

2024 Montachusett Regional Transportation Plan

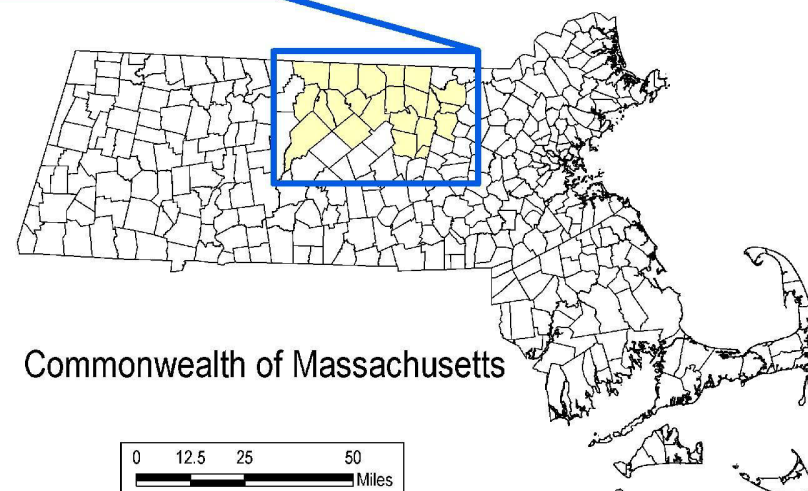
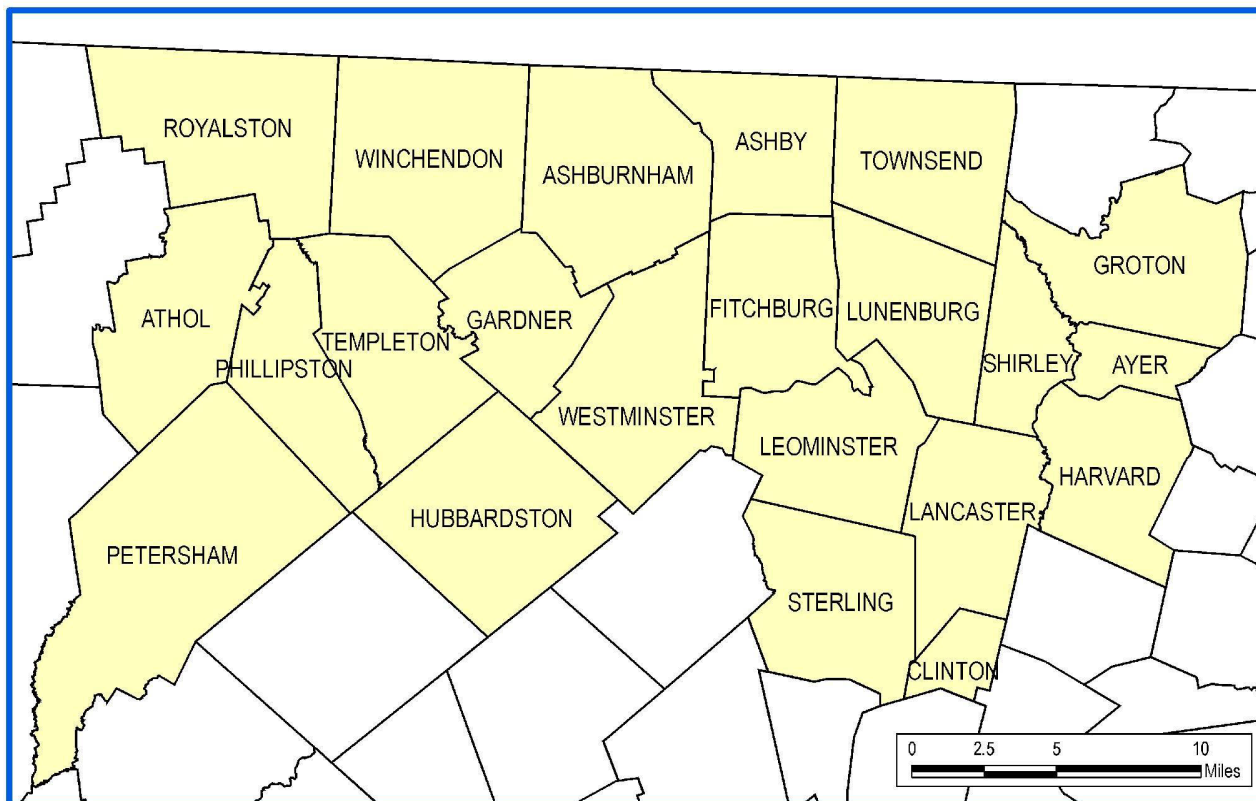
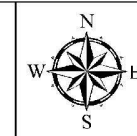
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About the MRPC

- The MRPC planning area consists of three cities, 19 towns and Devens. These communities are located in northern Worcester county and Middlesex county. The region's population is 242,671 (2020 Census) and our planning area encompasses approximately 685 square miles
- The MRPC is not a federal, state, or county agency but rather, it is a regional agency created by, and responsible to, its member communities
- MRPC has a staff of 11 full time professional planners and analysts in three departments
 - Planning and Development
 - Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
 - Transportation and Transit Planning

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) Locus Map



Legend

- Massachusetts Communities
- MRPC Communities

DATA SOURCES: 1800/200 and the MRPC.
DISCLAIMER: The information depicted on this map is for planning purposes only. All data are representational and are not adequate for boundary definition, regulatory interpretation, or parcel-based analysis.
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Who's Involved in Transportation Planning?

- Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
- Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee
- Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO)

Signatories to the Montachusett MPO are:

- Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- Administrator of the Highway Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- Chairman of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
- Chairman of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority
- Mayor of the City of Fitchburg
- Mayor of the City of Gardner
- Mayor of the City of Leominster
- Four Representatives from the four Subregions of towns

Subregion 1 – Athol, Hubbardston, Petersham, Phillipston, Templeton, Winchendon

Subregion 2 – Ashburnham, Ashby, Townsend, Westminster

Subregion 3 – Ayer, Harvard, Lunenburg, Shirley

Subregion 4 – Clinton, Lancaster, Sterling

What the Plan Does

- Provides guidance to local and state officials in deciding how to spend federal and state transportation funds
- The Plan is **NOT** a wish list but a plan with recommended projects that have a reasonable chance of being funded

Why the Plan Matters

- It outlines transportation priority needs for the region
- If a community wants to receive funds for a project, it must fit into the policy goals of the Regional Transportation Plan
- The Plan is used to develop a list of projects that will receive state or federal funds.

What the Plan Covers

- Roads
- Rail
- Trails (bike and pedestrian)
- Transit (bus and paratransit)
- Freight/goods movement
- Safety
- Congestion (e.g. bottlenecks)
- Intelligent Transportation Sys (e.g. message boards on highways)
- Environmental concerns
- Regional growth

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please consider taking our survey

To fill out an online survey, visit this website, or scan the QR code below:

<https://www.mrpc.org/home/news/take-the-montachusett-rtp-public-outreach-survey>





**What are the main
transportation/transit
related challenges in your
community?**

- Rank in importance from 1 (Most) to 10 (Least), the following issues that need to be addressed in your travels over the next 25 years.

Road Maintenance & Infrastructure

Transit Options

Congestion

Pedestrian & Bicycle Accessibility

Safety – Road & Highway

Economic Development

Residential Development

Climate Change & Environment

Changing Demographics

Improved Town Center

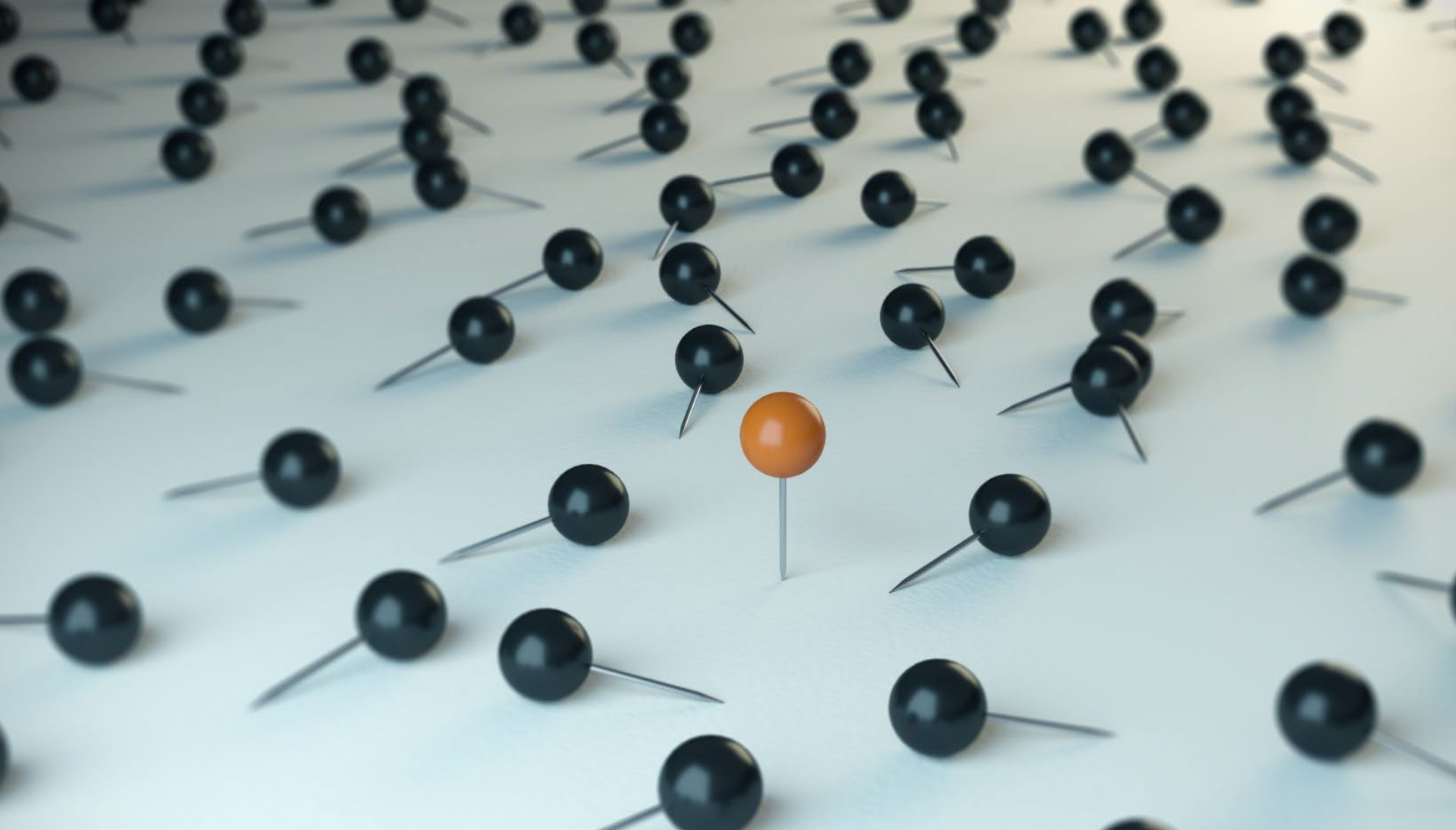
Other (Please Describe and Rank)



How has the pandemic affected your travel patterns?



What needs to change, or improve?



Are there specific locations that pose an issue?


What does a
successful
regional
transportation
/transit
network look
like in 2050?



2024 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - Draft Development Schedule

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Working Towards the Future - The 2020 Montachusett Regional Transportation Plan

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The RTP Website is now active.



Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization
2020 Regional Transportation Plan
Working Towards the Future

What is the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)?

- ◊ A federally required document
- ◊ A beneficial guide
- ◊ A decision-making framework for local, regional and state officials
- ◊ A twenty year guide that identifies both short and long range transportation projects or needs
- ◊ A series of recommendations designed to reinforce the region's stated goals and objectives

What is included in the RTP?

- ◊ Infrastructure
- ◊ Transit
- ◊ Bicycles & Pedestrians
- ◊ Equity
- ◊ Safety
- ◊ Economic Development
- ◊ Freight Movement
- ◊ Environment & Climate Change

How can I get involved?

Regular Meetings of the:

- ◊ Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- ◊ Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC)
- ◊ Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC)

Special RTP Meetings and Workshops—TBD

Check out the RTP Website for the latest information!!
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