



Pilot Transit Working Group

November 12, 2020

Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

Welcome

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Introduce yourself in the chat!

- Name
- Affiliation
- Location or transit service area



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Today's Meeting

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- MPO Transit Updates
- Taxi/Livery Transportation Partnership Grant Program (MAPC and MassDevelopment)
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MEETING

Guidelines

1. All participants will join the meeting with muted microphones.
2. Please rename yourself to include your first name, last name and affiliation.
3. Please do not unmute and mute yourself.
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MPO Transit Updates

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Community Connections Program: What is it?

- MPO's funding program for:
 - first- and last-mile solutions
 - community transportation
 - other small, nontraditional transportation projects
- Eligible applicants:
 - Municipalities
 - Regional transit authorities
 - Transportation management associations or other organizations (via partnership with eligible entities)
- www.bostonmpo.org/community-connections



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Project Categories

Current round (funding available for Federal Fiscal Year 2022)

Automatic vehicle location (AVL)

Bike-supportive infrastructure

- Bikeshare stations and bikes
- Bicycle parking and shelters

Bus lanes

Education about transportation options

E-Ink signs for MBTA bus stops

Parking management

- Parking leases
- Payment systems

Transit operations (new bus or shuttle service)

Transit signal priority

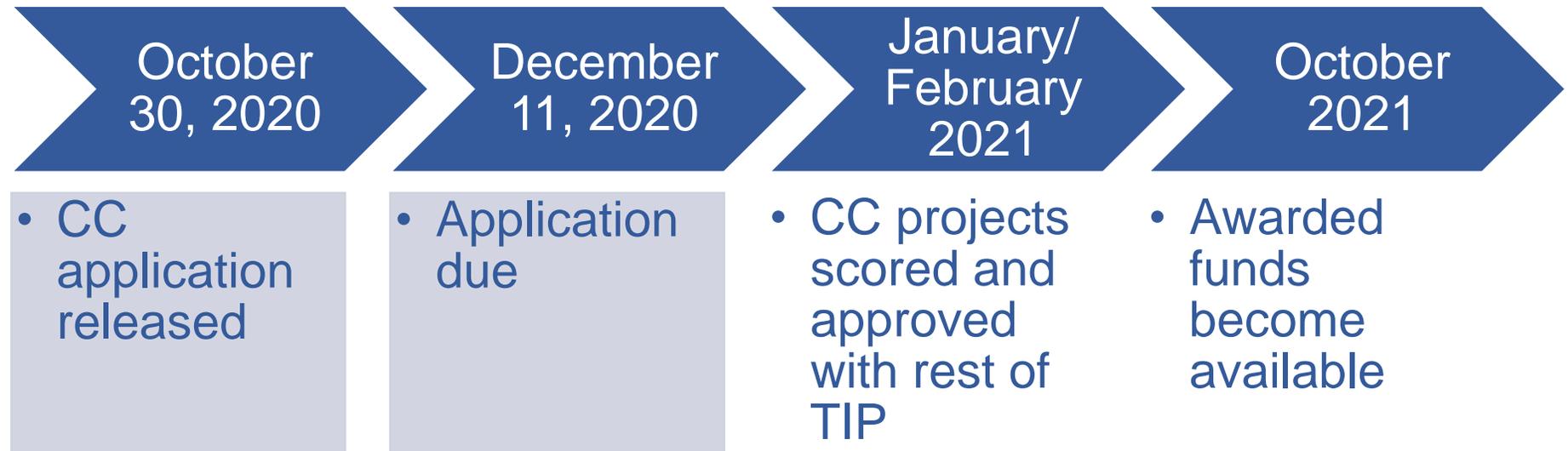
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Next Steps



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Community Connections Program: Questions and Discussion

Timeline subject to revision

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Regional Transit Service Planning Technical Support

- Technical support for issues related to
 - Route planning
 - Ridership
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Other service characteristics
- Eligible applicants include regional transit authorities, transportation management associations, municipalities, and MAPC subregions
- www.bostonmpo.org/regional_transit

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Other Transit-Related MPO Activities

- MPO studies related to transit in FFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - The Future of the Curb: Phase 2
 - Access to Central Business Districts (CBD): Phase 2
- Work scope for Access to CBDs Phase 2 will be discussed at the 11/19 UPWP Committee meeting
- View previous studies at www.bostonmpo.org/recent_studies



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- Transportation Improvement Program project evaluation criteria update completed in October 2020
- Transit elements appear in multiple program areas
- See details at www.bostonmpo.org/tip-criteria-dev



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Taxi/Livery Transportation
Partnership Grant Program
(MAPC)

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Transit Provider Exchange

- What recent changes have you made to your transit service?
- How is your transit service responding to COVID-19, ridership, and budgetary challenges?
- Do you have information about resources that are available to Boston region transit providers?
- Do you want to pose a question to the group?

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Forging Ahead: Discussion Questions

- What are your thoughts on the MBTA's proposed approach and options?
- What factors should the MBTA consider when making decisions?
- What impacts will this plan have on your services?
- What types of information will help you plan for the future?

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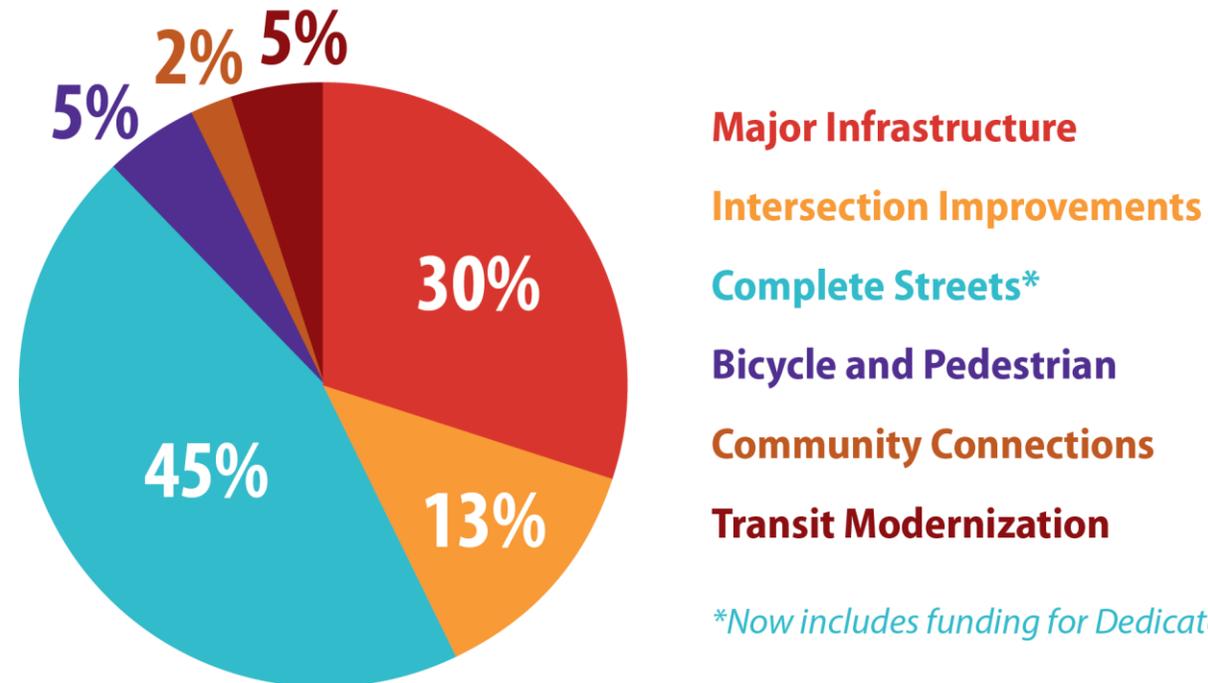
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MPO Investment Programs

- Guide MPO decision-making
- Help municipalities understand MPO priorities

Boston Region's programming goals for a five-year period



- Major Infrastructure**
- Intersection Improvements**
- Complete Streets***
- Bicycle and Pedestrian**
- Community Connections**
- Transit Modernization**

**Now includes funding for Dedicated Bus Lanes*

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