

Resolutions of the Boston Region MPO

1.0 General Definition of a Resolution

1.1 A resolution is a written motion adopted by a deliberative body. The substance of the resolution can be anything that can normally be proposed as a motion. For highly important or complex motions, though, it is often beneficial to have them in writing to facilitate discussion or so that the resolution is more easily distributed outside the body after its adoption. An alternate term for a resolution is a *resolve*.

1.2 Resolutions are board-initiated written policy statements or directives to take a specific action. Resolutions made by the MPO are non-binding do not become laws.

2.0 Resolutions of the Boston Region MPO

2.1 All resolutions of the Boston Region MPO are non-binding resolutions used to express the MPO's approval or disapproval of something that the body cannot otherwise vote on, due to the matter being handled by another jurisdiction, such as the Massachusetts Legislature.

2.2 All resolutions are approved with a majority vote of the Board members. MPO staff will draft a resolution as made by the proposing Board member and the resolution will be signed by the Chair of the MPO Board to then be forwarded to the State's Secretary of Transportation and the CEO of the agency or municipality that the resolution affects.