

# MONTACHUSETT

## REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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### **Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization Endorsement of Amendment #4 to the FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program**

The Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) has completed its review of Amendment #4 to the Highway and Transit Elements of the FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with 23 CFR Part 450 Section 324 (Transportation Improvement Program: General) of the October 28, 1993 Final Rules for Statewide and Metropolitan Planning.

This Amendment to the FFY 2022-2026 TIP is financially constrained and conforms to the Montachusett 2020 Regional Transportation Plan. Based on the results of the review and analyses, the Montachusett 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and FFY 2022-2026 TIP are consistent with the air quality goals of, and in conformity with, the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan. This Amendment and TIP do not add or delete any regionally significant, non-exempt projects, nor reprogram any existing regionally significant, non-exempt projects across analysis years.

Therefore, the Committee of Signatories representing the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) by a majority vote hereby endorses Amendment #4 to the Highway and Transit Elements of the Montachusett Region FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, this endorsement is signed by the MassDOT Secretary and CEO, or their appointed designee, on behalf of the entire Montachusett MPO. This action is taken after an official vote of the MPO.

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*Jamey L. Tesler, Secretary and CEO  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation*

5/18/2022

*Date*

**Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO)**  
**Potential Amendment #4 to the**  
**FFY 2022-2026 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Comment Period: **April 26, 2022 to May 16, 2022**

**I. Proposed Amendment to the Highway Element**

**Reason for Amendment:** MassDOT Highway Division has proposed the following two projects be amended as part of the Montachusett FFY 2022-2026 TIP.

1. Gardner - ELM STREET RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - SRTS (#610672). The project should be moved from FFY 2022 to FFY 2023.
2. Westminster – Fitchburg - PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 2 (#610730). The project should be removed from FFY 2024 and the TIP as it was advertised in December 2021 with NFA funds.

**1. Proposed Amendment to Change FFY for a Project in Section 2B - State Prioritized Modernization Projects**

**From FFY 2022:**

FFY	Project #	Community	Description	Dist.	Fund Source	Total Funds	Federal Funds	State Funds
2022	610672	Gardner	GARDNER- ELM STREET RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - SRTS	3	TAP	\$1,375,000	\$1,100,000	\$275,000

**To FFY 2023:**

FFY	Project #	Community	Description	Dist.	Fund Source	Total Funds	Federal Funds	State Funds
2022	610672	Gardner	GARDNER- ELM STREET RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - SRTS	3	TAP	\$1,375,000	\$1,100,000	\$275,000

**2. Proposed Amendment to Remove a Project in Section 2B – State Prioritized Reliability Projects**

**From FFY 2024:**

FFY	Project #	Community	Description	Dist.	Fund Source	Total Funds	Federal Funds	State Funds
2024	610730	Multiple	WESTMINSTER- FITCHBURG- PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 2	3	NHPP	\$7,499,208	\$5,999,366	\$1,499,842

**II. Proposed Amendment to the Transit Element**

**Reason for Amendment:** The Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART) has proposed changes to the FFY 2022 Transit Element of the Montachusett FFY 2022-2026 TIP. These changes include cost changes to six (6) projects and the removal of three (3) additional projects. These changes are reflected on the attached page.

The following is from the MPO Endorsed FFY 2022-2026 Montachusett TIP regarding Amendment and Adjustment actions.

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## **AMENDMENT/ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES**

In order to minimize constraints on programming projects, the endorsed TIP will have the provision, as adopted by the MPO, that will allow relatively minor modifications be made to the TIP without formal MPO action. Significant changes will continue to require MPO action through the amendment process.

Minor modifications may include such actions as:

- changes in funding amounts (typically less than 10% of the total cost) or categories within the same fiscal year.

Minor modifications will be accomplished through an agreed-upon administrative action with the approval of the MPO. That action will include approval of the modification by the MPO at a duly constituted meeting and written notification of the MPO members. Under an adjustment, a formal signatory endorsement and a 21-day public review period will not be required.

Significant changes to the TIP include major actions such as:

- moving a project in either direction between the sequential years, ex. Years 1 and 2, Years 2 and 3, etc.
- the addition or deletion of a Federal Aid project.
- if the design, scope, or budget of a project is found to have changed significantly as determined by the MJTC and MPO (typically cost changes of more than 10%).
- moving a project from Non-Federal Aid to one of the Federal Aid funding categories.
- moving a project in either direction between non-sequential fiscal years, ex. from Year 1 of the TIP to Year 3.
- advancing a project from the Appendix project list to either Years 1, 2, 3 or 4.
- advancing a project from the out Year 5 to either Years 1, 2 or 3.

Significant changes to the TIP will require formal endorsement of an amendment. This amendment process will include a 21-day public comment period, or an abbreviated comment period of not less than ten (10) days under what the MPO considers to be extraordinary circumstances, as outlined in the federal planning regulations and the Montachusett Public Participation Program (as endorsed May 25, 2016 and amended on March 15, 2017), approval of the amendment and signatory endorsement by MPO members at a subsequent MPO meeting.

The MPO will review each request change and determine whether the adjustment or amendment procedure is required for the proposed action. Additionally, MassDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) procedures offer more detailed examples of what would constitute an amendment or adjustment. When such an action is warranted and it is not clear from the indicators above which action that may be, the STIP procedures will be consulted to determine what action is appropriate.

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
**Project List (FY2022)**

**FFY 2022 TRANSIT TIP AMENDMENT #4 - 5/18/2022**

FTA Program	Project Number	Transit Agency	FTA Activity Line Item	Project Description	Carryover (unobligated)	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local TDC Funds	Total Cost
<b>5307</b>									
	5307 RTD0009933	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	114220	MART-Upgrade IT Related Support Equipment		\$215,120	\$53,780	\$0	\$268,900
	5307 RTD0010080	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	113220	MART-Multiple Locations: Spare sewer pumps		\$9,000	\$2,250	\$0	\$11,250
	5307 RTD0010092	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	117102	MART-Multiple Locations: A&E Surveys & Design		\$16,240	\$4,060	\$0	\$20,300
	5307 RTD0009942	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	119401	MART-Rehab Historic Transit Bldg-Athol Depot		\$240,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$300,000
	5307 RTD0010081	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	117109	MART Fleet Maintenance-5 Allison B400R Transmissions		\$33,088	\$8,272	\$0	\$41,360
	5307 RTD0009931	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	119202	MART- Multiple Locations: Buy Bus Shelters		\$16,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$20,000
	5307 RTD0010087	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	114403	MART-Keys and Access Control - Multiple Locations		\$140,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$175,000
	5307 RTD0009934	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	114401	MART-Rehab Leominster Admin/Storage Facility		\$220,664	\$55,166	\$0	\$275,830
	5307 RTD0010079	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	114403	MART-Rehab Maintenance Bays - Water St, Fitchburg		\$100,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$125,000
	5307 RTD0010082	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	117109	MART Fleet Maintenance-5 Ford Transmissions		\$30,520	\$7,630	\$0	\$38,150
	5307 RTD0009949	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	113403	MART-Rehab Fitchburg Intermodal Center		\$980,000	\$245,000	\$0	\$1,225,000
	5307 RTD0009932	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	111215	MART-Vehicle Replacements: Cutaways (5)		\$300,548	\$75,137	\$0	\$375,685
	5307 RTD0010088	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	111502	MART Fleet Maintenance-Rehab 2013 Buses (2)		\$240,000	\$60,000	\$0	\$300,000
	5307 RTD0011179	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	114402	Gardner Maintenance Facility - Rehab Mechanical		\$19,360	\$4,840	\$0	\$24,200
	5307 RTD0011180	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	117A00	MART - PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES		\$95,460	\$23,865	\$0	\$119,325
	5307 RTD0011421	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	113407	Fitchburg ITC: Surveillance System Upgrade		\$132,000	\$33,000	\$0	\$165,000
Subtotal						\$2,399,000	\$599,750	\$0	\$2,998,750
<b>5309</b>									
Subtotal						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>5310</b>									
Subtotal						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>5311</b>									
Subtotal						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>5337</b>									
Subtotal						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>5339</b>									
Subtotal						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>5320</b>									
Subtotal						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Federal</b>									
Subtotal						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Non-Federal</b>									
Subtotal						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total						\$2,399,000	\$599,750	\$0	\$2,998,750

Funds listed under the Carry Over column are included in the Federal Amount

Cost Change

Project Removed