Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) Amendment #1 to the PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

Comment Period: January 30, 2017 to March 15, 2017

Reason for Amendment: To change the duration of the Public Review and Comment Period from 30 days to 21 days for key documents such as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and any other identified major transportation documents. This change will still allow for adequate time for comments without impacting the MMPO meeting schedule. In addition, this will also provide staff with additional time to review, present and address comments with the MMPO.

Please note that this change will not affect the mandated 45 day public review and comment period required for the Public Participation Plan and its amendments.

Various sections within the PPP, will be changed from the 30 days' notation to 21 days. In particular, section **4.2.5 Public Comment Periods for Key Activities** is the key notation within the PPP regarding comment periods and will be changed to read as follows:

4.2.5 Public Comment Periods for Key Activities

- Key programs and documents such as the TIP, the UPWP, the RTP and the PPP require mandated public review and comment periods that provide interested individuals with an opportunity to examine the document and to offer comments as appropriate.
- The TIP, UPWP and RTP require a **twenty-one (21) day public review and comment period** while the PPP requires a forty-five (45) day public review and comment period.