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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director
RE: Draft Amendment to the FFY 2013-2016 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
DATE: August 8, 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 a 30 day public review and comment period for a Draft Amendment to the MPO Endorsed FFY 2013-2016 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the availability of the draft document as developed by the MRPC for the Montachusett MPO. The public review and comment period will commence on Friday August 9, 2013 and close at the end of business on Monday September 9, 2013.

The requested Amendment reflects changes to project costs for various bridges in the FFY 2013 Element of the FFY 2013-2016 TIP. At a meeting held on August 7, 2013, the Montachusett MPO reviewed the proposed Amendment and voted that it be released for a 30 day public review and comment period.

A summary copy of the proposed amendment 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 Brad Harris or George Kahale at (978) 345-7376 ext. 311 or 307, respectively and are also available online at the MRPC website, www.mrpc.org, in Adobe Acrobat format.

We ask that any interested party review the draft Amendment and make any comments that they deem appropriate. Written or verbal comments will be accepted up till the close of business on Monday September 9, 2013 and should be addressed: TIP Amendment Comments, MRPC, 1427R Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. Comments can also be sent via email to: mrpc@mrpc.org. Please specify TIP Amendment Comments in the subject line.

Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into a final FFY 2013-2016 TIP Amendment. If no significant objections are made during the public review period, the final document will be forwarded for endorsement to the MPO at a meeting to be held on September 11, 2013 at 1:00 PM at the MRPC Offices. Please refer to the MRPC website Calendar for confirmation of the meeting date.

If there are questions on the Draft Amendment or the review and comment period, please contact the MRPC.