

# **Draft Memorandum for the Record Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes**

## **April 16, 2026, Meeting**

10:00 AM–11:00 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 work scope for Estimating Avoided Carbon Emissions
- Approve the work scope for Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027 National Transit Database: Data Collection and Analysis
- Approve the Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2026–30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustment Three
- Endorse the FFYs 2026–30 TIP Amendment Three

### **Meeting Agenda**

#### **1. Introductions**

See attendance on page 5.

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

There was none.

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

T. Teich provided staffing updates, gave a preview of the agenda, and announced that the next meeting would be on May 7 at 10:00 AM.

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

There were none.

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

Eric Molinari, City of Everett, reported that the Congestion Management Process Committee met that morning and staff gave members a preview of the CMP Network Viewer.

## **6. Community Advisory Council Report—Karl Alexander, Vice Chair, Community Advisory Council**

K. Alexander reported that the Community Advisory Council met on Monday, April 13 and had presentations on the connection between climate resilience and regional transportation infrastructure.

## **7. Action Item: Work Scope for Estimating Avoided Carbon Emissions—Rose McCarron, MPO Staff**

### **Documents posted to the MPO meeting calendar**

1. Estimating Avoided Carbon Emissions work scope ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

R. McCarron presented the work scope for Estimating Avoided Carbon Emissions, which is fully funded by the MBTA with a budget of \$168,000. The work is scheduled for one year.

### **Vote**

A motion to approve the work scope for Estimating Avoided Carbon Emissions was made by the MBTA (Sandy Johnston) and seconded by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) (Eric Bourassa). The motion carried.

## **8. Action Item: Work Scope for MBTA SFY 2027 National Transit Database: Data Collection and Analysis—Bradley Putnam, MPO Staff**

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2. MBTA SFY 2027 National Transit Database Work Scope ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

B. Putnam presented the work scope for MBTA SFY 2027 National Transit Database: Data Collection and Analysis, which is fully funded by the MBTA with a budget of \$238,000. The work is scheduled for 18 months.

### **Discussion**

Lenard Diggins, Town of Arlington, asked how trip length was determined by transfer surveys. B. Putnam explained that the links can be used to determine total distance traveled on the system, so the average trip length can be estimated using automatic passenger counters.

### **Vote**

A motion to approve the work scope for the MBTA SFY 2027 National Transit Database: Data Collection and Analysis was made by the Town of Arlington (L. Diggins) and seconded by MAPC (E. Bourassa). The motion carried.

## **9. Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2026-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification One—Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff**

### **Documents posted to the MPO meeting calendar**

3. FY26 Community Transit Grant Program Operating and Mobility Management Awards ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

E. Lapointe provided a notice for an administrative modification to the FFYs 2026–30 TIP. This modification would program Operating and Mobility Management awards for projects in the Boston region. On March 20, MassDOT announced 47 Operating and Mobility Management awards provided through the SFY 2026 Community Transit Grant Program and 15 of those awards support services within the Boston region.

### **Discussion**

L. Diggins asked if the awards include measures for regional accessibility or cross municipal boundary trips. D. Mohler said he would provide a response from the MassDOT Rail and Transit Division.

## **10. Action Item: FFYs 2026-30 TIP Adjustment Three—Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff**

### **Documents posted to the MPO meeting calendar**

4. Adjustment Three ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

E. Lapointe summarized an adjustment to the FFYs 2026–30 TIP, which includes three projects proposed for inclusion: two for the Cape Ann Transportation Authority and one for the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA).

### **Vote**

A motion to approve the FFYs 2026–30 TIP Adjustment Three was made by the MWRTA (Tyler Terrasi) and seconded by MAPC (E. Bourassa). The motion carried.

## **11. Action Item: FFYs 2026-30 TIP Amendment Three—Ethan Lapointe, MPO Staff**

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5. Amendment Three ([pdf](#)) ([html](#))

E. Lapointe summarized an amendment to the FFYs 2026–30 TIP. This amendment programs a new federal earmark for a project design, a cost increase for a project in the statewide highway program, three cost increases to Regional Target projects in final design stages, four delays of Regional Target projects from the FFY 2026 programming year, and transit and bikeshare fill-in projects.

### **Vote**

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

## **12. MassDOT Capital Investment Plan—Michelle Scott, MassDOT**

M. Scott presented MassDOT’s CIP, highlighting interrelationships between the CIP and the MPO’s TIP work. MassDOT’s CIP is a rolling five-year plan that funds the planning, construction, and capital maintenance of the transportation system. It is fiscally constrained and reflects planned spending and cash flows. The FFYs 2027–31 CIP is currently under development and includes investments in roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, state-funded transit items, the state rail network, public-use airports, MassDOT-wide enterprise services, and the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

### **Discussion**

E. Bourassa asked how MassDOT engages with MPOs from around the state on their TIPs. D. Mohler explained that the MPOs program funds for obligation and M. Scott works with the divisions to cash flow those projects, which show up in the CIP.

E. Bourassa followed up asking if there are non-federally funded projects that would be in the CIP but not the MPO’s TIP. M. Scott responded that there are. The Tobin Bridge project is an example.

## **13. Members’ Items**

There were none.

## **14. Adjourn**

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

## Attendance

Members	Representatives and Alternates
At-Large City (City of Everett)	Eric Molinari
At-Large City (City of Newton)	David Koses
At-Large Town (Town of Arlington)	Lenard Diggins
At-Large Town (Town of Brookline)	
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	Jennifer LaFlam
City of Boston (Boston Planning & Development Agency)	
City of Boston (Boston Transportation Department)	Nayeli Rodriguez
	Lydia Hausle
Community Advisory Council	Karl Alexander
Federal Highway Administration (ex-officio)	Anthony Jones
Federal Transit Administration (ex-officio)	
Inner Core Committee (City of Somerville)	Tom Bent
	Brad Rawson
Massachusetts Department of Transportation	David Mohler
MassDOT Highway Division	John Romano
	Michael O'Dowd
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)	Sandy Johnston
Massachusetts Port Authority	Mark Cunningham
MBTA Advisory Board	Isabella Mackinnon
	Hanna
	Switekowski
	Frank Tramontozzi
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	Eric Bourassa
	Travis Pollack
MetroWest Regional Collaborative (City of Framingham)	Dennis Giombetti
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA)	Jim Nee
	Tyler Terrasi
Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (Town of Lexington)	Meghan Roche
North Shore Task Force (City of Beverly)	Michael Cahill
North Suburban Planning Council (Town of Burlington)	John Strauss
South Shore Coalition (Town of Hull)	Chris Dilorio
South West Advisory Planning Committee (Town of Wrentham)	Rachel Benson
Three Rivers Interlocal Council (Town of Norwood)	Steve Olanoff

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<b>Other Attendees</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Aleida Leza	
Allison Lenk	
Andrew Wang	MassDOT
Casey Hagerty	City of Woburn
Cheryll-Ann Senior	MassDOT District 5
Christian MilNeil	StreetsblogMASS
Derek Shooster	MassDOT
Donna Cotterell	
Jaime Moore-Carrillo	
Jim Tarr	Malden Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
Jon Seward	
Justin Curewitz	Tighe & Bond
Lauren Palazuelos	MBTA
Logan Casey	MBTA
Marzie Galazaka	
Melissa Berlin	
Melissa Santley	MassDOT District 6
Michael Baker	MassDOT
Michael Dion	BL Companies
Michelle Scott	MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning (OTP)
Peter Sutton	
Richard Azzalina	Stantec
Robert Warren	
Sam Taylor	MassDOT OTP
Sheila Page	Wellesley
Simran Patel	Conservation Law Foundation
Stephanie Abundo	MassDOT

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