

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director
RE: Draft 2024 Montachusett Journey to 2050
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
DATE: June 29, 2023



Based upon the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Program (PPP) developed by the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) that attempts to establish a proactive public involvement process as required under the Metropolitan Planning Regulations, this memo serves as notice of a 21 day public review and comment period for Draft 2024 Montachusett Journey to 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the availability of the draft document developed by the Montachusett MPO. The public involvement process with the time established for review of the RTP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for transit projects. The public review and comment period will commence on Monday July 3, 2023, and close at the end of business on Monday July 24, 2023.

The RTP serves as a long-term blueprint of the Region's transportation system. The current network is compared to the past and envisioned 25 years into the future. Needs are identified and a framework of projects and priorities are set across all modes, i.e., highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian, freight, etc. The RTP also serves to provide a basis for any federally financed transportation and transit project, program, or study. At an online meeting held on June 28, 2023, the Montachusett MPO reviewed the Draft RTP and voted that it be released for a full 21-day public review and comment period.

The Draft 2024 RTP is available for viewing online at the MRPC website, www.mrpc.org, or directly at this webpage: [Draft 2024 Montachusett RTP](#).

We ask that any interested party review the Draft Montachusett RTP and make any comments that they deem appropriate. Written or verbal comments will be accepted up till the close of business on Monday July 24, 2023, and should be addressed: 2024 RTP Comments, MRPC, 464 Abbott Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453. Comments can also be sent via email to: rtp@mrpc.org. Please specify RTP Comments in the subject line. In addition, comments may be made during the online Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC) meeting to be held on Wednesday July 12, 2023, at 2:30 PM. Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into a final 2024 Montachusett RTP.

If no significant objections are made during the public review period, the final document will be forwarded for endorsement to the MPO at an online meeting to be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday July 26, 2023.

Please refer to the MRPC website Calendar for information on how to join the virtual MJTC and MPO meetings through GoToMeeting.com.

If there are questions on the Draft 2024 Montachusett RTP, the review and comment period or how to participate in the online meetings, please contact the MRPC.