



# MONTACHUSETT

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TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director  
RE: Draft Amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Montachusett TIP  
DATE: December 6, 2011

Based upon the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Public Participation Program (PPP) established by the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) that attempts to establish a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and other Major Transportation Studies (MTS), and as required under the Metropolitan Planning Regulations, this memo serves as notice of the commencement of a 30 day public review and comment period for three Draft Amendments to the MPO Endorsed FFY 2012-2015 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the availability of the draft document as developed by the MRPC for the Montachusett MPO. The 30 day public review and comment period will commence on Monday December 12, 2011 and close at the end of business on Tuesday January 10, 2012.

The requested Amendments reflect the addition of projects to the FFY 2012 and 2013 Highway and Transit Elements as a result of advertising delays and new grant approvals. At a meeting held on November 9, 2011, the Montachusett MPO reviewed the proposed Amendments and recommended that they be released for a 30 day public review and comment period.

Summary copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained at the offices of the MRPC located at the MART Garage & Maintenance Facility, 1427R Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420 between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday to Friday. Copies can be mailed on request by contacting Brad Harris or George Kahale at (978) 345-7376 ext. 311 or 307, respectively and are also available online at the MRPC website, [www.mrpc.org](http://www.mrpc.org), in Adobe Acrobat format.

We ask that any interested party review the draft Amendments and make any comments that they deem appropriate. Written or verbal comments will be accepted up till the close of business on Tuesday January 10, 2012 and should be addressed: TIP Amendment Comments, MRPC, 1427R Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. Comments can also be sent via email to: [mrpc@mrpc.org](mailto:mrpc@mrpc.org). Please specify TIP Amendment Comments in the subject line.

Comments may also be made at the regularly scheduled meeting of the MRPC on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the MRPC Offices. This meeting will serve as the public meeting for the review of the Amendments.

Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into the final draft FFY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments. If no significant objections are made during the public review period, the final FFY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments will be forwarded for endorsement to the MPO at a meeting to be scheduled January 11, 2012 at 1:00 PM at MRPC Offices.

If there are questions on the draft Amendment or the review and comment period, please contact the MRPC.