

# Montachusett Regional Transportation Plan 2024



## Journey to 2050

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## MONTACHUSETT METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ENDORSEMENT OF THE 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Whereas, the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) has completed its review in accordance with 23 CFR Part 450 Section 324 (Development and content of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan) and hereby certifies that the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan is financially constrained. Based on the results of the review and analyses, the Montachusett 2024 Regional Transportation Plan is consistent with the air quality goals of, and in conformity with, the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan;

Therefore, the Committee of Signatories representing the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) by a majority vote hereby endorses the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan for the Montachusett MPO with the chair signing on behalf of all members.

 for \_\_\_\_\_  
*Gina Fioravacca, Secretary and CEO*  
*Massachusetts Department of Transportation*

August 16, 2023  
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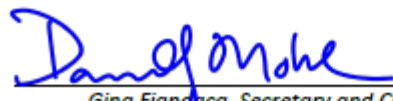


### Certification of the Montachusett Region MPO 3C Transportation Planning Process

Concurrent with the submittal of the proposed Regional Transportation Plan to the FHWA and FTA, The Montachusett Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) certifies that its conduct of the metropolitan transportation planning process complies with all applicable requirements, which are listed below, and that this process includes activities to support the development and implementation of the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination, the Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

1. 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303, and this subpart;
2. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 USC 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and for applicable State Implementation Plan projects;
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6. 23 CFR part 230, regarding implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
7. The provisions of US DOT and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
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The Committee of Signatories representing the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) by a majority vote hereby endorses the Self Certification Compliance Statement for the Montachusett MPO with the chair signing on behalf of all members.

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Gina Fianduca, Secretary and CEO  
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### Certification of the Montachusett Region MPO Transportation Planning Process 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for the Transportation Sector and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation



This will certify that the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2024 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization is in compliance with all applicable requirements in the State Regulation 310 CMR 60.05: Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for the Transportation Sector and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The regulation requires the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to:

1. 310 CMR 60.05, 5(a)(1): Evaluate and report the aggregate transportation GHG emissions and impacts of RTPs and TIPs;
2. 310 CMR 60.05, 5(a)(2): In consultation with MassDOT, develop and utilize procedures to prioritize and select projects in RTPs and TIPs based on factors that include aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts;
3. 310 CMR 60.05, 5(a)(3): Quantify net transportation GHG emissions impacts resulting from the projects in RTPs and TIPs and certify in a statement included with RTPs and TIPs pursuant to 23 CFR Part 450 that the MPO has made efforts to minimize aggregate transportation GHG emissions impacts;
4. 310 CMR 60.05, 5(a)(4): Determine in consultation with the RPA that the appropriate planning assumptions used for transportation GHG emissions modeling are consistent with local land use policies, or that local authorities have made documented and credible commitments to establishing such consistency;
5. 310 CMR 60.05, 8(a)(2)(a): Develop RTPs and TIPs;
6. 310 CMR 60.05, 8(a)(2)(b): Ensure that RPAs are using appropriate planning assumptions;
7. 310 CMR 60.05, 8(a)(2)(c): Perform regional aggregate transportation GHG emissions analysis of RTPs and TIPs;
8. 310 CMR 60.05, 8(a)(2)(d): Calculate aggregate transportation GHG emissions for RTPs and TIPs;
9. 310 CMR 60.05, 8(a)(2)(e): Develop public consultation procedures for aggregate transportation GHG reporting and related GWSA requirements consistent with current and approved regional public participation plans;
10. 310 CMR 60.05, 8(c): Prior to making final endorsements on the RTPs, TIPs, STIPs, and projects included in these plans, MassDOT and the MPOs shall include the aggregate transportation GHG emission impact assessment in RTPs, TIPs, and STIPs and provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the RTPs, TIPs, and STIPs.
11. 310 CMR 60.05, 8(a)(1)(c): After a final GHG assessment has been made by MassDOT and the MPOs, MassDOT and the MPOs shall submit MPO-endorsed RTPs, TIPs or projects within 30 days of endorsement to the Department for review of the GHG assessment.

The Committee of Signatories representing the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) by a majority vote hereby endorses the GWSA Statement for the Montachusett MPO with the chair signing on behalf of all members.

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Gina Fiadaca, Secretary and CEO  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

August 16, 2023

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