



# MONTACHUSETT

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TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director  
RE: Draft FFY 2014-2017 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
DATE: May 9, 2013

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 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 the Draft FFY 2014-2017 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the availability of the draft document as developed by the MRPC for the Montachusett MPO. The public involvement process with time established for review of the TIP and its Amendments will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for transit projects. The 30 day public review and comment period will commence on Monday May 13, 2013 and close at the end of business on Tuesday June 11, 2013.

Due to requirements of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration that the State TIP be financially constrained, the state Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has developed target funding estimates for each RPA to assist in establishing a financially constrained TIP. The list developed by the Montachusett MPO reflects the current status of the FY2014-2017 projects and their likelihood of advertisement in their respective fiscal year.

As stated, the Draft document is available for public review and comment for 30 days. Copies 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 the MRPC at (978) 345-7376. Copies 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 FFY 2014-2017 TIP and make any comments that they deem appropriate. Written or verbal comments will be accepted up till the close of business on Tuesday June 11, 2013 and should be addressed: TIP Comment, 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 Comment in the subject line.

Comments may also be made on the Draft document at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee on Wednesday May 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM or the full Commission on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the MRPC Offices. These meetings will serve as the public meeting for the review of the document.

Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into a final draft FFY 2014-2017 TIP. If no significant objections are made during the public review period, the final draft document will be forwarded for endorsement to the MPO at a meeting to be held on June 12, 2013 at 1:00 PM at the MRPC Offices.

If there are questions on the Draft FFY 2014-2017 TIP or the review and comment period, please contact the MRPC. Information is also available at the MRPC web site located at [www.mrpc.org](http://www.mrpc.org).