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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning and Programming Committee March 2, 2006

FROM: Anne McGahan and Jared Fijalkowski
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RE: Summary of February JOURNEY TO 2030 Outreach

This memorandum is intended to inform Transportation Planning and Programming Committee members about the JOURNEY TO 2030 outreach activities undertaken throughout the month of February and to provide a summary of comments received through this outreach. The memorandum includes summaries of the forums that were held throughout the region, including comments received and a list of attendees. Summaries for the MAPC subregion outreach and Invite Us Over sessions, as well as a matrix of comments received to date, are included as attachments.

Nearly 250 members of the public, representing a wide variety of organizations and interests, participated in one or more of the following events:

MAPC Subregion Outreach:

Inner Core	February 1
North Suburban Planning Council	February 8
North Shore Task Force	February 9
MetroWest Growth Management Task Force	February 9
Three Rivers Interlocal Council	February 15
SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee	February 16
South Shore Coalition	February 16
Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination	February 23

Invite Us Over:

Association for Public Transportation	February 8
City of Somerville	February 13

Forums (two sessions were held at each location):

South of Boston	February 22
Inner Core Area	February 23
North of Boston	February 27
West of Boston	February 28

A cooperative transportation-planning effort of the:
Executive Office of Transportation
City of Boston
City of Everett
City of Newton
City of Salem
Federal Highway Administration (ex officio)
Federal Transit Administration (ex officio)
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board
Massachusetts Highway Department
Massachusetts Port Authority
Massachusetts Turnpike Authority
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Regional Transportation Advisory Council (ex officio)
Town of Bedford
Town of Framingham
Town of Hopkinton

FORUMS

Two forum sessions were held in each location. The first session was targeted to municipal officials (chief elected officials, planning directors, DPW directors, and TIP contacts). Each of these forums was held in conjunction with a TIP/UPWP seminar. The second session was targeted to representatives of organizations with an interest in transportation and interested members of the public.

Staff informed members of the public about the forums through MPOinfo, the MPO's list serve, a press release sent to newspapers in the region, and flyers. In addition, staff contacted groups that may not have been frequent participants in the MPO's previous planning efforts. These groups included:

- Conservation Commissions
- Commissions on Disability
- Councils on Aging
- Youth Commissions
- Historical Commissions
- Community Development Corporations
- Chambers of Commerce
- Natural Resource Commissions
- Economic Development Committees
- Transportation Committees
- Boston Main Streets Districts

At each forum, staff provided an overview of JOURNEY TO 2030, including the development schedule, tasks completed to date, tasks to be completed in the future, and outreach efforts. Staff also discussed the Mobility Management System, showing how it, and other planning efforts, identifies needs to be addressed in JOURNEY TO 2030.

Nearly 110 members of the public attended the forums, many of which were new to the transportation planning process. Several attendees commented that they appreciated that the forums were held outside of Boston, as it made it easier for them to participate. Many participants stated that they intend to stay informed about and get involved with JOURNEY TO 2030.

Some common themes that attendees raised include increased suburban transit service (especially for the elderly and the disabled), supporting and expanding TDM services, increasing park-and-ride capacity, implementing roadway and transit improvements for suburb to suburb travel, additional HOV lanes, and increased commuter rail service along existing corridors.

MPO staff will add all identified needs to the Compiled Corridor and Connection Needs map. All comments have been added to the JOURNEY TO 2030 Matrix of Comments Received to Date, an enclosure to this memorandum.

The following is a summary of the forums by location.

South of Boston

Attendees provided the following comments:

- Construct an intermodal transportation center in the South Weymouth Naval Station area
- The Routes 126/135 grade separation project in Framingham should be constructed. It should also address the left turns from Route 135 to Route 126.

South of Boston Forums Attendance:

Morning Session – Municipal Officials

Michael Valenti	Town of Pembroke DPW
Chris McCabe	Town of Hull
Anthony Antonello	Town of Scituate
George Bezkorovainy	Town of Weymouth
Thomas Cummings	Town of Holbrook
Aaron Henry	Town of Milton
Fred Koed	Selectman, Town of Cohasset

Afternoon Session – General

Dave Tarrant	Quincy Resident
Tom Chapman	Duxbury Resident
Richard Johnson	Weymouth Commission on Disabilities
Steve O'Donnell	City of Quincy
Susan Rowe	National Multiple Sclerosis Society Advocacy Committee
Simon van Leeuwen	MAPC
Jane Hanley	Braintree Council on Aging
Wendy Ingram	MAPC
Katie Murray	SRPEDD
Linda Lally	SRPEDD
Paul Leary	Weymouth Town Council
Ed Foley	Weymouth Zoning Board of Appeals
Allan Greenberg	Scituate Conservation Commission
Herman Eldering	Chatham Bikeway

Inner Core Area

Attendees provided the following comments:

- Implement E-line service improvements on the Green Line
- Transit service is needed along the Route 128 and Interstate 495 corridors
- Institute full-time commuter rail service to Ruggles Station

Inner Core Forums Attendance:

Morning Session – Municipal Officials

Carl Spector	Boston Environment Department
Jim Shuris	Concord Public Works
Bob Swanson	Foxborough Public Works
Leonard Barbieri	Maguire Group
Tom Kadzis	City of Boston Transportation Department, MPO
Jim Gillooly	City of Boston Transportation Department, MPO
Paul Coviello	City of Everett, MPO
A. Rumpiz	MassHighway

Afternoon Session – General

Gordon Feltman	Town of Bedford, MPO
Marilyn Wellons	Cambridge Resident
Raymond Jordan	MassBike, Bikes Not Bombs, Dorchester Resident
Jay Doyle	EarthTech
Emmett Schmarsow	Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Bill Reyelt	DHCD
Rebecca Dann	MAPC
Tom Kadzis	City of Boston Transportation Department, MPO
Paul Coviello	City of Everett, MPO
Christine Apicella	MASCO
Rita Christensen	Leather District Resident
Maggie Cohn	Mission Hill Main Streets
Rep. Anne Paulsen	State Legislature
Peter Sherin	Neighborhood Association of Back Bay
Terry Regan	Cambridge Resident
Wig Zamore	Somerville Resident, STEP

North of Boston

Attendees provided the following comments:

- Improve bicycle mobility in all corridors
- Improve bicycle access to transit
- Institute ferry service from Salem to Boston
- Canal Street improvements in Salem
- Make a commuter rail connection to the Blue Line
- Implementation of Salem citywide bike path design
- Implement Scenic Byways along Routes 129, 1A, 127 and 127A throughout the North Shore
- Integrate the recommendations from the MPO's Downtown Salem Traffic study with the Bypass Road project
- Commuter rail station improvements in Rockport
- North Shore TMA needed
- Construct the Border to Boston Bikeway
- Construct a Salem commuter rail station parking garage along with improved pedestrian connections
- Boston Street capacity improvements needed
- Public transit needed along Route 114/Route 1 corridor
- Improvements at the North Wilmington Commuter Rail station, including additional parking capacity
- Reconstruct the Lowell Junction highway interchange in Andover, Wilmington, and Tewksbury
- Improve connector roads to Interstate 93 in Wilmington (Route 129 and Route 62)
- Extend Phase II of the Silver Line from the Airport to Chelsea Commuter Rail Station
- Need to acquire right-of-way sooner rather than later before it becomes more expensive

North of Boston Forums Attendance:

Morning Session – Municipal Officials

James Arsenault	City of Marlborough
Tom Cullen	City of Marlborough
Beth Rudolph	Town of Winchester
Richard Stinson	Town of Wakefield
Carolyn Britt	Town of Rockport, Town of Maynard
Lynn Duncan	City of Salem, MPO
Carole Hamilton	Town of Wilmington
Kim Driscoll	Mayor, City of Salem
Mike Sosnowski	City of Salem
Rinus Oosthoek	Salem Chamber of Commerce

Afternoon Session – General

Matthew Duggan	Danvers BiPeds
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Nelson Dionne	Walker Transportation Archive
Dan Merhalski	City of Salem
Scott Walker	MAPC
Jean Levesque	City of Salem ADA Coordinator
John Keenan	State Representative, Salem
Stan Franzeen	Historic Derby Street Neighborhood Association
Michael McDonald	Peabody Resident
Mark Whitmore	North Shore Career Center
Patricia Zaido	The Salem Partnership
David Pelletier	Promonde
Bill Steelman	ENHC
James Peck	Patron's Museum and Education Center
Annie Harris	Essex National Heritage Commission
Biff Michaud	Salem Witch Museum
Andrea Leary	MassCommute

West of Boston

Attendees provided the following comments:

- Extend THE RIDE to door-to-door service in Acton
- Sudbury would like THE RIDE service (they pay into the MBTA but do not receive THE RIDE service)
- Study should be done for additional park-and-ride lots and capacity along major corridors, especially I-495, Route 128, Route 2, and Route 3
- Park-and-ride should be added at the I-495/I-290/Route 85 interchange and the Route 110/119 interchange, and a need for increased spaces in South Acton
- Build a transportation hub in Littleton with park and ride using the Acton and Littleton stations
- Institute HOV lanes on major highways (especially Interstate 495) and arterials (especially Route 9)
- Need for a regional transit authority in MetroWest area
- The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail is important along the Framingham-Lowell right of way
- A grade separated rail trail crossing needed on Route 2 at Crosby's Corner
- Build a rail trail connecting to the commuter rail station in West Concord
- Bus and rail service to western Massachusetts needed
- Park-and-ride along with a bus from Acton and surrounding areas to Alewife along Route 2 corridor
- Public transit to New Hampshire and Maine and the Cape from the western suburbs needed
- Use local daytime buses at night to provide late night service for partying teens as well as the disabled and elderly to meetings and recreational activities
- Institute Logan Express service at I-495 to Logan and/or Manchester, NH
- Institute Logan Express service in Concord
- TDM in the Concord Rotary area needed
- Institute recreational shuttles in Concord to areas such as Walden Pond

West of Boston Forums Attendance:

Morning Session – Municipal Officials

Don DiMartino	Town of Bellingham DPW
Mark Whitehead	Town of Lincoln Planning
Ed Bates	Town of Ashland
John Stasik	Town of Framingham, MPO
Kien Ho	Beta Group
Tom Smith	Town of Holliston Highway Department
Carl Damigella	Selectman, Town of Holliston
Susan Tordella	MetroWest/495 TMA
Ted Welte	MetroWest Chamber of Commerce
Margaret Walker	Town of Walpole
Adam Zisk	Maguire Group
JT Gaucher	Town of Hopkinton DPW

Robert O'Brien	Town of Walpole DPW
Michelle Ciccolo	Town of Hudson
A. Richard Miller	Natick Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, MetroWest Growth Management Committee Transportation Task Force

Afternoon Session – General

Dick Williamson	Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Sudbury Rail Trail Conversion Advisory Committee
Pat Vinter	Office of State Senator Karen Spilka
Kevin Goodwin	Wayland Resident
Mary Pratt	Town of Hopkinton, MPO
Chan Rogers	Town of Medway Planning Board
Betty Soderholm	Marlborough Task Force
JoAnn Kunz	Wayland Council on Aging
Joe Bausk	Sudbury Council on Aging
Ben Stahl	Sudbury Council on Aging
Lyn Billman-Golemme	Transportation Equity Coalition
Roger Mezitt	Town of Hopkinton Master Plan Committee
Brian Jennings	Belmont Council on Aging
Lily Pollans	Framingham Planning and Economic Development
Adam Pioetz	495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership
Lisa Franklin	Acton Commission on Disabilities
Franny Osman	Acton ABVW Transportation Group
Catherine McCarthy-Hanam	Framingham Multiple Sclerosis Support Group
Michele Brooks	Transportation Action Association
Kurt Marden	Boxborough Resident
Joel Winett	Framingham Town Meeting Member
Arnold Pinsley	Mass Bay Limo
Mary Parcher	Callahan Center
Bill Williamson	Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

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