

JOURNEY TO 2030 Outreach
SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee Meeting
February 16, 2006, 3 PM

MPO staff provided a brief overview of JOURNEY TO 2030, including the tasks to be undertaken and the public involvement activities that will occur over the course of the Plan's development. The Corridor and Connection Needs Map and the Universe of Projects Map were provided at the meeting for the attendees to review and mark up with any additional needs to include.

Attendees asked questions about the topics and included their ideas on the maps. These ideas will be incorporated into the comment matrix and the universe of projects, if applicable. Comments included:

Transportation Needs:

- Increase commuter rail platform capacity at South Station
- Construct a circumferential commuter rail line along the Framingham-Lowell rail right-of-way from Foxborough to Lowell
- Logan Express bus service from SWAP subregion to Logan Airport
- Construct a commuter rail station near the I-495/I-90 interchange along the Worcester Commuter Rail Line
- Construct park and ride facilities at major interchanges along Route 128
- Construct intermodal transportation facilities (park and ride, buses, etc.) at the endpoints of all transit lines, especially those near major highways
- Coordination of traffic signs and signals, parking restrictions, and passing zones along the Route 16 corridor between Holliston and Watertown to better accommodate commuters
- Reserve right-of-way along I-495 for potential future transit opportunities

MPO staff met with SWAP again on March 16 to provide additional information on JOURNEY TO 2030 and to gather comments. The following comments were received on March 16:

- Improve management of Route 16 capacity (particularly the use of parking spaces as lanes) between Milford and Wellesley
- Expand GATRA to include Franklin, Norfolk, and Wrentham
- Construct slip ramps at the I-495/Route 1A interchange in Wrentham
- Rename the "Route 16 Bypass" project in Milford to "Route 16 Alternate Route"
- Add intermodal centers at existing stations on rail lines