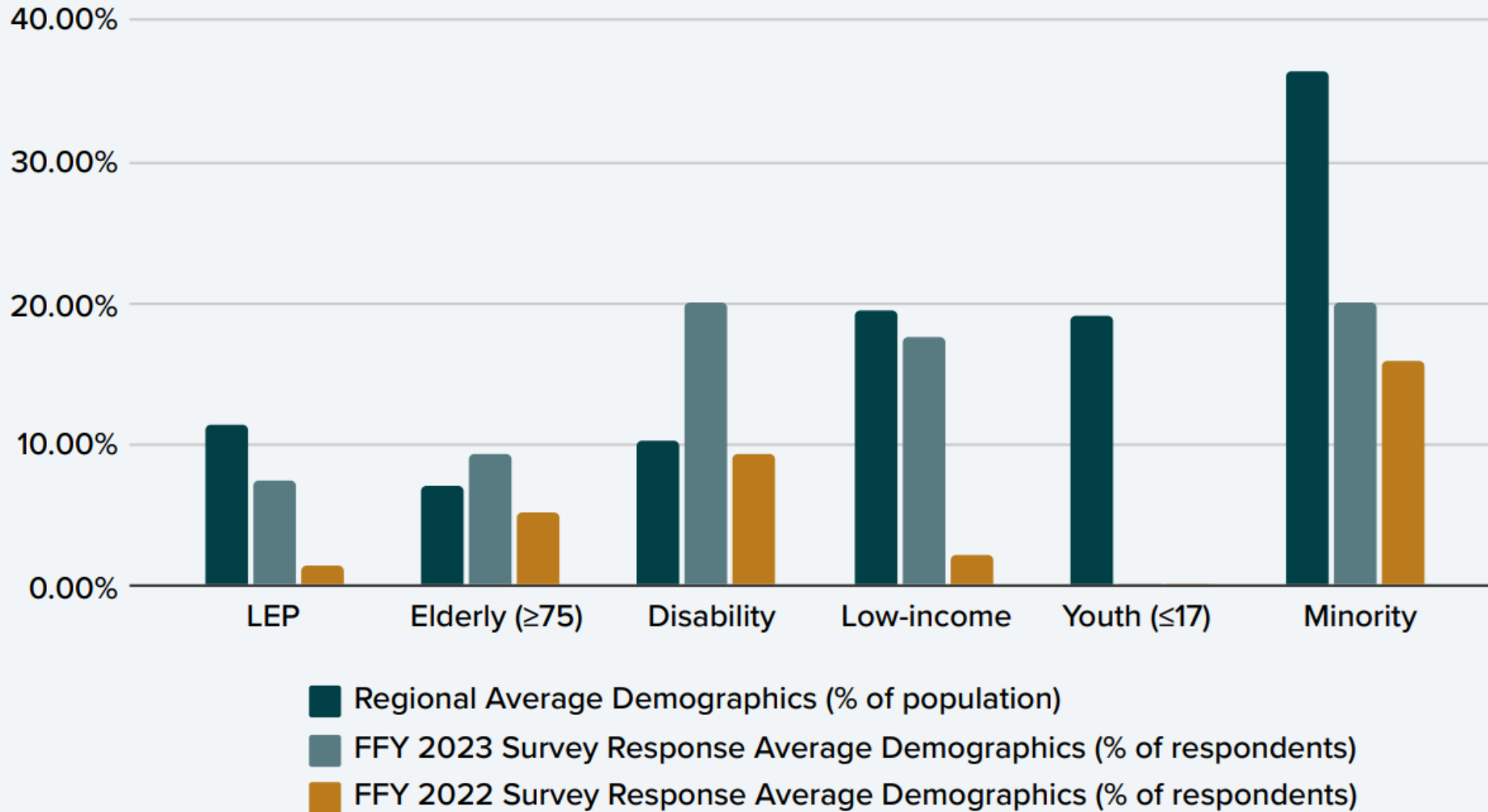
**4** regionwide public planning surveys  
LRTP, Coordinated Plan, UPWP  
~**1650** responses



**4** multimodal study surveys  
~**1050** responses



## FFY 2023 Survey Respondent Demographic Comparisons



FFY = federal fiscal year. LEP = limited English proficiency.

Source: 2020 US Census, 2018-2022 American Community Survey, Boston Region MPO staff.

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# Yearly Progress

- Expanded relationships
  - new stakeholders participating in multiple activities
  - discrete studies
  - new and varied engagement opportunities
- In-person events
- Incentives for participation
- Tracking and gap identification
- Increased capacity



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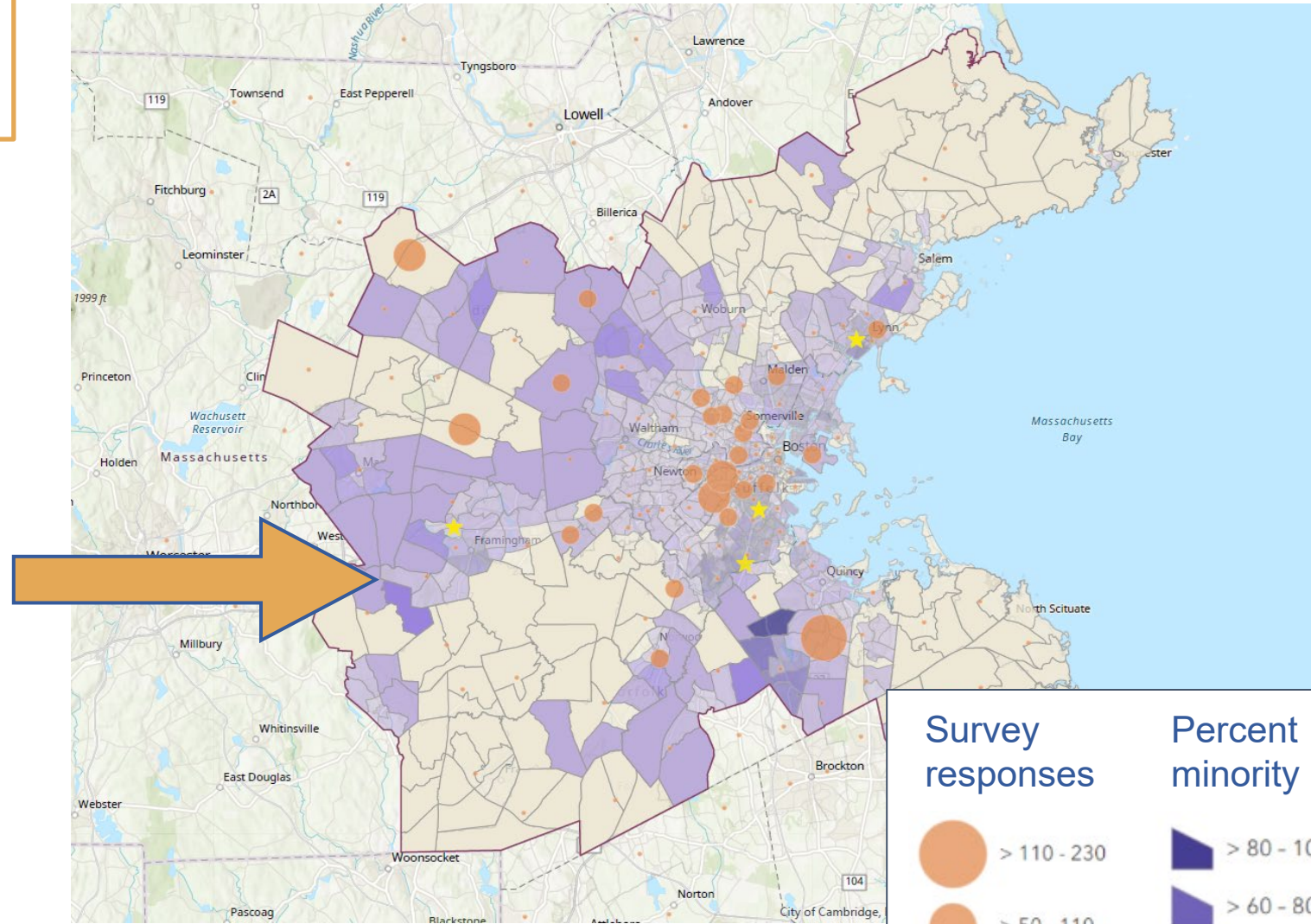
# Impacts of Engagement

- *Destination 2050* Vision, Goals, and Objectives
- 2023 Coordinated Plan
- Resilience updates to TIP scoring criteria
- Incentives and compensation for participation



# Goals for FFY 2024

- Continue expanding relationships
- Provide incentives and build partnerships
- Address gaps identified in FFY 2023



*FFY 2023 survey response distribution in relation to minority population*

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# Discussion Topics

- Direction of engagement program moving toward focusing on the general public and advocates
- Are we tracking the right metrics?
- Opportunities to do more with added capacity
- How is engagement driving decision-making? How can we best highlight the impacts of engagement?





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# Certification Review Action Plan Update

**Annette Demchur, MPO Staff**

Presentation and discussion on progress made towards the  
Certification Review Action Plan





# Update on Certification Review Action Plan

**Annette Demchur, Director of Policy and Planning**

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# Action Plan

- Provides updates on our progress addressing findings from the 2022 federal certification review
- Staff present updates to the MPO board



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  - Deadline: September 30, 2023

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## Update: **Complete**

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## Update: *Complete*

- Staff completed a new Language Assistance Plan in December 2023



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# Categories of Recommendations

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## Update:

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- TIP Process, Engagement, and Readiness Committee



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**Update: Launched the pilot project design and transit transformation and bikeshare support programs**

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# Recommendations: Ongoing Progress

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- Explore ways to engage federal and state environmental resource agencies and stakeholders for input into the next Long-Range Transportation Plan and regular input into corridor studies and planning documents



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# Recommendations: Ongoing Progress

## Performance-Based Planning and Programming

- Update the MPO's interactive performance dashboard and incorporate federal performance measures
- Carry out before-and-after studies for all projects on the TIP, including MassDOT, MBTA, and RTA-selected projects along with projects funded with regional target funds

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# Near-term Board Engagement

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# Members' Items

Reports and notices by MPO members, including regional concerns and local community issues

