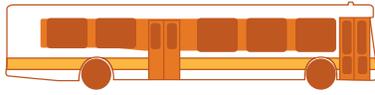


APPENDIX C





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PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMENTS

OVERVIEW OF CONTENTS

In the course of the developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the staff of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) regularly engages with municipalities and the general public to provide information about the milestones, deadlines, and decision points in the development process. Staff publicly shares materials and information used by the MPO board for decision-making via the TIP development web page: www.bostonmpo.org/tip-dev. This process affords the public ongoing opportunities to give input to the MPO board prior to the release of the draft TIP for the official public review period. This appendix documents the input received during the development of the FFYs 2020-24 TIP as well as comments received during the public review period.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING TIP DEVELOPMENT

MPO staff initiated outreach activities for the FFYs 2020–24 TIP in September 2018 and maintained communication with municipal, state agency, and public stakeholders throughout the TIP development process. The primary in-person and direct-engagement events at which staff received input were the subregional committee meetings held by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and the TIP How-To conference call workshops with municipal TIP contacts, MAPC subregional coordinators, and MassDOT district project engineers. These events offered individuals the opportunity to directly engage with staff to ask questions, voice concerns, provide suggestions, and propose projects.

The MPO board held a series of discussions at its regular meetings as the TIP was developed in stages that focused on project solicitation, project evaluation, and programming of funds. Staff informed the public at each stage via its standard communication channels (email, Twitter, and the MPO website). As a result, the MPO received oral and written comments while developing the draft TIP. The comments directed to the MPO board are summarized below in Table C-1.

Table C-1
Public Comments Received during Development of the FFYs 2020-24 Transportation Improvement Program

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
Projects being considered for programming in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP			
Rehabilitation and Rail Crossing Improvements on Cherry Street (Ashland)	<p>Legislative: Senate President Karen E. Spilka</p> <p>Municipal: Yolanda Greaves, Board of Selectmen; Doug Small, Ashland DPW Director; Sara Hines, Pond Street Working Group</p> <p>Organization: Paul Milewski, Green International Affiliates; Alan Cloutier, Stantec Inc.</p>	Support	Supports inclusion of the Rehabilitation and Rail Crossing Improvements on Cherry Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project will improve noise issues in the area and provide sidewalks where none currently exist.
Rehabilitation of Beacham Street, from Route 99 to Chelsea C.L. (Everett)	<p>Legislative: Sen. Sal DiDomenico; Rep. Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</p> <p>Municipal: Mayor Carlo DeMaria, City of Everett; Jay Monty, Everett Transportation Planner</p> <p>Organization: Mystic River Watershed Association, LivableStreets Alliance, Boston Cyclists Union</p>	Support	Supports inclusion of the Rehabilitation of Beacham Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. Beacham Street is critically important to regional commerce, providing freight access as well as connections to businesses and jobs in the Island End section of Everett. Existing sidewalks are discontinuous and do not extend throughout the length of the corridor; in addition, the heavy truck usage of the roadway poses safety risks to cyclists. The proposed improvements are essential to the retention of industrial businesses and jobs in the area and the future redevelopment of the Lower Broadway district.
Intersection Improvements at Route 3A/ Summer Street Rotary (Hingham)	Municipal: Roger Fernandes, Hingham Town Engineer	Support	Supports inclusion of the Intersection Improvements at Route 3A/Summer Street Rotary in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. Safety is a major concern at the project location. Due to narrow lanes and a lack of a median, motorists have a forty percent chance of injury if a crash occurs. The project design is fully funded and there are no ROW or utility relocation concerns. In addition, the Town of Hingham conducted a successful test pilot using temporary measures to gauge public reaction and improved safety.

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
Reconstruction of Foster Street (Littleton)	Municipal: Anthony M. Ansaldi, Jr., Interim Town Administrator, Town of Littleton; Keith Bergman, Former Littleton Town Administrator	Support	Supports inclusion of the Reconstruction of Foster Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project is vital to the continued development of the Littleton commuter rail station area and the continued efforts to expand the Town's Complete Streets program.
Reconstruction of Essex Street, from Eastern Ave. to Rockaway/Joyce St. (Lynn)	Legislative: Rep. Peter L. Capano Municipal: Mayor Thomas M. McGee, City of Lynn; Meaghen Hamill, Chief of Staff, Lynn Mayor's Office Organization: Rich Benevento, WorldTech Engineering	Support	Supports inclusion of the Reconstruction of Essex Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. Essex Street provides connections to the Lynn commuter rail station, and the project area includes two Top 200 crash locations. The project will improve traffic operations and enhance safety for all modes of transportation.
Reconstruction of Western Avenue, from Market Square to Eastern Ave. (Lynn)	Legislative: Rep. Peter L. Capano Municipal: Mayor Thomas M. McGee, City of Lynn; Meaghen Hamill, Chief of Staff, Lynn Mayor's Office Organization: Rich Benevento, WorldTech Engineering	Request	Requests inclusion of the Reconstruction of Western Avenue in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. Western Avenue is an important regional corridor, connecting Salem to Boston, and the project area includes four Top 200 statewide crash locations. The project will improve traffic operations and enhance safety for all modes of transportation.
Traffic & Safety Improvements at Broadway, Euclid Ave., and Jenness St. (Lynn)	Legislative: Rep. Peter L. Capano Municipal: Mayor Thomas M. McGee, City of Lynn; Meaghen Hamill, Chief of Staff, Lynn Mayor's Office Organization: Rich Benevento, WorldTech Engineering	Support	Supports inclusion of the Traffic and Safety Improvements at Broadway, Euclid Avenue, and Jenness Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project will improve traffic operations and enhance safety for all modes of transportation.
Independence Greenway Extension (Peabody)	Municipal: Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr., City of Peabody; Brendan Callahan, Peabody Assistant Director of Planning Organization: East Coast Greenway Alliance	Support	Supports inclusion of the Independence Greenway Extension in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project will close a key gap in the East Coast Greenway, and further the vision of extending the existing Independence Greenway to Downtown Peabody. The proposed portion of the Greenway will provide a viable multi-modal transportation alternative for Downtown Peabody residents to the North Shore Mall, providing an economic benefit for the Peabody business community.

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
Intersection Improvements at Lowell Street and Woburn Street (Wilmington)	Legislative: Sen. Bruce Tarr, Rep. David Robertson, Rep. Kenneth Gordon Municipal: Kevin A. Caira, Chair, Wilmington Board of Selectmen; Jeffrey Hull, Wilmington Town Manager; Paul Alunni, Wilmington Town Engineer; Valerie Gingrich, Wilmington Director of Planning	Support	Supports inclusion of the Intersection Improvements at Lowell Street and Woburn Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The intersection provides connections between commercial, industrial, and residential districts as well as commuter access to I-93, Route 38, and the Wilmington commuter rail station. The project will improve safety for all modes of transportation and reduce the number of angled crashes occurring at the intersection.
Reconstruction of Route 38 (Main Street) (Wilmington)	Legislative: Sen. Bruce Tarr, Rep. David Robertson, Rep. Kenneth Gordon Municipal: Kevin A. Caira, Chair, Wilmington Board of Selectmen; Jeffrey Hull, Wilmington Town Manager; Paul Alunni, Wilmington Town Engineer; Valerie Gingrich, Wilmington Director of Planning	Support	Supports inclusion of the Reconstruction of Route 38 in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The corridor serves as a conduit to the commercial center of the Town, with various retail, restaurant, commercial, and recreation land uses along its length. The proposed project will reduce traffic congestion, improve safety for all modes of transportation, and improve bike/ped connectivity.
Currently programmed projects			
Intersection and Signal Improvements at Kelley's Corner, Route 111, and Route 27 (Acton)	Municipal: Kristen Guichard, Acton Senior Planner; John Mangiaratti, Acton Town Manager; Matt Selby, Acton Director of Land Use and Economic Development; Paul Campbell, Acton Town Engineer	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Intersection Improvements at Kelley's Corner in the FFY 2022 TIP element. The April 1, 2019 Acton Town Meeting saw an 89% vote in favor of supplemental funding for engineering, design, and appraisal services for the project. 75% design plans are underway and the Town expects to meeting the schedule for advertisement in FFY 2022.
Intersection and Signal Improvements at Kelley's Corner, Route 111, and Route 27 (Acton)	Acton resident: Kathy Adams	Request	Requests that plans for the Intersection and Signal Improvements at Kelley's Corner (FFY 2022) do not call for the removal of old trees in the project area. Newly planted trees will not provided the benefits of older trees.

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
Reconstruction of Route 126 (Pond Street) (Ashland)	<p>Legislative: Senate President Karen E. Spilka</p> <p>Municipal: Yolanda Greaves, Board of Selectmen; Doug Small, Ashland DPW Director; Sara Hines, Pond Street Working Group</p> <p>Organization: Paul Milewski, Green International Affiliates; Alan Cloutier, Stantec Inc.</p>	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Reconstruction of Route 126 in the FFY 2020 TIP element. The proposed improvements are essential to supporting economic growth and community stability. The Town is committed to working with MassDOT to ensure the project stays on track for FFY 2020; and plans to submit the 100% design in May 2019.
Rehabilitation and Related Work on Route 126, from Douglas Drive to Route 140 (Mechanic Street) (Bellingham)	<p>Legislative: Rep. Ryan C. Fattman, Rep. Michael J. Soter</p> <p>Municipal: Daniel Spencer, Chair, Bellingham Board of Selectmen; Donald F. DiMartino, Bellingham DPW Director; Jim Kupfer, Bellingham Planner</p> <p>Organization: John Morgan, CHA Consulting, Inc.</p>	Request	Requests programming the Rehabilitation and Related Work on Route 126 (FFY 2023) in an earlier TIP element. The project area currently lacks sidewalks and bicycle facilities, and the conditions of the corridor have deteriorated since the project was first proposed. The engineering for the project is fully funded, and CHA believes that the design could be at 100% by November 2020.
Reconstruction of Broadway, from City Hall to the Revere C.L. (Chelsea)	Municipal: Alex Train, Chelsea Assistant Director of Planning and Development	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Reconstruction of Broadway in the FFY 2022 TIP element. The corridor includes numerous new developments and connects to the City of Chelsea's bus rapid transit service. However, the corridor is in a state of significant deterioration, lacks sidewalks and appropriate crossings, and includes several high crash locations. The City plans to precede the project with a series of utility improvements beginning in 2020.
Pedestrian Improvements along Bussey Street (Dedham)	Organization: TRIC	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Pedestrian Improvements along Bussey Street in the FFY 2023 TIP element.

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
Reconstruction of Union Avenue (Framingham)	Legislative: Senate President Karen E. Spilka Municipal: Eric Johnson, Framingham City Engineer; Peter Sellers, Framingham DPW Executive Director	Request	Requests continued inclusion of the Reconstruction of Union Avenue in the FFY 2021 TIP element, rather than reprogramming it in FFY 2022. The City of Framingham decided to remove a section of the project that would require legislative approval under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, in order to keep the project on track for advertisement in FFY 2021. The project area is crucial to the Framingham community, passing through the center of the city and connecting to Framingham State University. The project would ensure that Union Avenue meets MassDOT's Healthy Transportation Policy.
Reconstruction of Union Street (Route 139), from Linfield St. to Centre St./Water St. (Holbrook)	Legislative: Sen. John Keenan Municipal: Timothy Gordon, Holbrook Town Administrator; Chris Pellitteri, Holbrook Superintendent of Public Works Organization: Tony Lionetta, BETA Engineering Group	Request	Requests continued inclusion of the Reconstruction of Union Street in the FFY 2021 TIP element, rather than reprogramming it in FFY 2022. The 100% design will be submitted by July 2019 and work has begun on securing the ROW and appraisals. The project is a top priority for the Town of Holbrook and will improve drainage, ADA accessibility, and pedestrian safety.
Signal and Intersection Improvements on Route 135 (Hopkinton)	Municipal: David Daltorio, Hopkinton Town Engineer Organization: Matt Chase, VHB, Inc.	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Signal and Intersection Improvements on Route 135 in the FFY 2020 TIP element. The community, Board of Selectmen, and Chamber of Commerce support the project despite the complexity of realigning this intersection and undergrounding power lines. The Town of Hopkinton is committed to working with MassDOT to advance the project.
Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue (Hull)	Municipal: Phil Lemnios, Hull Town Manager Organization: John Morgan, CHA Consulting, Inc.	Request	Requests continued inclusion of the Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue in the FFY 2021 TIP element, rather than reprogramming it in FFY 2022. The Town submitted the 100% design to MassDOT in March 2019 and is working to secure all easements in time for advertisement in FFY 2021.

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
Intersection Improvements on Route 2A at Willow Road (Littleton & Ayer)	Municipal: Keith Bergman, Former Littleton Town Administrator	Support	Supports inclusion of the Intersection Improvements on Route 2A at Willow Road in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project will improve traffic operations and safety.
Exchange Street Downtown Improvement Project (Malden)	Municipal: Mayor Gary Christenson, City of Malden; Deborah A. Burke, Executive Director, Malden Redevelopment Authority; Ryan O'Malley, Malden City Councilor	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Exchange Street Downtown Improvement Project in the FFY 2020 TIP element. The project will support the City's continued efforts in reinvigorating Malden Center. The proposed improvements will enhance safety for all modes of transportation, in addition to providing better connections from the Malden Center MBTA station to the rest of Downtown Malden.
Intersection Improvements at Route 1 and University Avenue/Everett Street (Norwood)	Municipal: Mark Ryan, Norwood DPW Director Organization: TRIC	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Intersection Improvements at Route 1 and University Avenue/ Everett Street in the FFY 2022 TIP element.
Intersection Improvements at Route 1A and Upland Rd/ Washington St and Prospect St/ Fulton St (Norwood)	Municipal: Mark Ryan, Norwood DPW Director Organization: TRIC	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Intersection Improvements at Route 1A and Upland Road/ Washington Street in the FFY 2021 TIP element. The project is on schedule and has the total support of the Town of Norwood.
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Phase 2D (Sudbury)	Municipal: Beth Suedmeyer, Sudbury Environmental Planner; Len Simon, Sudbury Board of Selectmen Organization: Christine Corr, Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 2D) in the FFY 2022 TIP element. The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail is a regional project, connecting Lowell and Framingham through completed phases in Chelmsford, Westford, Carlisle, Acton, and Concord. The project is on schedule for advertisement in FY 2022.

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
Reconstruction on Route 1A (Main Street) (Walpole)	Legislative: Sen. Paul R. Feeney; Rep. John H. Rogers; Rep. Louis L. Kafka; Rep. Paul McMurtry; Rep. Shawn Dooley; Tino Capobianco, Office of Sen. Paul R. Feeney; Bill Buckley, Office of Rep. John H. Rogers Municipal: Jim Johnson, Walpole Town Administrator Organization: TRIC	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Reconstruction on Route 1A in the FFY 2020 TIP element. Route 1A is one of the Town's main commercial corridors, and the project area includes several residential areas and two public schools. The current condition of the corridor has caused traffic congestion and safety issues for vehicles and pedestrians. TRIC identified the project as their top priority.
Bridge Replacement, New Boston Street over MBTA (Woburn)	Legislative: Rep. Michelle Ciccolo; Rep. Richard M. Haggerty; Mason Heilman, Office of Rep. Ciccolo Municipal: Mayor Scott D. Galvin, City of Woburn	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the New Boston Street Bridge Replacement in the FFY 2021 TIP element. The New Boston Street Bridge is a key element to the success and vitality of the region. The proposed project will improve access to the Anderson Regional Transportation Center, create a north-south alternate route to I-93 and I-95, improve bike/ped access, and support commercial and industrial development in Woburn and Wilmington.
Currently unprogrammed			
Interchange Improvements at I-95/I-93/ University avenue and I-95 Widening (Canton & Westwood)	Legislative: Tino Capobianco, Office of Sen. Paul R. Feeney Municipal: Michael Jaillet, Westwood Town Administrator; Charles Aspinwall, Canton Town Administrator; Canton Board of Selectmen Organization: TRIC	Request	Requests inclusion of the Interchange Improvements at I-95/I-93/University Avenue and I-95 Widening in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project is one of the top priorities for economic development in the region. Securing funding for the project is long overdue, and the full benefit of supplemental work on the I-95 northbound slip-ramp and the Add-a-Lane project will only be realized when the interchange is reconstructed. This project would fulfill the contractual commitment the Commonwealth made when the region was asked to support the construction of the Route 128 / University Park rail station and garage.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING TIP PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

[TEXT INCLUDES TENTATIVE DATES AND WILL BE REVISED FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT, POST COMMENT PERIOD]

The MPO board voted to release a draft FFYs 2020-24 TIP document for public review at its April 25, 2019, meeting. This vote initiated an official 21-day public review period, which began on May 2, 2019, and closed on May 23, 2019. The comments received during this public review period and responses from the MPO to the commenters are summarized in Table C-2.

Table C-2 Public Comments Received during the Public Review Period for the Draft FFYs 2020-24 Transportation Improvement Program

[TO BE INCLUDED IN FINAL DOCUMENT, POST COMMENT PERIOD]

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