

**Memorandum for the Record  
Transportation Planning and Programming Committee of the  
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

**January 3, 2008 Meeting**

10:00 AM –12:00 PM, State Transportation Building, Conference Room 4, 10 Park Plaza, Boston

David Mohler, Chair, representing Bernard Cohen, Executive Office of Transportation & Public Works (EOTPW)

Barbara Lucas, Co-chair, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

**Decisions**

The Transportation Planning and Programming Committee voted to take the following action:

- Approve the work programs for the FFY 2008 National Transit Database Directly Operated Bus and Rail Passenger-Miles and Boardings Estimates, and the FFY 2008 National Transit Database Purchased Bus Transportation Passenger-Miles and Boardings Estimates
- Approve the minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with recommended changes
- Revise the MPO's draft letter to legislators urging the quick passage of the Governor's transportation bond bill and, following approval from members, to send the final copy of the letter to legislators

**Meeting Agenda**

**1. Public Comments**

There were none.

**2. Chair's Report – Barbara Lucas, MAPC**

A Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA) meeting will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Holy Cross College in Worcester. The agenda will include a discussion of the Bridge Program and the disapproval of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Staff was asked to send members directions to the meeting.

**3. Subcommittee Chairs' Reports – Barbara Lucas, MAPC**

The Suburban Mobility and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Subcommittee met on December 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the letters of interest received for the TDM Program. On December 26, the Subcommittee sent letters to the proponents indicating the Subcommittee's views on the proposals. Final proposals are due on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The Subcommittee will meet today at 1 PM.

**4. Regional Transportation Advisory Council** – *Kristina Johnson, Regional Transportation Advisory Council*

The January Advisory Council meeting will be held at Boston City Hall. The February meeting will be held at Quincy City Hall. The February meeting will include a presentation on how the City of Quincy has used District Improvement Financing.

**5. Work Programs for FFY 2008 National Transit Database Passenger-Miles and Boardings Estimates** – *Arnie Soolman, Director, CTPS*

At the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, members heard a presentation on two work programs: the FFY 2008 National Transit Database Directly Operated Bus and Rail Passenger-Miles and Boardings Estimates, and the FFY 2008 National Transit Database Purchased Bus Transportation Passenger-Miles and Boardings Estimates.

A. Soolman recapped that the purpose of the work programs are to provide estimates of passenger-miles and boardings for the MBTA's bus, rail, and bus rapid transit system as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FTA uses this information to help determine the amount of Section 5307 and 5309 funding that the MBTA will receive. MPO staff has been conducting this work for the MBTA for approximately 20 years. The new Directly Operated Bus and Rail work program differs from previous years' programs in that data for boarding estimates will incorporate automated fare collection (AFC) counts, where possible.

A motion to approve the work programs for the FFY 2008 National Transit Database Directly Operated Bus and Rail Passenger-Miles and Boardings Estimates, and the FFY 2008 National Transit Database Purchased Bus Transportation Passenger-Miles and Boardings Estimates, was made by Jim Gillooly, City of Boston, and seconded by Joe Cosgrove, MBTA. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Minutes** – *Maureen Kelly, MPO Staff*

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting – with changes recommended by B. Lucas to pages, 2, 3, and 5 – was made by J. Gillooly, and seconded by Steve Woelfel, MassHighway. The motion passed. William Tuttle, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, abstained.

**7. Regional Equity Update** – *Annette Demchur, MPO Staff*

Staff provided an update on the work underway for the Regional Equity Program. (See attached PowerPoint presentation for details.) Under this program, the MPO will examine the benefits and burdens placed on environmental justice communities by the transportation system, ensure that environmental justice communities are treated equitably as transportation projects and services are considered, and involve minority and low-income communities in the planning process.

The MPO has adopted a definition of an “environmental justice area” as a community that contains a traffic analysis zone (TAZ) with more than 200 minority residents and that meets at least one of the following criteria: (1) has a population whose median household

income is at or below 60% of the regional median household income and/or; (2) is more than 50% minority.

There are three main elements to the Regional Equity work: community outreach, the incorporation of environmental justice in the planning process, and the analysis of the effects of planned projects on environmental justice populations. Staff is focused on the outreach phase of the work at this point.

Staff has identified 28 environmental justice areas within the MPO's TAZ system, which contains 2,727 TAZs. The number of environmental justice areas has increased since previous outreach efforts.

Staff has developed a preliminary list of community contacts in the 28 communities and will be scheduling meetings with these contacts. At the meetings, staff will gather information about transportation concerns, needs, and burdens, and inform participants about the MPO planning process. Staff will also seek to identify additional community contacts. If it is not possible to arrange a meeting with a particular contact, staff will send a survey to identify the community's needs. MPO members are invited to attend the meetings.

Information obtained from the meetings will be directed to the appropriate planning avenue, such as to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Regional Transportation Plan, MBTA, or municipality. This information will also be used to update the Regional Equity Briefing Book. Staff will provide feedback to the communities summarizing issues identified and the resultant action taken by the MPO.

Staff distributed a schedule of activities for the Program. (See attached.) Between January and July, staff plans to contact all 28 communities giving priority to communities that have not been previously contacted by the MPO.

During a question and answer period, members raised several issues:

A question was raised about whether certain ethnic groups and the elderly would be represented in the Regional Equity Program meetings. It was noted that the Program focuses on minority and low-income populations, and that municipal programs serve elderly populations.

A member inquired about staff's approach to identifying municipal and community contacts. Staff is still working on developing contact lists and would welcome input from members. Staff was advised to call municipal offices to identify appropriate contacts.

Staff was also advised to provide an overview of the MPO at the beginning of each meeting so that participants have an understanding of the MPO's role and of what the MPO is capable of accomplishing.

Staff and members also discussed how the Regional Equity work would relate to TIP projects. One member suggested that staff provide meeting participants with an overview of recent TIP projects built in their communities. By doing this, staff would help participants shape their thinking about the MPO's capabilities and understand the possible outcomes that the MPO can produce. Another member suggested that consideration should be given to whether projects proposed for the TIP will be good for communities.

Another member noted that consideration should be given to environmental justice populations that are located within affluent communities. The needs of these populations might be masked because they are immersed in affluent areas.

It was suggested that staff share information gathered from the meetings with municipal chief elected officials, selectmen, or other municipal staffers who would benefit from the information. The information might be useful for towns that are trying to identify projects that can be funded with Chapter 90 monies. It was also suggested that municipal public works staff be invited to the meetings.

Staff was asked to conduct the following tasks:

- provide members with an electronic version of a map of the 28 environmental justice TAZs;
- allow members to review the letters and surveys that staff will send to communities;
- inform members of the schedule for meetings; and
- provide an update of the Regional Equity meetings in February and discuss how staff intends to incorporate information gained from the meetings into TIP recommendations.

#### **8. EOTPW Freight Initiative – Ned Codd, EOTPW**

EOTPW has issued an RFR for the development of the state's freight plan. Responses are due tomorrow and EOTPW expects to receive a number of proposals, which will be reviewed through January. A consultant team will be selected by early- to mid-February. The budget for the work is \$1 million. EOTPW will fund this work.

The freight plan will cover all modes of freight transportation. The development of the plan will involve studying the advantages and disadvantages of various modes, the trade-offs between modes, and trends on all modes (including how the Commonwealth fits into national and international trends). The plan will identify ways to enhance freight capacity, challenges, and opportunities for public/private partnerships. It will provide insight into whether or not the Commonwealth should consider mode shifts for freight traffic.

The consultant team will consult and build on existing source material, such as Regional Transportation Plans and Freight Plans (including the Boston Region MPO's freight report).

An emphasis will be placed on the rail mode in the context of the passenger rail system since there is a complex interaction between freight and passenger rail traffic in the Commonwealth.

The outcome of this work will be a multi-modal freight plan and a rail plan. The rail plan will be a stand-alone document that meets federal standards and will parallel the freight plan (including in terms of recommendations).

Secretary of Transportation and Public Works Bernard Cohen has convened a preliminary working group. There will be opportunities for MPO involvement.

During a question and answer period, members raised the following points:

- The plan should provide MPOs with information that will be useful for making decisions about infrastructure investments, including information about the trade-offs between railroad and highway investments. The research should address truck freight traffic in the Boston Region MPO area.
- The plan must address the impacts from where truck terminals are located.
- The Regional Transportation Advisory Council would like an opportunity to participate on the committee that will select the consultant group.

Gordon Feltman, Town of Bedford, raised a concern about Massport's plans to increase freight operations at Hanscom Field and noted that the existing roadway network near the airport will not support increased truck traffic. He stated that Massport's operations should be integrated into the state plan. (Massport is involved in the working group that Secretary Cohen has convened.) He also expressed concern that Massport is not considering land use issues as it expands freight operations to Hanscom and is motivated by a need to generate income. As Massport is an authority established by the Commonwealth, this issue should be raised before the legislature, he stated.

Bob Reyes, Massport, provided some insight into Massport's funding situation noting that the authority receives federal funding for runways, but not for the Port of Boston's capital costs. He added that Logan Airport has a finite capacity for handling freight and that to maintain the currently level of economic activity in the region, freight operations must be located at smaller regional airports. Representatives from Massport would be glad to make a presentation to the MPO on this subject.

Frank DeMasi, Advisory Council, commended EOTPW for undertaking the freight plan work and stated that the Advisory Council's Freight Committee supports this work. The Freight Committee sees the need to decentralize freight distribution so that smaller trucks can be used, but it recognizes that this will produce impacts to neighborhoods. F. DeMasi also expressed concern about the lack of active involvement by Massport on the freight plan initiative.

#### **9. TIP Update – Hayes Morrison, MPO Staff**

Staff distributed a memorandum containing the text of a proposed letter to be sent to TIP contacts. At the meeting of December 20 members recommended that staff prepare the

letter, which informs TIP contacts that the TIP is a fiscally constrained document and advises them to explore other funding sources. At this meeting members reached consensus that staff should distribute the letter.

#### **10. MPO Correspondence to Legislators – Arnie Soolman, CTPS**

Members reviewed a draft letter that would be sent from the MPO to state legislators to urge them to quickly pass the Governor's proposed transportation bond bill. They discussed whether the letter should focus only on the immediate, short-term needs (passage of the bond bill) or whether it should also reference long-term funding needs.

One view was expressed that addressing both short- and long-term needs in this letter would complicate matters. It would be best to focus this letter on the need for funding for projects that are ready to begin, and to address the long-term need in a subsequent letter.

Others expressed the view that the MPO should convey to the legislature that the passage of the bond bill would allow work to begin on projects, but that it would not address the long-term funding needs for the transportation system. One member noted that the federal disapproval of the STIP is indicative of a systemic problem, and if the long-term needs are not addressed, the state can expect a similar reaction from the federal government in the future.

Members agreed to revise the letter to reference the need for revenue for long-term needs and to refer legislators to the Transportation Finance Commission Report for more information on the funding crisis.

After a brief discussion, members decided that the MPO chair should sign the letter rather than individual MPO members.

A motion to revise the MPO's letter to legislators to incorporate the above suggestions and – barring objection from members – to send the final copy to legislators, was made by Lynn Duncan, City of Salem, and seconded by J. Gillooly. The motion passed unanimously.

Members agreed that the revised letter would be e-mailed to members for review on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. If any member objects to the text, the issue will be taken up at the next meeting. Members were asked to inform staff by Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> if they have changes to recommend.

#### **11. Members' Items**

There were none.

#### **12. Adjourn**

**Transportation Planning and Programming Committee Meeting Attendance  
Thursday, January 3, 2008, 10:00 AM**

**Member Agencies**

EOTPW  
City of Boston  
  
City of Newton  
City of Salem  
City of Somerville  
MAPC  
  
MassHighway  
MassPike  
Massport  
MBTA  
MBTA Advisory Board  
Advisory Council  
  
Town of Bedford  
Town of Framingham  
Town of Hopkinton

**Representatives and Alternates**

David Mohler  
Jim Gillooly  
Thomas Kadzis  
Candace Havens  
Lynn Duncan  
Thomas Bent  
Barbara Lucas  
Jim Gallagher  
Steve Woelfel  
William Tuttle  
Bob Reyes  
Joseph Cosgrove  
Paul Regan  
Kristina Johnson  
Steve Olanoff  
Frank DeMasi  
Gordon Feltman  
Ginger Esty  
Mary Pratt

**MPO Staff/CTPS**

Annette Demchur  
John Hersey  
Maureen Kelly  
Anne McGahan  
Hayes Morrison  
Arnie Soolman  
Mary Ellen Sullivan

**Other Attendees**

Ned Codd, EOTPW  
Paul Nelson, EOTPW  
Jim Shuris, Town of Concord



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The Boston Region MPO,  
the federally designated  
entity responsible for  
transportation decision-  
making for the 101 cities  
and towns in the MPO  
region, is composed of  
the following:

Executive Office of Transportation  
and Public Works

City of Boston

City of Newton

City of Salem

City of Somerville

Town of Bedford

Town of Framingham

Town of Hopkinton

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Massachusetts Bay Transportation  
Authority Advisory Board

Massachusetts Bay Transportation  
Authority

Massachusetts Highway Department

Massachusetts Port Authority

Massachusetts Turnpike Authority

Regional Transportation Advisory  
Council (nonvoting)

Federal Highway Administration  
(nonvoting)

Federal Transit Administration  
(nonvoting)

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Transportation Planning and Programming  
Committee**

**January 3, 2008**

**FROM: Annette Demchur**

**RE: Regional Equity Community Outreach Plan**

The MPO's Regional Equity Program is composed of three key elements: community outreach, incorporation of environmental justice in the planning process, and analysis of the effects of planned transportation projects on environmental justice populations. This memorandum addresses the MPO's plan for its community outreach process, which builds on the foundation of previous outreach efforts.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Boston MPO takes a proactive, grassroots approach to identifying environmental justice issues in the region. In 2005 and 2006, MPO staff held meetings with over a dozen community-based organizations that provide services to minority and low-income residents in eleven of seventeen communities that had been identified as containing environmental justice areas (based on income level and minority population).

In 2006, the MPO began using a more detailed transportation model that enabled the MPO to identify more areas with concentrations of low-income and minority populations in the region. In considering the implications of the new model and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of a low-income household (60 percent of area median income), the MPO expanded its definition of an environmental justice area to:

An environmental justice area includes one or more transportation analysis zones (TAZs) that both (1) have a total minority (non-white or Hispanic) population of over 200 residents and (2) meet one or both of the following criteria:

- *Low Income:* A median household income at or below 60 percent of the 2000 MPO-region median household income (60 percent of the region's median household income of \$55,800 is \$33,480).

- *Minority*: A population that is more than 50 percent minority (non-white or Hispanic).

The MPO adopted this expanded definition and uses it to identify target neighborhoods for its outreach. As a result of the new model and the expanded definition for environmental justice areas, the MPO identified 11 additional areas for community outreach. The 28 areas that encompass one or more TAZs with environmental justice populations are in the neighborhoods or municipalities listed below (this list includes both the original 17 and the 11 newly identified).

*The Boston neighborhoods of:*

- Allston-Brighton
- Charlestown
- Chinatown
- Dorchester
- East Boston
- Fenway
- Hyde Park
- Jamaica Plain
- Mattapan
- Roslindale
- Roxbury
- South Boston
- South End

*The municipalities of:*

- Cambridge
- Chelsea
- Everett
- Framingham
- Lynn
- Malden
- Medford
- Milford
- Peabody
- Quincy
- Randolph
- Revere
- Salem
- Somerville
- Waltham

## **REGIONAL EQUITY OUTREACH PROCESS**

In 2008, MPO staff will work to schedule discussions with local representatives in the offices of community organizations in each of the 28 communities with identified environmental justice areas to conduct one-on-one or small group interviews. (MPO members may wish to participate and so will be notified in advance.) The purpose of these meetings is to:

- Gather information on residents' transportation concerns and needs
- Identify any transportation burdens
- Inform participants about the MPO and the metropolitan planning process
- Identify additional participants from the area for the community outreach process

Prior to the interviews, MPO staff will send out letters and the following documents to help participants prepare for the meeting:

- A list of survey questions
- Transportation maps of the area
- Land use maps of the area

In addition to the interview, written surveys may be used for gathering information from organizations that may not want to schedule a meeting. These surveys will include the same questions as those asked during interviews to provide consistent data for analysis and presentation.

Information gathered from the interviews will be summarized and used as an input to the transportation planning process. Transportation needs and burdens identified will be classified and referred to the appropriate response avenue: UPWP for studies; TIP for near-term projects; RTP for long-range needs and issues; the MBTA Planning, Service Planning, or Operations Departments for issues to be addressed by the MBTA; and, if appropriate, the municipality. Follow-up contact with community organizations will explain how their input was used by the MPO or to whom an issue was referred and whether any action was taken. The MPO will also provide feedback to community contacts by providing a written summary of their needs for their review.

The MPO staff will update and supplement members' briefing books with updated copies of the surveys, maps, and other information from the contacts along with the summaries and appropriate response avenues. The briefing books can be used in the development of the MPO's planning documents and will be posted to the MPO Web site.

The process of gathering information and providing follow-up by the MPO will establish avenues of communication for long-term involvement of organizations serving low-income and minority populations. MPO members and staff will also, when possible, attend relevant forums planned by community organizations.

## **REGIONAL EQUITY OUTREACH SCHEDULE**

MPO staff plans to reach out to representatives of all of the 28 identified environmental justice areas according to the following schedule. Initial contacts are listed for each community, and additional contacts will be added as they are identified. In order to determine a schedule for community outreach, areas were ranked according to several criteria:

- Areas that have not been contacted previously received highest priority. These areas were ranked by the size of their minority population and their average income and were prioritized according to combined rank.
- Areas that have been contacted previously were also ranked by the size of their minority population and their average income, then prioritized according to combined rank. Somerville and Quincy were assigned lowest priority because they have had the most recent contact.

The attached schedule shows when MPO staff plans to send initial outreach letters to representatives of each of the 28 identified environmental justice areas. Community

organizations that will be contacted are listed for each area. MPO staff will follow up with telephone conversations to schedule and plan meetings.

Encl.

## Regional Equity Community Outreach Schedule

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<b>January</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Minority Cultural Center (CMCC)</li> <li>Essex County Community Organization</li> <li>Lynn Investing in Neighborhood Coalition, Inc.</li> <li>Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.</li> </ul>
	South End	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South End Neighborhood Action Program</li> <li>Tent City Corporation</li> <li>Eight Street Neighborhood Association</li> <li>Inquilinos Boricaus En Accion</li> </ul>
	Fenway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fenway CDC</li> <li>Fenway Civic Association</li> </ul>
	South Boston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Boston NDC</li> <li>South Boston Action Center</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Charlestown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John F. Kennedy Family Service Center</li> <li>Charlestown Multicultural Tenants Task Force</li> </ul>
	East Boston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC)</li> <li>Neighborhood of Affordable Housing</li> <li>East Boston Area Planning Action Council</li> <li>East Boston CDC</li> </ul>
	Jamaica Plain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation</li> <li>Back of the Hill CDC</li> <li>Jamaica Plain Area Planning Action Council</li> <li>Urban Edge</li> </ul>
	Revere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Revere, Community Development Department</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Hyde Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hyde Park Main Streets</li> <li>Southwest Boston CDC</li> </ul>
	Peabody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Shore Community Action Programs</li> </ul>
	Roslindale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roslindale Village Main Street</li> <li>Southwest Boston CDC</li> </ul>
	Everett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tri-City Community Action</li> <li>City of Everett, Community Development Department</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Malden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tri-City Community Action</li> <li>Healthy Malden</li> </ul>
	Medford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tri-City Community Action</li> <li>Medford Health Matters</li> </ul>
	Milford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milford Family Network</li> <li>Milford Housing Authority</li> <li>Milford WIC Program</li> <li>Daily Bread Food Pantry</li> </ul>
	Waltham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waltham Alliance to Create Housing</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Randolph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Randolph Chinese American Neighborhood Development Org.</li> <li>Randolph Community Partnership, Gloria Watanabe</li> </ul>
	Roxbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative</li> <li>Roxbury Multi-Service Center (RMSC)</li> <li>Alternatives for Community &amp; Environment</li> <li>La Alianza Hispana</li> </ul>

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	Roxbury <i>cont'd</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parker Hill Fenway Neighborhood Service Center</li> <li>• Madison Park Development Corporation</li> <li>• Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation</li> <li>• Grove Hall NDC</li> <li>• Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services</li> </ul>
	Chinatown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian CDC</li> <li>• Asian American Civic Association, Inc.</li> <li>• The Chinatown Coalition</li> <li>• Chinatown Gateway Coalition</li> <li>• Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center</li> </ul>
	Allston-Brighton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allston-Brighton CDC</li> <li>• Allston-Brighton Area Planning Action Council</li> <li>• Allston-Brighton Healthy Boston Coalition</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Mattapan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mattapan CDC</li> <li>• Southwest Boston CDC</li> <li>• Mattapan Family Service Center</li> </ul>
	Chelsea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chelsea Green Space and Recreation Committee (Chelsea Human Services Collaborative)</li> <li>• Chelsea Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.</li> <li>• Roca, Inc.</li> <li>• Community Action Program Inter-City, Inc.</li> </ul>
	Framingham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framingham Community Partners</li> <li>• MetroWest Latin American Center (MLAC)</li> <li>• Women's Alliance</li> <li>• South Middlesex Opportunity Council</li> <li>• Brazilian American Association (BRAMAS)</li> </ul>
	Dorchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fields Corner CDC</li> <li>• Viet-AID</li> <li>• Dorchester Bay EDC</li> <li>• Lena Park Community Development Corporation</li> <li>• Elm Hill Family Service Center/Roxbury-North Dorchester Area Planning Action Council (APAC)</li> <li>• Four Corners Action Coalition</li> <li>• Dorchester Neighborhood Service Center</li> <li>• Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Cambridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridge Community Development Department</li> <li>• Cambridge Community Services</li> <li>• Just-A-Start</li> </ul>
	Salem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salem Harbor CDC</li> <li>• Southern Essex Regional Employment Board</li> </ul>
	Somerville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership (STEP)</li> <li>• Community Action Agency Of Somerville</li> <li>• Somerville Community Corporation</li> </ul>
	Quincy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quincy Housing Authority</li> <li>• Project Access, Quincy Public Schools</li> <li>• Germantown Neighborhood Center</li> <li>• Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI)</li> <li>• Quincy Department of Planning and Community Development</li> <li>• South Coastal Workforce Investment Board</li> </ul>

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	<i>Quincy cont'd</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quincy Community Action Programs</li><li>• Quincy Career Center</li><li>• Asian American Service Association</li><li>• Quincy Hunger Network (Quincy Crisis Center, SW Community Center)</li><li>• Germantown Neighborhood Center</li></ul>
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## Regional Equity Program Community Outreach Plan

## Regional Equity Program

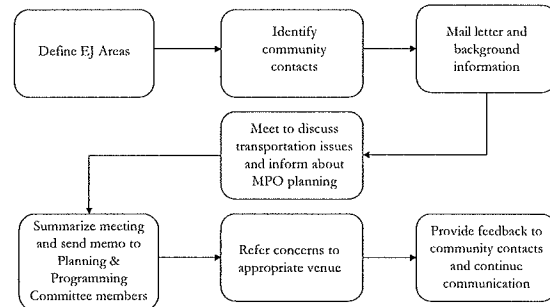
- Community outreach
- Incorporation of environmental justice (EJ) in the planning process
- Analysis of the effects of planned projects on environmental justice populations

## Regional Equity Program Definition of Environmental Justice

MPO adopted definition of environmental justice requires the MPO to:

- examine the allocation of benefits and burdens for EJ and non-EJ communities
- ensure that minority and low-income communities are treated equitably in the provision of transportation services and projects; and
- provide full participation for minority and low income communities to advise the MPO during its planning and decision-making process.

## Community Outreach



## Definition of EJ Areas

One or more transportation analysis zones that *both*:

- (1) have a total minority (non-white or Hispanic) population of over 200 residents, and
- (2) meet one or both of the following criteria:
  - *Low Income*: median household income at or below 60% of the 2000 MPO-region median household income
  - *Minority*: population that is more than 50% minority.

## Boston EJ Areas

*In Boston neighborhoods:*

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| ■ Allston-Brighton | ■ Hyde Park     |
| ■ Charlestown      | ■ Jamaica Plain |
| ■ Chinatown        | ■ Mattapan      |
| ■ Dorchester       | ■ Roslindale    |
| ■ East Boston      | ■ Roxbury       |
| ■ Fenway           | ■ South Boston  |
|                    | ■ South End     |

## Other EJ Areas

### *In municipalities:*

- Cambridge
- Chelsea
- Everett
- Framingham
- Lynn
- Malden
- Medford
- Milford
- Peabody
- Quincy
- Randolph
- Revere
- Salem
- Somerville
- Waltham

## Identification of Community Contacts

- Contacts from previous outreach efforts, including former EJ Committee members
- Local social service organizations
- Community Development Corporations
- Community associations
- EJ, environmental, and civil rights organizations

## Interview/Survey Community Contacts

- Schedule meetings in local communities
  - Small group or individual meetings
  - MPO members may participate in meetings
- Mailing prior to interview to include:
  - Questionnaire
  - Transportation map
  - Land use map

## Interview/Survey Community Contacts

- Gather information about transportation concerns and needs
- Identify transportation burdens
- Inform participants about the MPO planning process
- Identify additional community contacts

## Summarize and Use Information

- Classify identified needs and burdens and refer to appropriate response avenue:
  - UPWP for studies
  - TIP for near-term projects
  - RTP for long range needs and issues
  - MBTA Planning, Service Planning, or Operations
  - Municipality
- Update Regional Equity Briefing Book

## Provide Feedback

- Provide written summary of identified issues for review
- Report on classification, response avenue, and actions taken
- Facilitate involvement in MPO planning process

### **Regional Equity Program Community Outreach Schedule**

- Contact all 28 EJ areas between January and July
- Priority given to communities with no previous local EJ outreach efforts
- Ranked by size of minority population and average income level

### **January Outreach**

- Lynn
- South End
- Fenway
- South Boston

# Regional Equity Community Outreach Schedule

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<b>January</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Minority Cultural Center (CMCC)</li> <li>Essex County Community Organization</li> <li>Lynn Investing in Neighborhood Coalition, Inc.</li> <li>Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.</li> </ul>
	South End	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South End Neighborhood Action Program</li> <li>Tent City Corporation</li> <li>Eight Street Neighborhood Association</li> <li>Inquilinos Boricauas En Accion</li> </ul>
	Fenway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fenway CDC</li> <li>Fenway Civic Association</li> </ul>
	South Boston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Boston NDC</li> <li>South Boston Action Center</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Charlestown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John F. Kennedy Family Service Center</li> <li>Charlestown-Multicultural-Tenants Task Force</li> </ul>
	East Boston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC)</li> <li>Neighborhood of Affordable Housing</li> <li>East Boston Area Planning Action Council</li> <li>East Boston CDC</li> </ul>
	Jamaica Plain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation</li> <li>Back of the Hill CDC</li> <li>Jamaica Plain Area Planning Action Council</li> <li>Urban Edge</li> </ul>
	Revere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Revere, Community Development Department</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Hyde Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hyde Park Main Streets</li> <li>Southwest Boston CDC</li> </ul>
	Peabody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Shore Community Action Programs</li> </ul>
	Roslindale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roslindale Village Main Street</li> <li>Southwest Boston CDC</li> </ul>
	Everett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tri-City Community Action</li> <li>City of Everett, Community Development Department</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Malden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tri-City Community Action</li> <li>Healthy Malden</li> </ul>
	Medford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tri-City Community Action</li> <li>Medford Health Matters</li> </ul>
	Milford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milford Family Network</li> <li>Milford Housing Authority</li> <li>Milford WIC Program</li> <li>Daily Bread Food Pantry</li> </ul>
	Waltham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waltham Alliance to Create Housing</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Randolph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Randolph Chinese American Neighborhood Development Org.</li> <li>Randolph Community Partnership, Gloria Watanabe</li> </ul>
	Roxbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative</li> <li>Roxbury Multi-Service Center (RMSC)</li> <li>Alternatives for Community &amp; Environment</li> <li>La Alianza Hispana</li> </ul>

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	Roxbury <i>cont'd</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parker Hill Fenway Neighborhood Service Center</li> <li>• Madison Park Development Corporation</li> <li>• Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation</li> <li>• Grove Hall NDC</li> <li>• Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services</li> </ul>
	Chinatown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian CDC</li> <li>• Asian American Civic Association, Inc.</li> <li>• The Chinatown Coalition</li> <li>• Chinatown Gateway Coalition</li> <li>• Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center</li> </ul>
	Allston-Brighton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allston-Brighton CDC</li> <li>• Allston-Brighton Area Planning Action Council</li> <li>• Allston-Brighton Healthy Boston Coalition</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Mattapan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mattapan CDC</li> <li>• Southwest Boston CDC</li> <li>• Mattapan Family Service Center</li> </ul>
	Chelsea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chelsea Green Space and Recreation Committee (Chelsea Human Services Collaborative)</li> <li>• Chelsea Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.</li> <li>• Roca, Inc.</li> <li>• Community Action Program Inter-City, Inc.</li> </ul>
	Framingham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framingham Community Partners</li> <li>• MetroWest Latin American Center (MLAC)</li> <li>• Women's Alliance</li> <li>• South Middlesex Opportunity Council</li> <li>• Brazilian American Association (BRAMAS)</li> </ul>
	Dorchester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fields Corner CDC</li> <li>• Viet-AID</li> <li>• Dorchester Bay EDC</li> <li>• Lena Park Community Development Corporation</li> <li>• Elm Hill Family Service Center/Roxbury-North Dorchester Area Planning Action Council (APAC)</li> <li>• Four Corners Action Coalition</li> <li>• Dorchester Neighborhood Service Center</li> <li>• Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Organization</i>
	Cambridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridge Community Development Department</li> <li>• Cambridge Community Services</li> <li>• Just-A-Start</li> </ul>
	Salem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salem Harbor CDC</li> <li>• Southern Essex Regional Employment Board</li> </ul>
	Somerville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership (STEP)</li> <li>• Community Action Agency Of Somerville</li> <li>• Somerville Community Corporation</li> </ul>
	Quincy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quincy Housing Authority</li> <li>• Project Access, Quincy Public Schools</li> <li>• Germantown Neighborhood Center</li> <li>• Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI)</li> <li>• Quincy Department of Planning and Community Development</li> <li>• South Coastal Workforce Investment Board</li> </ul>

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	Quincy <i>cont'd</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quincy Community Action Programs</li><li>• Quincy Career Center</li><li>• Asian American Service Association</li><li>• Quincy Hunger Network (Quincy Crisis Center, SW Community Center)</li><li>• Germantown Neighborhood Center</li></ul>
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