EVOLUTION OF BOSTON REGION MPO POLICY BOARD

Red text indicates new entities. Text with strikethroughs indicates entities no longer on the MPO policy board.

1973 Boston Region MPO established with three state entities and one regional entity:

- Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC)
- Massachusetts Department of Public Works (MDPW)
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

1974 A second regional entity added:

- Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC)
- Massachusetts Department of Public Works (MDPW)
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- MBTA Advisory Board

1976 A fourth state entity added:

- Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC)
- Massachusetts Department of Public Works (MDPW)
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
- Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- MBTA Advisory Board

1997 A fifth state entity and seven local government representatives added:

- Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC)
- Massachusetts Department of Public Works (MDPW)
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
- Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)
- Massachusetts Turnpike Authority
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- MBTA Advisory Board
- City of Boston
- Three other cities (elected)
- Three towns (elected)

- 2011 Board modified to reflect state agency structural changes, add MPO's standing advisory committee as voting member, add a second seat for Boston, and add twelve local community representatives:
 - Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC)
 - Massachusetts Department of Public Works (MDPW)
 - Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)
 - MassDOT Highway Division
 - MassDOT
 - Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
 - Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)
 - Massachusetts Turnpike Authority
 - Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
 - MBTA Advisory Board
 - Regional Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC)
 - City of Boston
 - City of Boston
 - Three cities (elected)
 - Three towns (elected)
 - Two at-large cities (elected)
 - Two at-large towns (elected)
 - Eight sub-regional city or town representatives (elected)

Today (with 2011 changes incorporated):

- MassDOT (Chair)
- MassDOT (Highway Division)
- MassDOT (Other)
- MBTA
- Massport
- MAPC
- MBTA Advisory Board
- RTAC
- City of Boston
- City of Boston
- Two at-large cities (elected)
- Two at-large towns (elected)
- Eight sub-regional city or town representatives (elected)

Notes:

- a. All seats are permanent unless otherwise noted.
- b. Only voting members are shown. FHWA and FTA are nonvoting members.
- c. The MPO policy board has two officers. The Chair's seat is held permanently by MassDOT. The vice-chair is elected annually by the body. MAPC has served in that role in recent years.
- d. In 2011, the committee that handled the technical and other day-to-day affairs of the MPO, known for years as the Sub-Signatory Committee (SSC) and then as the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee (TPPC), was abolished. The same set of individuals attended both the policy board and TPPC meetings, so the latter group was deemed redundant.
- e. The RTAC had been a voting member of that technical committee and a non-voting member of the policy board, so with the 2011 abolition of the technical committee, RTAC became a voting member of the policy board.

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