

# MONTACHUSETT

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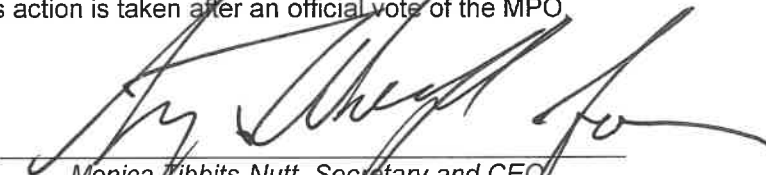
### **Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization Endorsement of Amendment #2 to the FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program**

The Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMPO) has completed its review of Amendment #2 to the Transit Element of the FFY 2024-2028 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 2024-2028 TIP is financially constrained and conforms to the Montachusett 2024 Regional Transportation Plan. Based on the results of the review and analyses, the Montachusett 2024 Regional Transportation Plan and FFY 2024-2028 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 #2 to the FFY 2024 Transit Element of the Montachusett Region FFY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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.



Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary and CEO  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

12/20/2023

Date



TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director  
RE: Draft Amendment #2 to the Transit Element of  
the FFY 2024-2028 Montachusett  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
DATE: November 24, 2023

Based upon the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Program (PPP) developed by the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) that attempts to establish a proactive public involvement process as required under the Metropolitan Planning Regulations, this memo serves as notice of a 21 day public review and comment period for Draft Transit Amendment #2 to the MPO Endorsed FFY 2024-2028 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the availability of the draft document developed by the Montachusett MPO. The public involvement process with the 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 Tuesday November 28, 2023 and close at the end of business on Monday December 18, 2023.

The Amendment reflects cost changes for two (2) projects, the addition of seven (7) projects and the removal of ten (10) projects in FFY 2024. At a meeting held on November 15, 2023, the Montachusett MPO reviewed the proposed Amendment and voted that it be released for public review and comment.

A summary of the proposed amendment is available for review. Copies can be obtained online at the MRPC website, [www.mrpc.org](http://www.mrpc.org), or copies can be mailed upon request by contacting the MRPC at (978) 345-7376.

We ask that any interested party review draft Amendment #2 and make any comments that they deem appropriate. Written or verbal comments will be accepted up till the close of business on Monday December 18, 2023 and should be addressed: TIP Amendment Comments, MRPC, 464 Abbott Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453. Comments can also be sent via email to: [mrpc@mrpc.org](mailto:mrpc@mrpc.org). Please specify TIP Amendment Comments in the subject line. In addition, comments may be made during the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC) meeting to be held on Wednesday December 13, 2023 at 2:30 PM. Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into a final TIP Amendment #2.

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 at 1:00 PM on Wednesday December 20, 2023.

Please refer to the MRPC website Calendar for information on how to join the virtual MJTC and MPO meetings through GoToMeeting.com.

If there are questions on the Draft Amendment #2, the review and comment period or how to participate in the online meetings, please contact the MRPC.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
Project List TRANSIT FFY2024

FFY 2024 TRANSIT TIP **AMENDMENT #2 (Draft)**

Comment Period: November 28, 2023 to December 18, 2023

MassDOT Project #	FTA Activity Line Item	Project Title	Notes	Bond Cap   State   100% State	Federal   FTA   Section 5307	Total	Status	Old federal amount	Federal Diff	Old RTACAP Amount	State Diff
RTD0011026	30.09.01	MART - ADA Operating Assistance		\$75,000	\$300,000	\$375,000		\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
RTD0011027	30.09.01	MART - 50/50 Federal Operating Assistance		\$5,228,349	\$5,228,349	\$10,456,698	Operating Assistance increased to reflect current need	\$2,700,000	\$2,528,349	\$0	\$2,528,349
T00091	11.12.02	MART - Acquire Electric Buses	Replace 2007 diesel buses with all electric buses using VW Settlement funds thru MassDEP.	\$0	\$0	\$2,428,716	VW Settlement - Final amount released - original estimated at \$3M	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$571,284
MART011609	11.12.15	MART - RTA Vehicle Replacement	Four E2b Vans	\$88,800	\$0	\$88,800	5307 provided in FFY2023; State GOBOND Assistance @ 20%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$88,800
RTD0011021	11.44.01	MART-Rehab Fitchburg 150 Main St Administrative Facility		\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$80,000	-\$80,000	\$20,000	-\$20,000
RTD0011028	11.12.04	MART-Vehicle Replacements: Cutaways (5)	Paratransit service	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$440,000	-\$440,000	\$110,000	-\$110,000
RTD0011029	11.42.20	MART-Upgrade IT Related Support Equipment		\$30,000	\$120,000	\$150,000		\$120,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
RTD0011032	11.44.03	MART-Rehab Fitchburg Admin/Maintenance Facility	Renovate four employee bathrooms and locker-room areas to resolve wear and tear and water inefficiencies in 30 year old facility. Includes design.	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$177,080	-\$177,080	\$44,270	-\$44,270
RTD0011041	11.44.02	MART-Rehab Gardner Maintenance Facility	Replace rooftop air handling units and install make-up air intake. This facility was built in 2008. Current units have a 10-15 year useful life. This will keep units in SGR.	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$144,000	-\$144,000	\$36,000	-\$36,000
RTD0011060	11.44.02	MART-Rehab Gardner Maintenance Facility	Update operations space and interior rehab of dispatch and drivers lounge, restroom, locker rooms, new flooring and paint throughout facility located at 555 Main Street, Gardner.	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$48,000	-\$48,000	\$12,000	-\$12,000
RTD0011062	11.44.02	MART-Rehab Fitchburg Admin/Maintenance Facility	Replace Bus Wash System at Water Street Maintenance facility.	\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$356,360	-\$356,360	\$89,090	-\$89,090
RTD0011212	11.7A.00	MART - Preventative Maintenance Facilities		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$200,000	-\$200,000	\$50,000	-\$50,000
RTD0011228	11.44.01	MART - Rehab Fitchburg Administrative Facility		\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$220,000	-\$220,000	\$55,000	-\$55,000
RTD0011245	11.44.02	MART - Rehab Fitchburg Maintenance Facility		\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$116,000	-\$116,000	\$29,000	-\$29,000
RTD0011246	11.42.20	MART-Keys and Access Control - Location TBD		\$11,000	\$44,000	\$55,000		\$44,000	\$0	\$11,000	\$0
RTD0011252	11.44.01	MART - Rehab Fitchburg Administrative Facility		\$0	\$0	\$0	Project removed due to budget constraints	\$168,000	-\$168,000	\$42,000	-\$42,000
RTD0011278	11.44.03	MART - Multiple Locations - Rehab Elevators		\$110,000	\$440,000	\$550,000	Funding increased due to inflation	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$100,000	\$10,000
T00086	11.44.02	Gardner Fuel Station Modernization	Canopy, fueling station, pumps and software upgrades	\$47,000	\$188,000	\$235,000		\$188,000	\$0	\$47,000	\$0
T00087	11.34.04	MART - Fitchburg Parking Garage Structural Repairs	Weight bearing piers of the parking garage are in need of repair. A deep-dive study and design are being done in Fy23 for construction in FY24. This project is urgent for structural integrity of the facility.	\$213,000	\$852,000	\$1,065,000	Funding increased due to inflation	\$600,000	\$252,000	\$150,000	\$63,000
MART011581	11.44.01	MART - Rehab Fitchburg Intermodal	FM-200 (ITC) Relocate. Relocated from Old ticket office to IT Room	\$4,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	Project added - Fire suppression system being moved to IT area	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$4,000
MART011582	11.44.01	MART - Rehab 840 Maint/Admin Facility	FM-200 (840) Relocate. Relocated from 2nd Floor to IT Room	\$4,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	Project added - Fire suppression system being moved to IT area	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$4,000
MART011583	11.44.03	MART-Rehab Fitchburg Admin/Maintenance Facility	Upgrade Lobby & Conference room at Water St.	\$40,000	\$160,000	\$200,000	Project added to improve safety at Water St lobby and to maintain conference room in a state of good repair	\$0	\$160,000	\$0	\$40,000
MART011584	11.93.01	MART - Rehab Gardner Maintenance Facility - Fuel Station	Remove and replace Utility Hatch at Gardner Facility - Recess to avoid being clipped by plows. Grid & Tile to match standard stock.	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$12,500	Project added - emergency repair due to water main break	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$2,500
MART011585	11.34.12	MART - Rehab Fitchburg Intermodal - Parking Garage	Lighting & Electrical Upgrades at ITC	\$4,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	Project added to maintain facility in state of good repair	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$4,000
MART011586	11.43.04	MART - Rehab Leominster Vehicle Storage Facility	Structural Shoring in basement of Leominster Storage facility - Address lolly column and structural issues	\$12,000	\$48,000	\$60,000	Project added to maintain facility in state of good repair	\$0	\$48,000	\$0	\$12,000
TOTALS				\$5,869,649	\$7,438,349	\$15,736,714 (total w/Federal Dollars)		\$3,301,440	-\$1,391,440	\$825,360	-\$347,860
IN PROCESS**											

Adjusted Total

\$5,869,649

\$7,438,349

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Project Removed

Cost Change

New Project