TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director

RE: Draft Coordinated Public Transit – Human

Services Plan Update

DATE: December 12, 2014



Based upon the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Public Participation Program (PPP) that attempts to establish a proactive public involvement process as required under the Metropolitan Planning Regulations, this memo serves as notice of a 30 day public review and comment period for the Draft Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan Update (HSP) and the availability of the draft document as developed by the MPO. The public review and comment period will commence on Monday December 15, 2014 and close at the end of business on Tuesday January 13, 2015.

The Montachusett Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan focuses on three target populations within the Montachusett region, individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals and the elderly, and seeks to identify gaps in existing transportation services and needs to meet those gaps. The Coordinated Plan has been developed as a tool to help local transportation providers and communities improve transportation services, increase efficiency of service delivery, and expand outreach to meet growing needs. It provides a framework to guide the investment of existing transportation resources and the acquisition of future funds. As stated, these documents are 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 www.mrpc.org.

We ask that any interested party review the draft document and make any comments that they deem appropriate. Written or verbal comments will be accepted until the close of business on Tuesday January 13, 2015 and should be addressed: HSP Comments, MRPC, 1427R Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. Comments can also be sent via email to: mrpc@mrpc.org.

Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into a final draft Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan Update. If no significant objections are made during the public review period, the final draft HSP will be forwarded for endorsement to the MPO at a meeting to be held on January 14, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the MRPC Offices.

If there are questions on the draft documents or the review and comment period, please contact the MRPC. Information is also available at the MRPC web site located at www.mrpc.org.

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