

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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MRPC Planning Acronyms and Abbreviations

A

AADT	Average Annual Daily Traffic
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACEC	Area of Critical Environmental Concern
ACOE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)
ADDI	American Dream Down-payment Initiative
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
AFT	American Farmland Trust
AFV	Alternative Fuel Vehicles
AICP	American Institute of Certified Planners
AIM	Associated Industries of Massachusetts
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
ANF	Executive Office of Administration and Finance
ANR	Approval Not Required Plans
APA	American Planning Association
APTA	American Public Transportation Association
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
ATR	Automatic Traffic Recorder
AUL	Activity and Use Limitation
AQI	Air Quality Index
AVL	Automatic Vehicle Locator System
AVR	Average Vehicle Ridership

B

BCRLF	Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program (BCRLF)
BID	Business Improvement District
BLOS	Bicycle Level of Service
BLS	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
BMP	Best Management Practice
BMS	Bridge Management System
BOA	Board of Appeals (or Adjustment)
BOH	Board of Health
BRPC	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
BTU	British Thermal Unit
BVW	Bordering Vegetated Wetland ENDED HERE

C

CAFÉ	Corporate Average Fuel Economy
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CCC	Cape Cod Commission
3C	Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive Transportation Planning
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CDC	Community Development Corporation
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMRPC	Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission
CPTC	Citizen Planner Training Collaborative
CMS	Congestion Management System
CADD	Computer Aided Design and Drafting
CE	Construction Engineering
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMG	Central Mass Grown

D

DEM	Department of Environmental Management
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DHCD	Department of Housing and Community Development
DOT	Department of Transportation
DHV	Design Hour Volume
DLTA	District Local Technical Assistance
DRS	Demand Responsive Service

E

EECBG	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
EDA	Economic Development Administration
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Study
ENF	Environmental Notification Form
EOEA	Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
EO418	Executive Order 418
EOHLC	Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
EOTC	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
EJ	Environmental Justice
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EDIP	Economic Development Incentive Program

F

FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FRA	Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority
FRCOG	Franklin Regional Council of Governments
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FEIR	Final Environmental Impact Report
FAHP	Federal Aid Highway Program
FY	Fiscal Year
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration

G

GPS	Global Positioning System
GIS	Geographic Information System
GANs	Grant Anticipation Notes
GVW	Gross Vehicle Weight
GIC	Group Insurance Commission

H

HR	Housing Rehabilitation
HCM	Highway Capacity Manual
HCS	Highway Capacity Software
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HSMP	Highway Safety Management Program
HTF	Highway Trust Fund
HED	Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development

I

ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency
ITC	Intermodal Transportation Center
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System
ITE	Institute of Transportation Engineers
I/M	Inspection and Maintenance
HIS	Interstate Highway System
IM	Interstate Maintenance
	Interstate Highway (Freeway or Expressway)

J

JARC	Job Access Reverse Commute
JBOS	Joint Board of Selectmen, typically referred to as the Devens JBOS

K

L

L RTP	Long-Range Transportation Plans
LOS	Level of Service
LRT	Light Rail Transit

M

MAB	Mart Advisory Board
MAPC	Metropolitan Area Planning Council
MARPA	Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies
MART	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority
MassGIS	Massachusetts Geographic Information System
MBTA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
MDT	Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust
MEDD	Montachusett Economic Development District
MEMA	Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
MHC	Massachusetts Historical Commission
MIS	Major Investment Study
MISER	Massachusetts Institute for Social and Environmental Research
MJTC	Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee
MPPF	Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund
MOC	Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc.
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding

MRBRI	Montachusett Region Brownfield Reuse Initiative
MRPC	Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
MVCC	Martha's Vineyard Commission
MVPC	Merrimack Valley Planning Commission
MassHighway	Massachusetts Highway Department
MHD	Massachusetts Highway Department
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MOE	Measures of Effectiveness
MUTCD	Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MAP	Mobility Assistance Program
MTS	Management of Transportation Systems
	Minor Arterials (Highway)
MBR	Massachusetts Board of Retirement
MRTC	Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition
MMP	Massachusetts Marketing Partnership
MOTT	Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism

N

NANT	Nockeage Apartments Nominee Trust
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils
New Vue	New View Communities; formerly the Twin Cities Community Development Corporation of TCCDC)
NCHC	North Central Housing Coalition, The
NCMCRA	North Central Massachusetts Community Reinvestment Act Coalition
NCMWIB	North Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board, Inc.
NCPD	National Corridor Planning and Development Programs
NEARC	New England Association of Regional Councils
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NETEA-3	Northeast Transit Equity Act-3 Reauthorization
NMCOG	Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
NP&EDC	Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission
NRWA	Nashua River Watershed Association
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NWCETA	Northern Worcester County Economic Target Area
NHS	National Highway System
NTS	National Transportation System
NFA	Non Federal Aid
NTP	Notice to Proceed
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NSBP	National Scenic Byways Program

O

OCPC	Old Colony Planning Council
OA	Obligational Authority
	Obligation
	Obligation Limitation
OPMO	Office of Performance Management and Oversight, under HED

P

PL	Planning Funds
PPP	Public Participation Program
PVPC	Pioneer Valley Commission

PHF	Peak Hour Factor
PMS	Pavement Management System
PRC	Project Review Committee
	Paratransit
	Paratransit Services
	Pavement Management System
	PS&E
	Public Participation
	Public Transit

Q

R

RABA	Revenue Aligned Budget Authority
RES	Restricted Emission Status Application
RDO	Regional Development Organization
RFR	Request for Referrals
RFR	Request for a Resolution
RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQ	Request for Quotes
RPAs	Regional Planning Agencies
RPOs	Rural Planning Organizations
RRF	Request a Release of Funds
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
ROW	Right of Way
RTA	Regional Transit Authority
	Rehabilitation
	Routine Maintenance

S

SEIR	Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
SRPEDD	Southeastern Regional planning and Economic Development District
STP	Surface Transportation Program
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
SPR	State Planning and Research Funds
	Safety Management System
	SAFETEA-LU
	SAFETEA-LU Planning Factors

T

TCCDC	Twin Cities Community Development Corporation; New Vue Communities as of 2016
TCSP	Transportation and Community System Preservation
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TDR	Transfer of Development Rights
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TOD	Transit Oriented Development
TIGER	Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery
TIGGER	Transit Investment in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction

	TRS	Thermoplastic Rubber Systems
	TDM	Travel Demand Management
	TSM	Travel/Transportation System Management
	TMC	Turning Movement Count
	TMA	Transportation Management Area
	TCM	Transportation Control Measure
	TE	Transportation Enhancement Activities
	TMIP	Travel Model Improvement Program
		Title VI
		Total Estimated Project Cost
U		
	UA	Urbanized Areas
	UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
		Unobligated Balance
V		
	VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
	VPH	Vehicles Per Hour
	V/C	Volume to Capacity Ratio
	VOCs	Volatile Organic Compounds
	V/C	Volume to Capacity Ratio
W		
X		
Y		
Z		