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Public Involvement Session Notice

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Location: This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/join>
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**Come share your views about the transportation planning process
in the Old Colony region!**

Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required to review the metropolitan transportation planning process conducted by the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (OCMPO), Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT), and their local municipal partners in order to certify that they are carrying out the process in accordance with all applicable Federal requirements.

As part of this review, the Federal agencies would like to hear from members of the public on their views of how the metropolitan transportation planning process is conducted in the region.

Please attend the virtual public meeting conducted by FHWA and FTA, to be held during the regularly scheduled Old Colony MPO meeting. If you are unable to attend, you may also submit your comments or observations in writing **by July 28, 2023** to:

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2023 Federal Certification Review

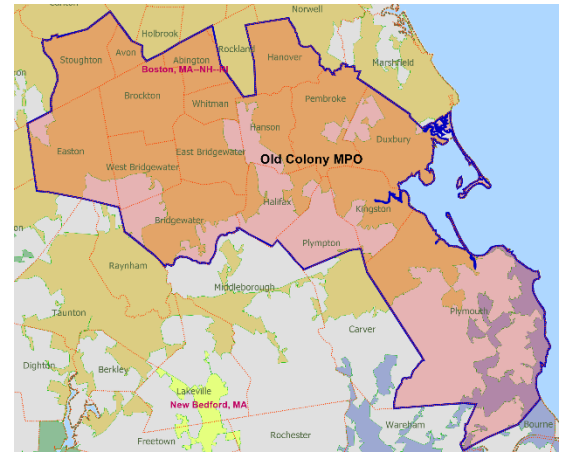
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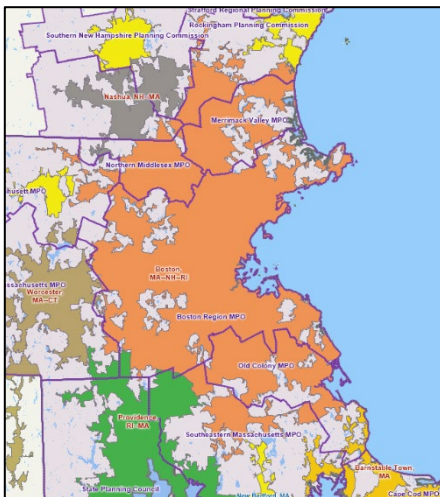
Transportation Management Area



Overview

At least once every four years, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving a Transportation Management Area (TMA) – an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 – is carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process in adherence with federal requirements under [23 U.S.C. 134](#) and [49 U.S.C. 5303](#). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly conduct this review, make a certification determination, and produce a report that may include compliance issues (corrective actions), areas for improvement (recommendations), and/or notable practices (commendations). Based on these findings, the MPO will either be “certified,” “certified with conditions or restrictions,” or “not certified”.

Boston, MA-NH-RI TMA



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- Boston Region MPO
- Central Massachusetts MPO
- Merrimack Valley MPO
- Montachusett MPO
- Northern Middlesex MPO
- **Old Colony MPO** →
- Southeastern Massachusetts MPO
- Rockingham Planning Commission (NH)
- Nashua Regional Planning Council MPO (NH)
- Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (NH)
- Statewide Planning Council (RI)



Elected Officials

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

A **continuous**, **cooperative**, and **comprehensive** (3-C) process that informs transportation decisions, including how projects are selected and prioritized for implementation within a region.

With limited funds, this is critical for prioritizing regional needs and identifying projects that best meet performance goals and objectives while providing public benefit. The process assists in developing a framework for the future transportation system.

3-C Planning Process

Continuous – Regularly addressing short-term needs and long-term regional goals

Cooperative – Involving all interested parties through a public participation process

Comprehensive – Multimodal in scope and consistent with other regional and statewide planning products and federal planning factors

Four Key MPO Planning Documents

Please note that there are other federal requirements applicable to MPOs, but these are four core planning documents that frame the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

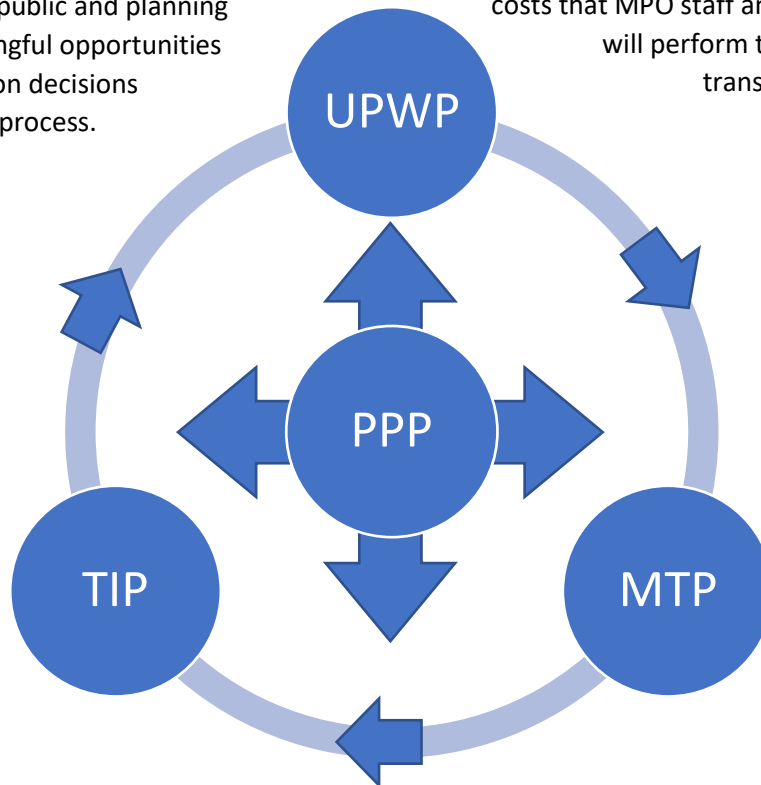
Documents public involvement strategies that provide the general public and planning stakeholders with meaningful opportunities to influence transportation decisions throughout the planning process.

Updated as needed

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Lists transportation tasks, products, and associated costs that MPO staff and other responsible parties will perform to support the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Updated annually



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Identifies transportation investments, and associated costs, by year for implementation in the region over the next 4 to 5 years. Projects reflect investment priorities from the MTP and activities from the UPWP.

Updated annually

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Also known as a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Establishes regional goals, strategies, projects, and priorities for an integrated intermodal transportation system that reflect current and future demand over at least 20 years.

Updated every four years

How is the Process Going? We Want Your Input!

Written comments can be submitted by July 28, 2023 to:

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Things to Think About...

What are your views on the planning process?

- What are some challenges?
- What are some strengths?

Do you feel you understand how the planning process works and how to get involved?

Do you feel like you have adequate opportunities to participate and be heard?