

# **Draft Memorandum for the Record**

## **Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **January 15, 2026, Meeting**

10:00 AM–10:40 AM, Zoom Video Conferencing Platform

David Mohler, Chair, representing Phillip Eng, Interim Secretary of Transportation and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

### **Decisions**

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) agreed to the following:

- Approve the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2025
- Approve the Understanding Stakeholder Perceptions of Roadway-Pricing Strategies and Conceptualizing Effective Communication Strategies Work Scope
- Approve the Representing the Experiences of People with Limited Mobility Work Scope
- Endorse the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2026–30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Two

### **Meeting Agenda**

#### **1. Introductions**

See attendance on page 5.

#### **2. Chair's Report—*David Mohler, MassDOT***

D. Mohler noted that the agenda item for the Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment Two was removed and would be taken up in February.

#### **3. Executive Director's Report—*Tegin Teich, Executive Director, Central Transportation Planning Staff***

T. Teich shared engagement updates including a technical assistance information session that took place on January 13, 2026, and the final Subregional TIP Readiness Workshop taking place January 15, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

She also shared that the MPO was awarded a new Safe Streets and Roads for All award: *Safety Forward* with \$5 million in federal funding with a \$1.25 million state match.

She then previewed the upcoming agenda and announced the next meeting date as February 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

#### **4. Public Comments**

There were none.

#### **5. Committee Chairs' Reports**

Jen Rowe, City of Boston, shared that the next TIP Process, Engagement, and Readiness committee will be held January 22 at 2:00 PM. MPO staff will be sharing an updated TIP project dashboard.

Sam Taylor, MassDOT, highlighted the presentations heard at the last committee meeting from Lauren Magee and Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

#### **6. Community Advisory Council Report—Caitlin Allen-Connelly, Chair, Community Advisory Council**

C. Allen-Connelly shared updates from the previous Community Advisory Council meeting.

#### **7. Action Item: Approval of December 11, 2025, MPO Meeting Minutes Documents posted to the MPO meeting calendar**

1. December 11, 2025 minutes ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

Jen Rowe stated they had sent in some minor changes to the attendees list to staff.

#### **Vote**

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2025, with minor changes, was made by MAPC (E. Bourassa) and seconded by the City of Boston (J. Rowe). The motion carried.

#### **8. Action Item: Work Scope: Understanding Stakeholder Perceptions of Roadway-Pricing Strategies and Conceptualizing Effective Communication Strategies—Abby Cutrumbes Heerema, MPO Staff**

*Documents posted to the MPO meeting calendar*

2. Roadway Pricing Work Scope and Exhibits ([pdf](#))
3. Roadway Pricing Work Scope Exhibit 1 ([html](#))
4. Roadway Pricing Work Scope Exhibit 2 ([html](#))

5. Roadway Pricing Work Scope ([html](#))

A. Cutrumbes Heerema summarized the work scope, which is allocated \$49,417, composed entirely of staff time, and seeks to build off previous MPO work on roadway pricing.

**Discussion**

C. Allen-Connelly shared her support for continued exploration around roadway pricing and asked about advancing roadway pricing initiatives in FFY 2027. T. Teich responded that is being developed as part of UPWP development, and Rebeca Morgan shared that another discrete study is planned for FFY 2027 that would advance this work.

**Vote**

A motion to approve the Understanding Stakeholder Perceptions of Roadway-Pricing Strategies and Conceptualizing Effective Communication Strategies work scope was made by MAPC (E. Bourassa) and seconded by the City of Boston (Jen Rowe). The motion carried.

**9. Action Item: Work Scope: Representing the Experiences of People with Limited Mobility—Sophie Fox, MPO Staff**

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6. Representing the Experiences of People with Limited Mobility Work Scope ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

S. Fox summarized the work scope, which is allocated \$50,000 and will last for approximately eight months. She stated the goal of the work scope is to develop strategies to incorporate the experiences of those with limited mobility into quantitative analyses done by the MPO.

**Vote**

A motion to approve the Representing the Experiences of People with Limited Mobility work scope was made by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) (S. Johnston) and seconded by the City of Boston (Matt Moran). The motion carried.

**10.FFYs 2026-30 TIP Amendment Two—Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff**

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7. TIP Amendment Two ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

E. Lapointe stated that Amendment Two includes funding for five earmarks in the FFY 2026 Earmark Discretionary Program, a funding source change for design of improvements at Route 126 and 135 in Framingham, delays to nine Statewide Highway Program projects, and additional changes across MBTA projects.

***Vote***

A motion to endorse the FFYs 2026–30 TIP Amendment Two was made by MAPC (E. Bourassa) and seconded by the City of Somerville (Tom Bent). The motion carried.

**11.Members' Items**

There were none.

**12. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by MAPC (E. Bourassa) and seconded by the Town of Arlington (L. Diggins). The motion carried.

## Attendance

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Members	Representatives and Alternates
At-Large City (City of Everett)	Jay Monty
At-Large City (City of Newton)	David Koses
At-Large Town (Town of Arlington)	Lenard Diggins
At-Large Town (Town of Brookline)	Erin Chute
Community Advisory Council	Caitlin Allen- Connelly
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	Jen LaFlam
City of Boston (Boston Planning & Development Agency)	
City of Boston (Boston Transportation Department)	Matt Moran Patrick Hoey Jen Rowe
Federal Highway Administration	
Federal Transit Administration	
Inner Core Committee (City of Somerville)	Brad Rawson Tom Bent
Massachusetts Department of Transportation	John Bechard David Mohler John Romano Sandy Johnston
MassDOT Highway Division	
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)	
Massachusetts Port Authority	
MBTA Advisory Board	Hanna Switekowski
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	Eric Bourassa
MetroWest Regional Collaborative (City of Framingham)	Dennis Giombetti
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA)	Jeff Coletti Tyler Terrasi
Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (Town of Lexington)	Meghan Roche
North Shore Task Force (City of Beverly)	Darlene Wynne
North Suburban Planning Council (Town of Burlington)	John Strauss
South Shore Coalition (Town of Hull)	Chris Dilorio
South West Advisory Planning Committee (Town of Medway)	
Three Rivers Interlocal Council (Town of Norwood)	Tom O'Rourke Steve Olanoff

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<b>Other Attendees</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
John Alessi	McClure Engineering
David Nolan	CCC
Glenn Geiler	MBTA
Sarah Bradbury	MassDOT District 3
Andrew Wang	MassDOT
Noah Harper	MassDOT
Andrew McFarland	MBTA
Patricia Cahill	MassDOT
Jonathan Church	MassDOT
Miranda Briseno	MassDOT
Maria Foster	MassDOT
Cheryll-Ann Senior	MassDOT District 5
David Nolan	
Nelson Mui	MWRTA
Robert Warren	
AJ Courtney	
Koti Allu	
Greg Lucas	Tighe & Bond
Arnav Chatterjee	MassDOT
Abby Swaine	
JR Frey	Hingham
Luke Thibault	
Jon Rockwell	TEC Inc.
Justin Curewitz	Tighe & Bond

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**MPO Staff/Central Transportation Planning Staff**

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Tegin Teich, Executive Director

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Lauren Magee

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