

Understanding the TIP Process







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Agenda

- Introduction to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Funding
- Project Initiation and Evaluation
- TIP Timeline and Process
- TIP Resources
- TIP Projects in Your Cities and Towns
- Wrap-up and Questions



3C Process



MPOs Prepare Three Documents to Support Decision Making

Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- Sets transportation vision for 20+ year time frame
- Establishes policies and allocates federal transportation funding to achieve this vision

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Implementation arm of LRTP
- Programs capital investments over the next five federal fiscal years

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

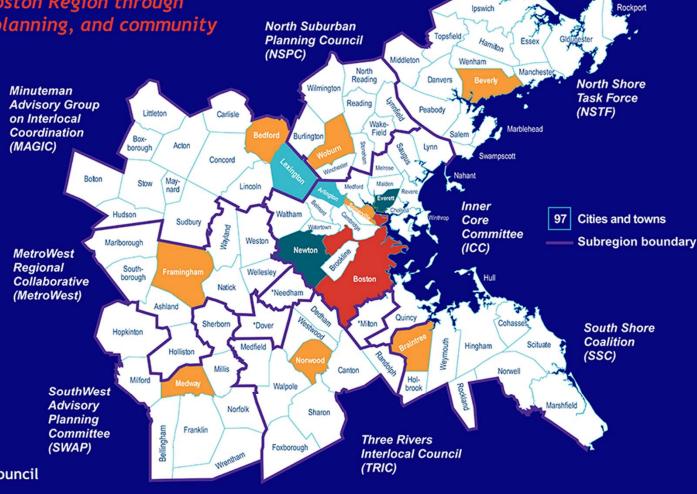
 Annual work program that includes planning activities that support LRTP vision and goals

Boston Region MPO Planning Area and Membership

Improving transportation in the Boston Region through technical analysis, collaborative planning, and community engagement.

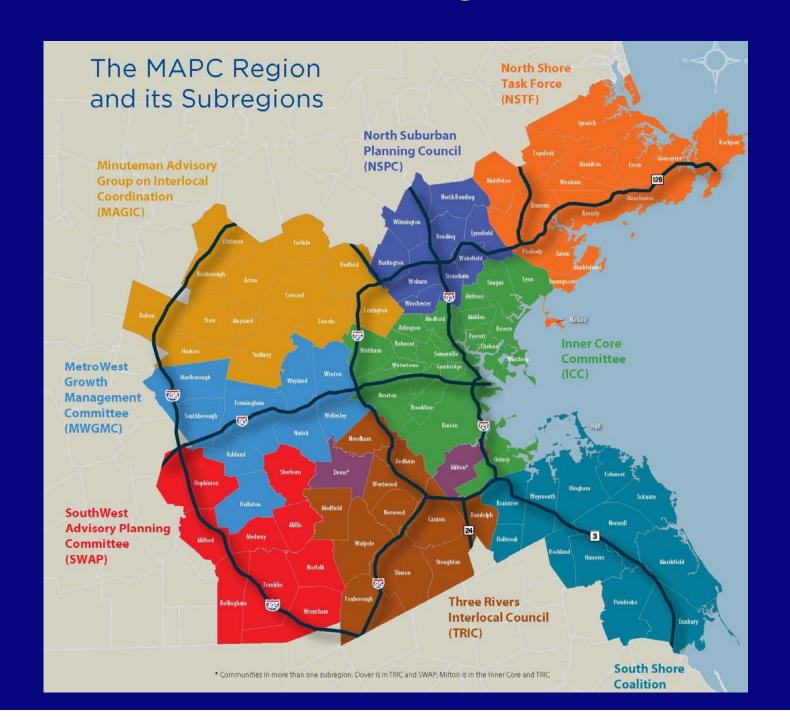
24 Members

- 8 Municipalities representing subregions (elected)
- 2 Cities, at-large (elected)
- 2 Towns, at-large (elected)
- 2 City of Boston (permanent)
- 5 Transportation agencies
 - Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) (3 seats)
 - Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
 - Massachusetts Port Authority
- 2 Federal agencies (nonvoting)
 - Federal Transit Administration
 - Federal Highway Administration
- 2 Advisory councils/boards
 - Regional Transportation Advisory Council
 - MBTA Advisory Board
- 1 Metropolitan Area Planning Council



*Community is in more than one subregion: Dover is in TRIC and SWAP; Milton and Needham are in ICC and TRIC.

MAPC Subregions



TIP Funding Sources

Federal Highway Program

\$734 - \$792 million

Accelerated Bridge Program (ABP) Repayment

\$81 - \$98 million

Statewide TIP Funding

\$585 million (federal) + \$135 million (state)

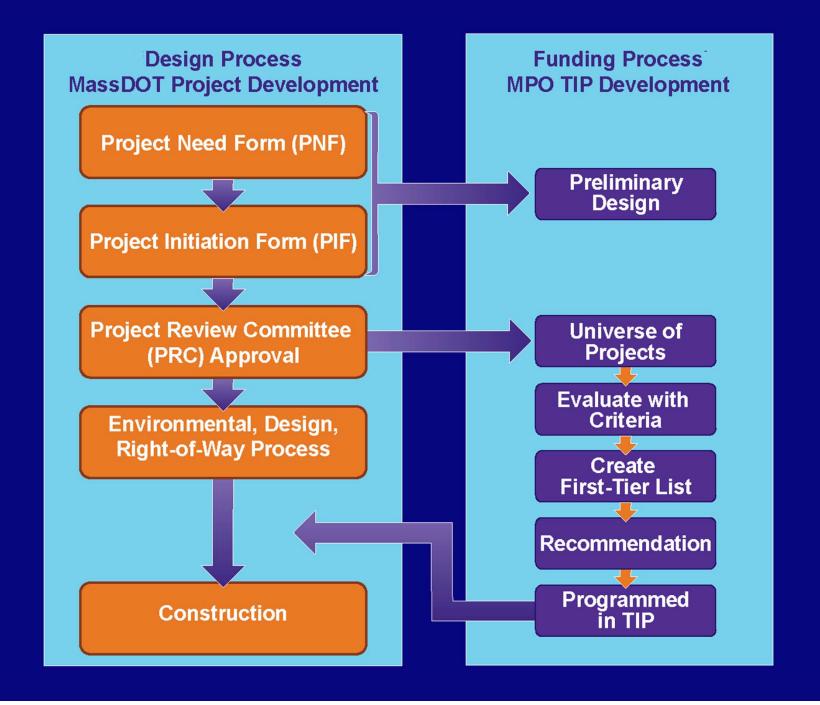
MassDOT Highway Division Priorities

- Reliability programs (bridges, pavements)
- Modernization programs (ITS, intersection improvements)
- Expansion (bicycles/ pedestrians, capacity)

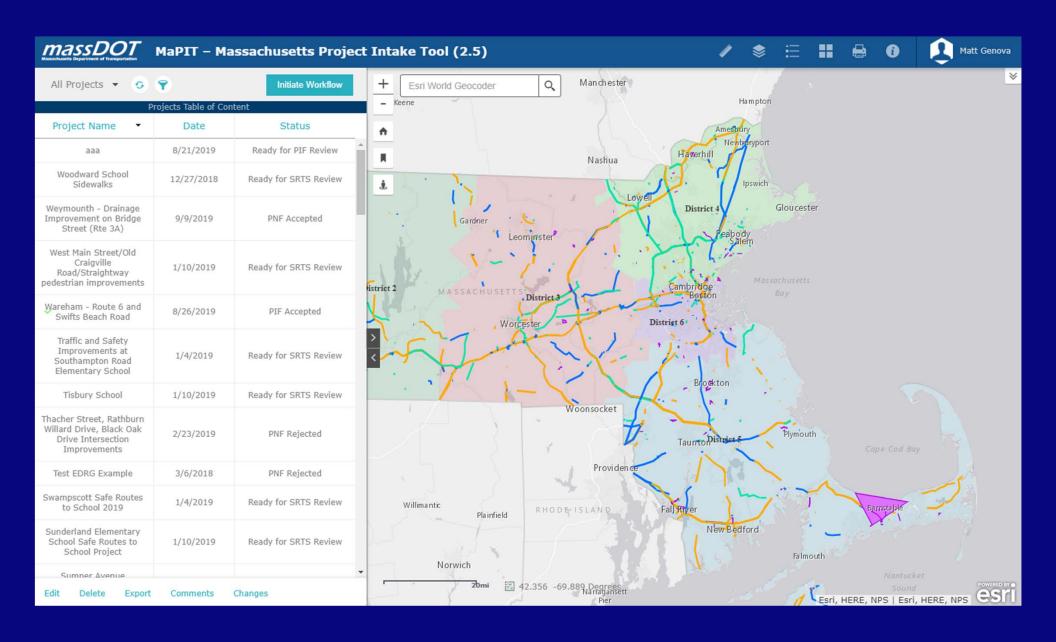
Regional Priorities

- Complete Streets
- Intersection improvements
- Bicycle and pedestrian
- Community connections
- Major infrastructure

TIP Funding Process



Project Initiation Process



TIP Evaluation Criteria

GOALS	CRITERIA	
Safety	 Crash Severity Value: EPDO index Crash Rate: intersection or corridor Improves truck-related safety issue Improves bicycle safety Improves pedestrian safety Improves safety or removes an at-grade railroad crossing 	30
System Preservation and Modernization	 Improves substandard roadway bridge(s) Improves substandard pavement Improves substandard traffic signal equipment Improves transit asset(s) Improves substandard sidewalk(s) Improves emergency response Improves ability to respond to extreme conditions 	29 P roj.
Capacity Management/ Mobility	 Reduces transit vehicle delay Improves pedestrian network and ADA accessibility Improves bicycle network Improves intermodal accommodations/connections to transit Improves truck movement Reduces vehicle congestion 	29 Ratin
Clean Air/ Sustainable Communities	Reduces CO ₂ Reduces other transportation-related emissions Addresses environmental impacts Is in an EOEEA-certified "Green Community"	16
Transportation Equity	Serves Title VI/non-discrimination populations	12
Economic Vitality	Serves targeted development site Consistent with the compact growth strategies of MetroFuture Provides multimodal access to an activity center Leverages other investments (non-TIP funding)	18

TIP Development Timeline

- October: Initial outreach to TIP contacts
- November: Draft Universe and data collection
 - Nov. 21: Key MPO Meeting–Draft Universe
- December: Data collection and project evaluations
 - Dec. 4: Deadline for submitting data for project evaluations
 - Dec. 19: Project Review Committee meeting
- > January: Project evaluations
 - Jan. 17 Feb. 7: Project proponents review initial evaluation results



TIP Development Timeline

- February: Evaluations, TIP Readiness, First-Tier List
 - February 6: Key MPO Meeting–Evaluation Results
 - February 12: TIP Readiness Day
 - February 20: Key MPO Meeting–First-Tier List
- March: Programming discussions
 - Mar. 5 and Mar. 19: Programming scenario discussions
- Late April: Draft TIP for public review and comment
- Late May: MPO endorses final TIP



TIP Resources

- TIP Contacts: List of contacts regarding TIP matters for each municipality in the Boston region.
 - http://ctps.org/tip-contacts
- TIP Evaluation Criteria: Scoring system used by the MPO to evaluate projects and help inform transportation investment decisions.
 - http://ctps.org/tip-dev
- MassDOT Highway Project Development Tools: Guides and tools for project development and design.
 - https://www.mass.gov/lists/massdot-highway-project-development-tools



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