



TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director
RE: Development of the Montachusett FFY 2025-2029
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
DATE: December 6, 2023

As part of the annual development of the Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) and the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) seek input from interested organizations, agencies and citizens. The TIP is a prioritized listing of transportation and transit projects proposed for implementation during the next five federal fiscal years (FFY) and is the product of a comprehensive, continuing and cooperative effort to improve the regional transportation system by local officials, the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC), the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART), the MRPC, the MMPO and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). It is required to be updated annually by Federal Regulations issued jointly by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The MRPC, as staff to the MMPO, annually develops the TIP project listing from sources including MassDOT Highway Division Districts 2 and 3, the Long- and Short-Range Elements of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the MMPO, and local officials. Priorities for each federal fiscal year listed in the TIP are established through the use of a Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) process, input from the MMPO and MJTC, public input through meetings and a federally mandated public review and comment period for the draft TIP document.

Discussions related to the development of the FFY 2025-2029 Montachusett TIP will be held over the next several weeks at meetings of the MRPC, the MJTC and the MMPO. As such, we invite those organizations, agencies, local boards and citizens with an interest or responsibility for planning that may be affected by transportation in the Montachusett region to provide their input to the draft development process.

Please note that all meetings will be held remotely. To access these meetings online or through your smart device, please obtain the necessary login information for that particular meeting from the MRPC website under the "Upcoming Meetings" table found on the left-hand side of the MRPC home page. If you have any issues related to joining one of these online meetings, please contact the MRPC directly at geaton@mrpc.org or bdoherly@mrpc.org.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC)	Thursday January 4, 2024	7:00 PM
	Thursday February 8, 2024	MRPC Offices
	Thursday March 7, 2024	
	Thursday April 4, 2024	
	Thursday May 9, 2024	
	Thursday June 6, 2024	
Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC)	Wednesday January 10, 2024	2:30 PM
	Wednesday February 14, 2024	MRPC Offices
	Wednesday March 13, 2024	

Wednesday April 10, 2024
Wednesday May 8, 2024
Wednesday June 12, 2024

Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO)	Wednesday January 17, 2024	1:00 PM
	Wednesday February 21, 2024	MRPC Offices
	Wednesday March 20, 2024	
	Wednesday April 17, 2024	
	Wednesday May 15, 2024	
	Wednesday June 19, 2024	
	Wednesday July 17, 2024	

Additionally, please consult the Calendar on the MRPC website (www.mrpc.org) for possible changes regarding meeting times and topics.

Information regarding the TIP and input from interested organizations, agencies, local boards and citizens can be presented for consideration at these meetings as well as through emails, letters and faxes directly to the MRPC. Please feel free to send comments, etc., to the following addresses:

Via mail:
TIP Input
MRPC
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Leominster, MA 01453

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If there are questions on the TIP development process or this request for input, please contact Brian Doherty of my staff at (978) 345-7376 ext. 316. Information will also be available at the MRPC web site regarding the TIP and any applicable documents will be made available for download.

Thank you.