

Feedback Received from June 15, 2022, UPWP Committee Meeting

Process

- Staff should give advanced communication and share materials with members.
- Provide more time to discuss survey results and the decision-making process.
- Committee members find it very difficult to make decisions without the context of the budget, specifically regarding the allocation for discrete studies.

Studies

- T-1 (Flexibly Fixed-Route Bus Service) and TE-2 (Equity Analysis of Demand-Response Transit): While both are interesting and valuable studies, they could be combined.
- T-3 (Bus Rapid Transit in the Boston Region): This study should probably wait until the MBTA's Bus Network Redesign is complete.
- T-4 (Funding Free Fares): There is a lot of concern about the use of value capture to study free fares and whether this is the correct methodology for the study. Perhaps the scope could be expanded to include other methods of eliminating fares or transit financing as well as value capture.