

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director
RE: Draft FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP) and Draft October 1, 2014-September
30, 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
DATE: May 15, 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 FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the availability of the draft documents as developed by the MPO. The public involvement process with time established for review of the TIP and its Amendments will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for transit projects. The public review and comment period will commence on Monday May 19, 2014 and close at the end of business on Tuesday June 17, 2014.

Due to requirements of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration that the State TIP be financially constrained, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has developed target funding estimates for each RPA to assist in establishing a financially constrained TIP. The list developed by the Montachusett MPO reflects the current status of the FFY2015-2018 projects and their likelihood of advertisement in their respective fiscal year.

The UPWP for the Montachusett MPO is a financial programming tool developed annually as part of the federally certified transportation planning process. This document contains task descriptions of the transportation planning program of the MPO, with associated budget information and funding sources for the 2014-2015 program year. The purpose of the UPWP is to ensure a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3C) transportation planning process in the Montachusett Region. In addition, this document provides for the coordination of planning efforts between communities in the Montachusett Region.

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 documents and make any comments that they deem appropriate. Written or verbal comments will be accepted until the close of business on Tuesday June 17, 2014 and should be addressed: TIP/UPWP Comments, MRPC, 1427R Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. Comments can also be sent via email to: mrpc@mrpc.org. Please specify TIP or UPWP Comments in the subject line.

Comments may also be made on the draft documents at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC) on Wednesday May 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM or the full Commission on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the MRPC Offices. These meetings will serve as the public meetings for the review of these documents.

Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into a final draft FFY 2015-2018 TIP and October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015 UPWP. If no significant objections are made during the public review period, the final draft TIP and UPWP will be forwarded for endorsement to the MPO at a meeting to be held on June 18, 2014 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.