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# WHAT IS THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM?

The [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) maps out five years of funding for transportation projects in the Boston region. Each year, the [Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\)](#) decides how to spend approximately \$110 million in federal funding (called Regional Target funding) to complement state and local transportation infrastructure investments in the Boston region.

*Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC)*

*MetroWest Regional Collaborative (MetroWest)*

*SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP)*

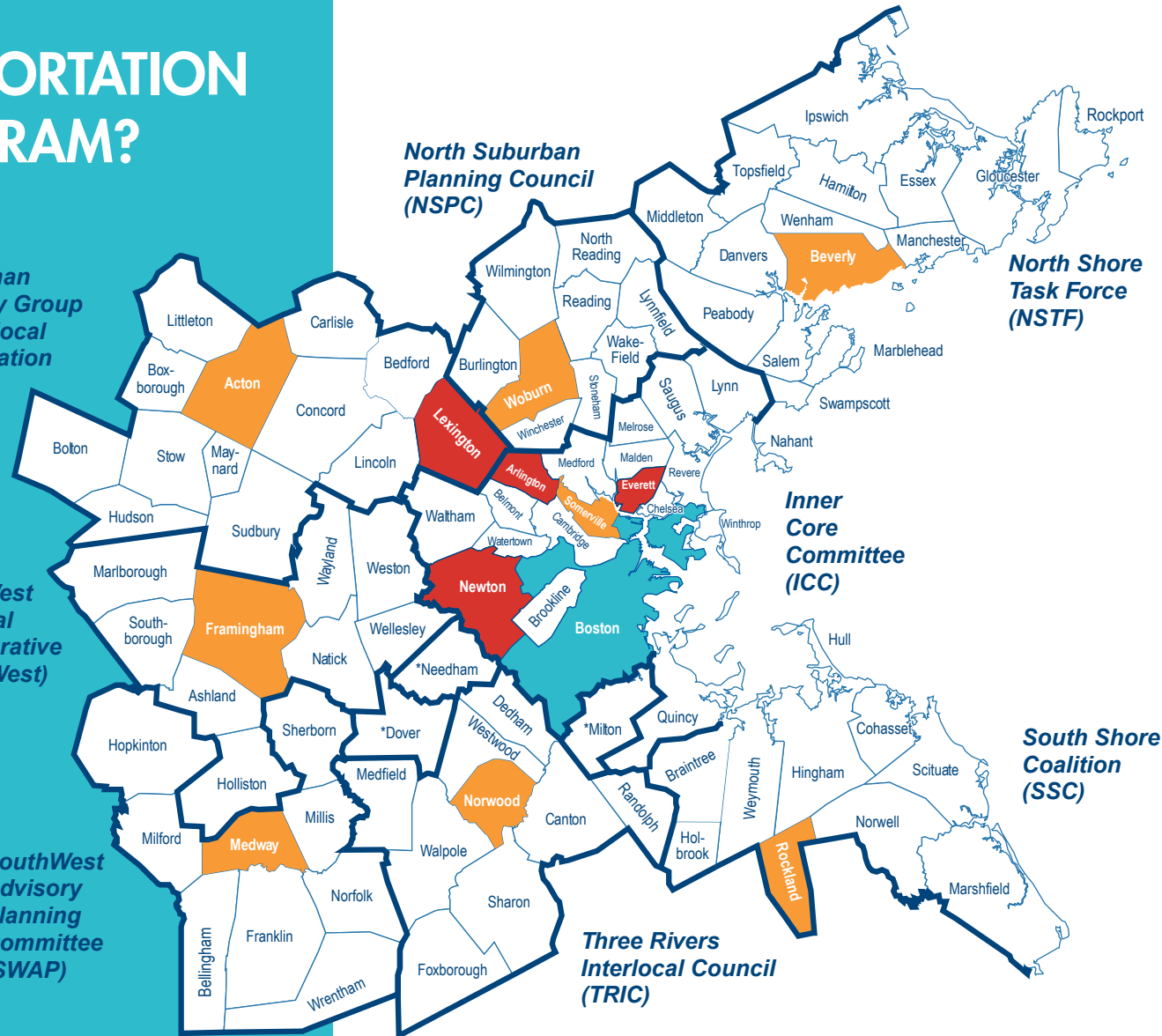
*North Suburban Planning Council (NSPC)*

*North Shore Task Force (NSTF)*

*Inner Core Committee (ICC)*

*South Shore Coalition (SSC)*

*Three Rivers Interlocal Council (TRIC)*



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

- 97 Cities and towns
- Subregion boundary
- MPO representative from subregion
- MPO city or town at-large representative
- Boston has two permanent MPO representatives



## FUNDING TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS — TIP

The Boston Region MPO TIP includes:

- MPO-prioritized projects based on the MPO's goals and investment programs
- Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)-prioritized projects that are federally funded
- Transit projects for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA), and Cape Ann Transportation Authority (CATA)

The MPO decides which projects to fund using a variety of [quantitative and qualitative criteria based on the MPO's six goal areas](#). These criteria assess how projects support equity, improve air quality and the environment, increase safety for different modes, promote economic development, improve mobility, and preserve and modernize existing infrastructure. Scores based on those criteria are balanced with considerations related to the project's investment program category, readiness for construction and cost, and the availability of funding. The MPO recently updated the criteria used to assess projects. To learn more about these changes, [visit the TIP Criteria Development webpage](#).



## WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS DOES THE MPO FUND?

The MPO prioritizes investments that focus on

- preserving, maintaining, and modernizing the transportation system;
- providing safe transportation for all modes;
- enhancing livability, economic vitality, and equity; and
- improving mobility throughout the region.

These investments fund projects like Complete Streets construction, intersection improvements, shared-use path expansion, transit enhancements, and pedestrian infrastructure improvements that align with the MPO's vision, goals, and objectives established in the [Long-Range Transportation Plan \(LRTP\), \*Destination 2040\*](#).

## What is an MPO?

MPOs, or metropolitan planning organizations, are federally required regional planning entities that engage government representatives, elected officials, transportation agencies, residents, and other stakeholders in a collaborative and transparent public process to



- Develop a vision in the Long-Range Transportation Plan for multimodal transportation in the region



- Distribute federal funds to construction projects that support the vision through the Transportation Improvement Program



- Carry out multimodal transportation planning at a regional scale through the Unified Planning Work Program

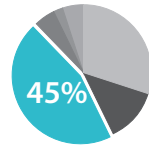
# WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS DOES THE TIP FUND?

The Boston Region MPO [Investment Programs](#) guide MPO decision making and help municipalities understand MPO priorities.



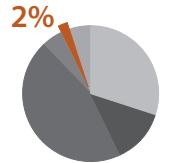
## COMPLETE STREETS

- Continuous sidewalks
- Cycle tracks
- Dedicated bus lanes



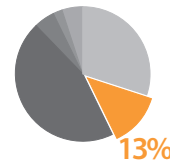
## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- First- and last-mile connections
- Wayfinding



## INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- Modernized signals
- Shorter crosswalks



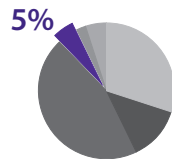
## TRANSIT MODERNIZATION

- Transit station improvements
- Climate resiliency



## BICYCLE NETWORK AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS

- Shared-use paths
- Bicycle facilities



## MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE

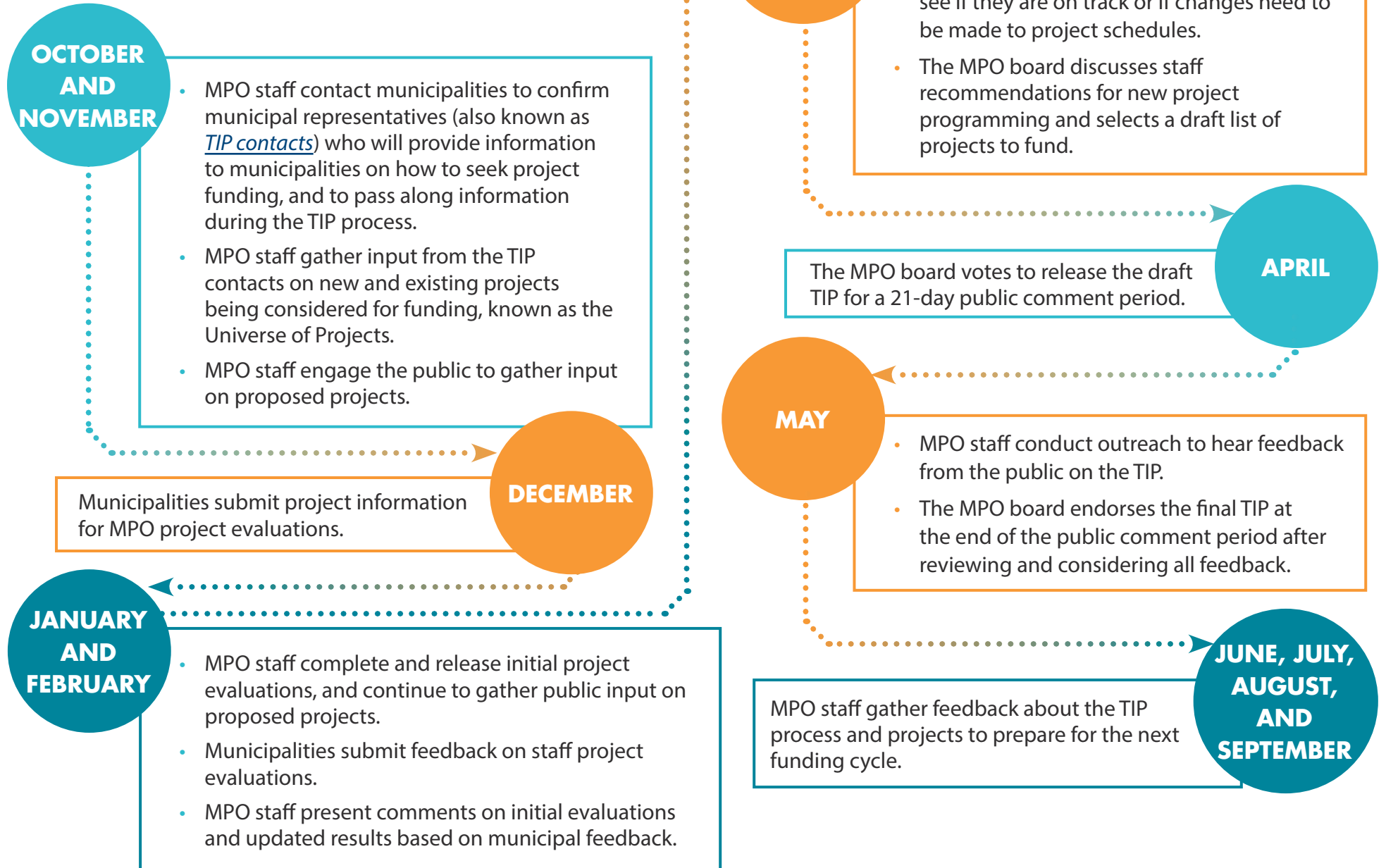
- New transit lines
- Large-scale Complete Streets projects



You can discover more about projects funded in the TIP through the [MPO's interactive TIP Project Database](#).

# HOW DOES THE MPO DEVELOP THE TIP?

For a project to be eligible for inclusion in the TIP, it must be approved by the MassDOT Project Review Committee. Information on this process is available on [MassDOT's project initiation web page](#).



# HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Advocate for MPO projects in your community or across the region by:



SUBMIT A COMMENT

Post a comment in the [comment form](#) on the MPO website.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE

Subscribe to the [MPO's email list](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#) at [@BostonRegionMPO](#).

CHAT WITH STAFF

MPO staff regularly attends outreach events. Check [@BostonRegionMPO](#) on Twitter and Instagram, and visit the MPO's meeting calendar to find an event that is convenient for you.

ATTEND AN MPO MEETING

Observe the MPO in action and express your views at the MPO board and committee meetings. Find meeting notices on the [MPO's meeting calendar](#).

INVITE US OVER

Reach out to the MPO's Public Outreach Coordinator, at [publicinfo@ctps.org](mailto:publicinfo@ctps.org) or 857.702.3658, if you would like MPO staff to visit or attend your meeting to discuss transportation issues that are important to you.

JOIN OUR ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Regional Transportation Advisory Council, a voting member of the MPO, is an independent body that brings public viewpoints and advice on transportation policy and planning to the MPO. Contact Matt Archer, Transportation Planner, at [marcher@ctps.org](mailto:marcher@ctps.org) or 857.702.3708, to learn more about becoming a member.



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# Welcome. Bem Vinda. Bienvenido. Akeyi. 欢迎. 歡迎.

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