



MONTACHUSETT

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director
RE: Development of the Draft Montachusett FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
DATE: April 13, 2011

As part of the annual development of the Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) seeks input from interested organizations, agencies and citizens. The TIP is a prioritized listing of transportation and transit projects proposed for implementation during the next four federal fiscal years and is the product of a comprehensive, continuing and cooperative effort to improve the regional transportation system by local officials, the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC), the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART), the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). It is required to be updated annually by Federal Regulations issued jointly by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The MRPC staff annually develops the TIP project listing from sources including MassDOT Highway Division Districts 2 and 3, the Long and Short Range Elements of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and local officials. Priorities for each federal fiscal year listed in the TIP are established through the use of a Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) process, input from the MPO and MJTC, public input through meetings and a federally mandated 30 day public review and comment period for the draft TIP document.

Discussions related to the development of the FFY 2012-2015 Montachusett TIP will continue to be held over the next few weeks at meetings of the MRPC, the MJTC and the MPO. As such, we invite those organizations, agencies, local boards and citizens with an interest or responsibility for planning that may be affected by transportation in the Montachusett region provide their input to the draft development process. Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

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| Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) | Tuesday, April 26, 2011 | 7:00 PM |
| | Tuesday, May 31, 2011 | MRPC Offices, |
| | Tuesday, June 28, 2011 | 1427R Water Street, |
| | Tuesday, July 26, 2011 | Fitchburg, MA 01420 |
| | Tuesday, August 30, 2011 | |
| Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC) | Wednesday, April 20, 2011 | 7:00 PM |
| | Wednesday, May 18, 2011 | MRPC Offices, |
| | Wednesday, June 15, 2011 | 1427R Water Street, |
| | Wednesday, July 20, 2011 | Fitchburg, MA 01420 |
| | Wednesday, August 17, 2011 | |
| Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) | Wednesday, May 11, 2011 | 1:00 PM |
| | Wednesday, June 8, 2011 | MRPC Offices, |
| | Wednesday, July 13, 2011 | 1427R Water Street, |
| | Wednesday, August 10, 2011 | Fitchburg, MA 01420 |

All meetings are open to the public but are subject to date and time changes. Please refer to the MRPC website at www.mrpc.org or by phone at (978) 345-7376 to confirm all meetings.

Information regarding the TIP and input from interested organizations, agencies, local boards and citizens can be presented for consideration at these meetings as well as through emails, letters and faxes directly to the MRPC. Please feel free to send them to us at the following addresses:

Via mail: TIP Input
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If there are questions on the TIP development process or this request for input, please contact Brad Harris of my staff at (978) 345-7376 ext. 311. Information will also be available at the MRPC web site located at www.mrpc.org regarding the TIP and any applicable documents will be made available for download through this site.

Thank you.