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 TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director
RE: Draft Amendment to the FFY 2014-2017 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
DATE: February 14, 2014

Based upon the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Program (PPP) established by the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission that attempts to establish a proactive public involvement process as required under the Metropolitan Planning Regulations, this memo serves as notice of a shortened 22 day public review and comment period for a Draft Amendment to the MPO Endorsed FFY 2014-2017 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the availability of the draft document developed by the Montachusett MPO. The public review and comment period will commence on Tuesday February 18, 2014 and close at the end of business on Tuesday March 11, 2014.

The Amendment reflects the addition of a project to the FFY 2014 Transit Element of the FFY 2014-2017 TIP. At a meeting held on February 12, 2014, the Montachusett MPO reviewed the Amendment and voted that due to the need to access funds as soon as possible, it be released for a shortened public review and comment period of 22 days.

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 the MRPC at (978) 345-7376 and is also available online at the MRPC website, www.mrpc.org.

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 Tuesday March 11, 2014 and should be addressed: TIP Amendment Comments, MRPC, 1427R Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. Comments can also be sent via email to: <u>mrpc@mrpc.org</u>. Please specify TIP Amendment Comments in the subject line.

Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into a final 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 March 12, 2014 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.