

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Brad Harris, Transportation Project Director

RE: Regional Transportation Plan outreach



The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) would like to announce a series of meetings that will focus on the 2016 update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Regional Transportation Plan provides guidance to local and state officials in deciding how to spend federal and state transportation funds as well as outlines the transportation priority needs for the region. The plan is a long range document for the maintenance and improvement for the road, highway, bicycle and pedestrian, bridge, rail, transit, freight and airport systems of the Montachusett Region over the next 20 years. The RTP is a federally mandated document that is developed through studies, discussions with local officials, boards and commissions and public comment/outreach. While the RTP may cover a 20 year period, it is updated every four years so it can be adapted to emerging needs and trends.

The Plan must examine and address all modes of transportation that exist in the region through an inventory of current conditions and then identify various needs and recommendations that can range from specific projects to general goals or policies. Additionally, in order for projects to be eligible for Federal Aid funds through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), they must be reflected within the RTP.

All interested individuals are encourage to participate in the plan development process through attendance at various outreach events, completion of various surveys, feedback and comments on the draft documents as they are prepared and by contacting the MRPC. Refer to below for specifics regarding meetings and surveys.

### **Meeting Focus**

### **Date, time, and location**

#### **Bicycle & Pedestrian**

January 6, 2015, 12:00 pm at MRPC Offices (during the monthly Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition meeting)

January 8, 2015, 7:00 pm at Ayer Town Hall, 1 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room, Ayer, MA 01432

#### **Highway Systems**

February 10, 2015, 1:00pm at Athol Library conference rm  
568 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331

January 21, 2015, 7:00 pm at MRPC Offices (during the monthly Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee meeting)

#### **Transit**

February 18, 2015, 1:00 pm,  
Location TBD

February 18, 2015, 7:00 pm (during the monthly MJTC meeting)  
At Great Wolf Lodge, 150 Great Wolf Drive, Fitchburg

#### **Environmental**

February 25, 2015, 1:00 pm at MRPC Offices

**\*\*Please take a moment to visit our RTP website - <http://www.mrpc.org/home/pages/moving-forward> and fill out a brief survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Mont2016RTP>. Any and all input will be helpful in helping us plan the future of the transportation network in the Montachusett Region.**

# Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC)

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015  
12:00pm**

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

**Bike and Pedestrian focus group**

### **AGENDA**

**At the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission/MART offices  
1427R Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(off Nichols Street)**

1. Introductions
2. Regional Transportation Plan overview
3. Existing Bike and Pedestrian accommodations
4. GreenDOT/Mode Shift
5. Future Planning
6. Input needed

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# Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC)

Thursday, January 8, 2015  
7:00pm

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

**Bike and Pedestrian focus group**

### **AGENDA**

**At the Ayer Town Hall, Second Floor  
1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432**

1. Introductions
2. Regional Transportation Plan overview
3. Existing Bike and Pedestrian accommodations
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