

## **Public Notice**

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is circulating for public review and comment an important transportation planning document: a Draft Amendment to the FFYs 2012–2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The amendment would make changes to the highway and transit elements. The highway element incorporates: funding available for Transportation Enhancements; several discretionary grants; a Massport TIFIA loan request; changes to the costs of three bridge projects; changes to the construction schedule of one bridge project; and revised costs for the last three years of the Central Artery payments. The transit element changes are: reorganizing the transit element for Section 5307 and Section 5309 formula funds in order to be consistent with the MBTA Capital Investment Program funding categories; adding all carryover transit 5307 and 5309 projects; adding several carryover earmark funds; and adding an MBTA TIGER III grant.

The 30-day public comment period for the proposed amendment will begin on Monday, January 23, 2012, and end on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The MPO is planning to take action on the amendment at its meeting currently scheduled for March 1, 2012.

The MPO meeting will begin at 10:00 AM in conference rooms 2 and 3 of the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, in Boston. Members of the public are invited to attend. Comments on the draft amendment will be accepted in writing at the address below before the close of the public comment period and at the meeting.

For details, including information on the meeting and copies of the proposed amendment, refer to the MPO's website, [www.bostonmpo.org](http://www.bostonmpo.org), beginning January 23. Also on its website are the MPO's nondiscrimination statement and related information.

Copies of the document are also obtainable by contacting MPO staff: by mail at 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150, Boston, MA 02116-3968; by voice at (617) 973-7100; by TTY at (617) 973-7089; by fax at (617) 973-8855; or by e-mail at [publicinformation@ctps.org](mailto:publicinformation@ctps.org). Copies are free of charge and, upon request, will be made available in CD, print, and accessible formats.

The MBTA, which is the FTA Section 5307(c) applicant, has consulted with the MPO and concurs that the public involvement process adopted by the MPO for the development of the TIP satisfies the public hearing requirements that pertain to the development of the Program of Projects for regular Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program, grant applications, including the provision for public notice and the time established for public review and comment.