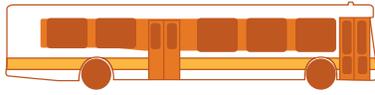


# APPENDIX C





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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](http://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
<b>Projects being considered for programming in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP</b>			
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)	<p>Legislative: Sen. Bruce Tarr, Rep. David Robertson, Rep. Kenneth Gordon</p> <p>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</p>	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)	<p>Legislative: Sen. Bruce Tarr, Rep. David Robertson, Rep. Kenneth Gordon</p> <p>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</p>	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.
<b>Currently programmed projects</b>			
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.
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.

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
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 Road/ Washington Street and Prospect Street/Fulton Street (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.
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.

Project	Name	Support/ Oppose/ Request	Comment
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.
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## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING TIP PUBLIC REVIEW 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 1, 2019, and closed on May 21, 2019. The comments received during this public review period are summarized in Table C-2. Draft responses from the MPO to the commenters will be presented at the May 30, 2019, MPO meeting and will be included in this section when the final version of the document is posted to the MPO's website following a vote for endorsement.

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

Project / Issue	Name	Support / Oppose/ Request/ Concern	Comment
<b>Regional Transportation Advisory Council</b>			
Project Evaluation, Scoring, and Selection	Organization: RTAC	Support	Expresses appreciation of the MPO's efforts to apply and continually refine quantitative project evaluation criteria, as well as efforts toward achieving the funding balance across project categories as proposed in the LRTP. Requests that these efforts continue.
Major Infrastructure	Organization: RTAC	Request	Requests that Major Infrastructure projects with a focus on achieving Complete Streets objectives receive different consideration and higher priority when compared to other Major Infrastructure projects, noting the high evaluation scores of such projects.
Project Evaluation, Scoring, and Selection	Organization: RTAC	Request	Requests consideration of providing higher weights on negative evaluation scores, and/or working more closely with project proponents to help them understand that their project may have negative scores with the intent for them to work to mitigate this effect.
Project Evaluation, Scoring, and Selection	Organization: RTAC	Request	Requests inclusion of the estimated construction time for each project in TIP evaluation material, stating that reviewers could estimate the annual funding requirements for each project considered for TIP funding.
TIP Outreach	Organization: RTAC	Support	Express appreciation of the efforts of MPO staff to continually improve the communication and understanding of the TIP process, as well their improvements to how information is presented in the TIP and supporting documents.
Geographic Distribution of Funding	Organization: RTAC	Request	Supports the MPO's efforts to analyze the geographic equity of funding.  Requests that equity evaluation be expanded to include the extent to which projects serve Environmental Justice communities.
TIP Universe of Projects	Organization: RTAC	Request	Requests that the MPO have a larger queue of shovel-ready municipal projects to assist in filling gaps left by projects which need to be shifted to later years of the TIP. The MPO has been able to fund nearly all of the ready and active municipal priority projects in the next five years of TIP, and a larger queue would ensure that funding is allocated to the most needed projects. Notes that the Advisory Council is aware of MPO staff's efforts to understand barriers to advancement of projects, as well as concerns regarding an overly-large queue of projects.

Project / Issue	Name	Support / Oppose/ Request/ Concern	Comment
Sumner Tunnel Reconstruction Project (Boston)	Organization: RTAC	Concern	<p>Expresses concerns regarding the process by which the Sumner Tunnel reconstruction project (606476) was presented to the MPO. While acknowledging that the project is regionally important, states that it was not evaluated or scored by MPO staff and is not yet in the LRTP. In addition, the project was proposed to the MPO within a few weeks of voting to release the TIP for public review, which did not allow adequate time to answer MPO and Advisory Council questions relating to timing, certainty, viability of other funding sources, and the effect on the balance of projects by type.</p> <p>Requests that the MPO and MPO staff make an extra effort to publicize the addition of the Sumner Tunnel to the TIP, to consider comments received during the public comment period as they are submitted, and to provide additional information regarding the above questions to the MPO and the Advisory Council prior to endorsing the final TIP.</p>

### Regionally-Focused Organizations

Projects in the MAGIC Subregion	Organization: MAGIC	Support	Supports continued inclusion of nine projects in the MAGIC subregion in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP.
Reconstruction of Foster Street (Littleton)	Organization: MAGIC	Support	Supports inclusion of the Reconstruction of Foster Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project would improve access from the Route 2/495 Interchange and increase safety for vehicle access to the Littleton Commuter Rail station. In addition, the shared-use path would provide commuter access to the Littleton Commuter Rail station.
Mass Central Rail Trail Wayside (Sudbury, Stow, Hudson)	Organization: MAGIC	Support	Supports inclusion of the Mass Central Rail Trail Wayside in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project will improve community health through the promotion and physical activity and the reduction of greenhouse gasses. In addition, the project will connect trail sections, moving toward a regional trail network which could attract residents and visitors to the region.
Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 2A (Concord, Lexington, Lincoln)	Organization: MAGIC	Support	Supports inclusion of the Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 2A in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The three communities, the Minute Man National Historical Park, and other stakeholders have identified serious safety issues along the corridor. MassDOT has initiated a 2A Stakeholder Group to study issues within the corridor, and it is expected that short term and long term improvements will be identified; improvements will likely include Complete Streets elements that could be incorporated into the project.

<b>Project / Issue</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Support / Oppose/ Request/ Concern</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Reconstruction of Route 27, from North Avenue to the Wayland T.L. (Natick)	Organization: MWRC	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Reconstruction of Route 27 in the FFY 2019 TIP element.
Reconstruction on Route 126 (Pond Street) (Ashland)	Organization: MWRC	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Reconstruction of Route 126 in the FFY 2020 TIP element.
Reconstruction of Union Avenue (Framingham)	Organization: MWRC	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Reconstruction of Union Avenue in the FFY 2021 TIP element.
Traffic Signal Installation at Edgell Road and Central Street (Framingham)	Organization: MWRC	Support	Supports inclusion of the Traffic Signal Installation at Edgell Road and Central Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project will increase safety for all road users.
Rehabilitation and Rail Crossing Improvements on Cherry Street (Ashland)	Organization: MWRC	Support	Supports inclusion of the Rehabilitation and Rail Crossing Improvements on Cherry Street in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. In addition to safety improvements in the vicinity of the rail crossing, the project will close a critical gap in the sidewalk network.
Multi-Use Trail Connection (Weston)	Organization: MWRC	Support	Supports inclusion of the Multi-Use Trail Connection in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP.
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Installation at Route 9 and Maynard Road (Framingham)	Organization: MWRC	Support	Supports inclusion of the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Installation project in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP.
Bridge Replacement, Route 27 over Route 9 and Interchange Improvements (Natick)	Organization: MWRC	Request	Requests continued consideration of the Route 27 over Route 9 Bridge Replacement for TIP funding.

Project / Issue	Name	Support / Oppose/ Request/ Concern	Comment
Sumner Tunnel Reconstruction Project (Boston)	Organization: LivableStreets Alliance	Concern	<p>Expresses concerns regarding the addition of the Sumner Tunnel reconstruction project (606476) to the FFYs 2020-24 TIP and the methodology for project selection. The Sumner Tunnel reconstruction project is not included in the LRTP and did not go through the TIP evaluation process. Presenting project scores allows for increased project scores, accountability toward meeting goals, and helps members of the public understand why a project was added.</p> <p>Asks if there is a pipeline of prioritized projects being added to the TIP in a reasonable order, and asks why projects like the bridge reconstruction of River Street and Western Avenue in Cambridge were not considered for TIP programming instead of the Sumner Tunnel. Requests a stronger methodology for project selection and a transparent process for triaging projects.</p>
Project Evaluation, Scoring, and Selection	Organization: LivableStreets Alliance	Request	<p>States that the TIP scoring criteria do not prioritize environmental, health-related, and environmental goals. The criteria provide a higher scoring potential for car-focused projects, with the largest discrepancies in the Safety, System Preservation, Capacity Management/Mobility categories.</p> <p>States EPDO is not the ideal metric to use for Safety evaluations. While EPDO is beneficial for showing the severity of crashes, police are not required to report crashes under \$1,000; if there is no injury, bicycle and pedestrian crashes would not register on this metric. Although the Safety category acknowledges that cars are the greatest danger on the roadway, it also awards them the most points. Requests adjusting the criteria to better capture unsafe areas, noting that projects could be evaluated on their ability to increase MAPC Local Access Scores.</p> <p>Requests inclusion of the addition of bicycle signals, the addition of countdown timers, and adding leading pedestrian signal intervals in the System Preservation category.</p> <p>During MPO meetings, highway expansion projects were described as improving safety. States that roadway expansion projects generally cause an increase in the speed of cars, with induced demand leading to higher numbers of cars. Request studying why people make vehicle trips, and in turn funding smart alternatives that can substitute those trips.</p> <p>Requests the MPO fund projects that will help the region meet greenhouse gas emissions goals. States that funding projects that prioritize signal occupancy vehicles and inter-city truck freight will prevent meaningful reductions in emissions.</p>

Project / Issue	Name	Support / Oppose/ Request/ Concern	Comment
TIP Materials	Organization: LivableStreets Alliance	Support	Expresses appreciation to MPO staff for making the TIP more understandable, noting resources available on the TIP development webpage. State that the TIP interactive database will make TIP development and project review more accessible to the public.
Flex to Transit	Organization: LivableStreets Alliance	Support	Expresses appreciation for flexing 9% of Major Infrastructure project investments toward transit improvements.
Project Costs	Organization: LivableStreets Alliance	Request	<p>Requests that the MPO take a more active role in ensuring that project proponents share accurate cost estimates during TIP development. Citing an academic study, state that studies indicate project promoters purposefully do not share accurate cost estimates when seeking funds. Add that the speed of project completion and changes to construction methods could help projects be more cost-effective.</p> <p>Requests that the MPO work with MassDOT, EEA, and the MBTA to help improve the efficiency of design, permitting, and construction processes.</p>
TIP Document	Organization: LivableStreets Alliance	Request	<p>Requests inclusion of an executive summary in the TIP, stating that the length of the document is inaccessible to the public.</p> <p>Requests creating separate, regionally organized documents to provide an easier way for the public to review projects relevant to them and provide feedback.</p>
MPO Staff Capacity	Organization: LivableStreets Alliance	Request	Requests that MassDOT provide additional funding to increase MPO staff capacity. This would allow staff to better educate and encourage municipalities to submit regionally important projects for TIP evaluation which align with the goals of the MPO, as well as provide technical assistance to municipalities without planning staff. Requests that the MPO play a larger role in helping municipalities identify and move projects through design, as well as support submittal of projects which do not focus on cars.
MBTA Funding	Organization: LivableStreets Alliance	Request	Requests that a portion of MBTA funding be put toward the construction of bus bays and bus maintenance facilities. In addition, the construction of bus shelters with amenities such as heating and lighting would allow people with mobility issues, seniors, and people with small children to more easily use the bus.

Project / Issue	Name	Support / Oppose/ Request/ Concern	Comment
Project Selection in the 495/MetroWest Region	Organization: 495/ MetroWest Partnership	Support	<p>Supports inclusion of 26 projects within the 495/MetroWest region in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. Expresses particular support for the slip ramp construction and associated intersection improvements at I-495 and Route 1A (Wrentham) and MWRTA funding, both of which address 495/MetroWest Partnership-defined "transportation nightmares." Expresses appreciation for the addition of projects in Ashland, Framingham, Littleton, Marlborough, Milford, and Stow, as well as accelerating the Intersection Improvements on Route 2A at Willow Road and Bruce Street (Littleton &amp; Ayer) and the Rehabilitation and Related Work on Route 126 (Bellingham). Add additional support for three projects which are partially outside of the Boston Region.</p> <p>Requests that the MPO consider 10 projects within the 495/ MetroWest region for TIP, highlighting three projects. Ramp Construction and Relocation, I-495 at Route 126 (Bellingham) would address at top crash location while unlocking over one hundred acres of industrially zoned land. Route 27 over Route 9 Interchange Improvements (Natick) would address a critical artery for commuting traffic with implication for Route 9 congestion. Intersection Improvements at Route 126/135/ MBTA and CSX Railroad (Framingham) would address safety, congestion, and broader implications on a regional level. Requests that the MPO provide any needed technical assistance to the City of Framingham.</p>
Interstate Maintenance & Related Work on I-495 (Foxborough, Plainville, Wrentham)	Organization: 495/ MetroWest Partnership	Concern	Expresses concern about the removal of the Interstate Maintenance & Related Work on I-495 from the TIP, which was previously programmed in FFY 2022.
Geographic Distribution of Funding	Organization: 495/ MetroWest Partnership	Request	Requests that the MAGIC, MetroWest, SWAP, and TRIC subregions receive more than 26 percent of target funding, given that they represent 42 percent of federal-aid roadway miles. The Inner Core has greater resources and staffing than other subregions, as well as greater access to transit options. Adds that many residents in the 495/MetroWest region use the highway and transit systems to travel to jobs in the Inner Core.
<b>Currently programmed projects (FFYs 2019-23)</b>			
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 2B)	Acton resident: Paul Malchodi	Request	Requests addition of a down ramp on the south/west side of the south overpass ramp to the design of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 2B). This ramp would lead to the Route 2 right-of-way, and a short pedestrian path could connect the ramp to School Street and nearby soccer fields. The ramp would provide access to the soccer fields and would provide the best safe connection to the Assabet River Rail Trail.

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Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 2D)	Organization: Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	Support	Supports continued inclusion of Phase 2D of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in the FFY 2022 TIP element. The completed project will provide a safe transportation option for cyclists and pedestrians to travel from Sudbury to Lowell, encourage mode shift, and reduce CO2 emissions. The trail will provide recreational opportunities, attract tourists, increase use of local businesses along the trail, and provide health benefits. Completed portions of the trail have already benefited the surrounding communities and see increasing use.
	Acton residents: Anne Anderson, Martin Burke, Harvey Kravis		
	Arlington resident: Russ Cohen		
	Bedford resident: Sandy Currier		
	Chelmsford resident: Ram Narayan		
	Concord residents: Tom Bailey, Nathaniel Bates, Bruce Bowden, Nancy Kerr, Hugh Lauer, Barbara Pike, Jim Sommer, Roy Westerberg, Marsha Westerberg, Robert White		
	Framingham resident: Michaela Hardimon		
	Medford resident: John Sieber		
	Newton resident: Barry Nelson		
	Sudbury residents: Clyde Newton, Jason Viehland		
	Wayland resident: Charles Anderson		
	Westford resident: Wendy Wolfberg		

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Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 2D)	<p>Organization: Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail</p> <p>Concord resident: Nathaniel Bates</p> <p>Newton resident: Barry Nelson</p>	Request	Requests extending Phase 2D of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail north to Powder Mill Road in North Concord, where Phase 2C will terminate. Requests consideration of this segment of the trail for TIP funding.
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 2D)	Municipal: Pat Brown, Vice Chair, Sudbury Board of Selectmen		Notes that the recent air quality evaluation for the Bruce Freeman Trail Trail (Phase 2D) indicated a smaller impact than the evaluation conducted for the FFYs 2018-22 TIP. Expresses appreciation to MPO staff for revisiting the project.
Exchange Street Downtown Improvement Project (Malden)	Municipal: Ryan O'Malley, Malden City Councillor	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Exchange Street Downtown Improvement Project in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The project will connect the Malden Center Orange Line station with the Northern Strand Community Trail, providing bicycle and pedestrian connection to areas north and south of Malden; notably, cyclists will have a short trip from Malden Center to the Encore Casino upon completion of the project.
Green Line Extension / Community Path Extension	<p>Organization: Friends of the Community Path</p> <p>Somerville resident: Alan Moore</p>	Request	<p>Requests additional funding for the Community Path Extension in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. Funding is needed to construct a connection to the Staybridge Ramp, which would serve as a connection point for the Community Path Extension and the Grand Junction Path.</p> <p>Funding is also needed in order to allow for a wider path design. The current design of the Community Path is too narrow to safely accommodate path users during peak hours. Notes that TIP funding for the Community Path was reallocated to Assembly Square Station in FFY 2011.</p>
Intersection Improvements at Massachusetts Avenue and Main Street (Kelley's Corner) (Acton)	Municipal: Acton Board of Selectmen	Support	Supports increased funding for the Intersection Improvements at Massachusetts Avenue and Main Street included in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. The Town of Acton is fully committed to the project and will continue to provide updates to the MPO.
Rail Trail Projects in the TIP	Sudbury resident: Jason Viehland	Support	Expresses appreciation of the rail trail and related projects funded through the TIP in recent years. Requests that the MPO continue to consider similar projects with the aim of creating connections between trails.

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Rehabilitation of Mount Auburn Street (Watertown)	Municipal: Matthew Shuman, Town Engineer	Support	Supports continued inclusion of the Rehabilitation of Mount Auburn Street in the FFY 2022 TIP element. The project area has several safety issues, including a lack of bicycle accommodations and substandard sidewalks. The Coolidge Square segment of the corridor has been identified as a high-crash location. The proposed improvements will transform the corridor from a four lane arterial into a bicyclist and pedestrian-friendly street. Lane reduction, where feasible, will allow for bicycle lanes and wider sidewalks. Curb extensions at crosswalks will reduce crosswalk lengths and increase visibility.
Signal and Intersection Improvements on Route 135 (Hopkinton)	Municipal: Norman Khumalo, Hopkinton Town Manager	Request	States that the eligible construction cost included in the 75% design (completed March 2019) for the Signal and Intersection Improvements on Route 135 (FFY 2020) increased over the 25% design by approximately \$1 million. The cost increase is due to several factors, including refinement of the design, additional direction from the utility companies regarding the underground relocation of overhead utilities, necessary expansion of the project limits, and unit prices increasing on a variety of items. In order to remain within the funds allocated to the project, the 75% design estimate submitted to MassDOT designated several eligible items as non-participating.  Requests consideration of funding these eligible items through the TIP if funds become available.
<b>Projects under consideration for TIP funding</b>			
Bridge Replacement, Route 62 (Maple Street over Ipswich River) (Middleton)	Municipal: Andrew Sheehan, Middleton Town Administrator  Middleton resident: Julianne McNally	Support	Supports inclusion of the Route 62 over Ipswich River bridge replacement in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP. Maple Street is a primary connector between Middleton and Danvers/Route 1, and the loss of the bridge will have far-reaching impacts on regional traffic flows. The bridge provides access to numerous state, county, institutional, and regional destinations, with government and institutional facilities in Middleton totalling almost one million square feet of floor area. Further delays in replacing the bridge will threaten the health of the Ipswich River, and the loss of the water main carried by the bridge would have severe impacts on Danvers residents and businesses.
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Installation at Route 9 and Maynard Road (Framingham)	Framingham resident: William Hanson	Support	Supports inclusion of the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Installation in the FFYs 2020-24 TIP.

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Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9 (Framingham & Natick)	Framingham resident: William Hanson	Request	Requests programming the Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9 (FFY 2024) in an earlier TIP element, noting poor pavement condition in the corridor.
<b>TIP Process and Documentation</b>			
TIP Database	Municipal: Deborah Burke, Malden Redevelopment Authority	Request	Notes several updates to project details included in the TIP database regarding the Exchange Street Downtown Improvement Project.
TIP Database	Sudbury resident: Pat Brown	Request	Requests that the ability to search for projects by project number be added to the TIP database.  Requests that the TIP database allows users to print all project information for a single project as a single record.  Requests that scoring metrics be distinguished from other project details, in order to more clearly see how a score total is obtained.
TIP Document	MassDOT: Office of Transportation Planning	Request	Requests minor changes and clarifications to the document text and TIP tables.
TIP Document	Cambridge resident: Arthur Strang	Request	Requests that the FFYs 2020-24 TIP document notes projects which include bus lanes.
TIP Document	Framingham resident: William Hanson	Request	Notes a typo on page 3-92 of the TIP document.
TIP Document	Municipal: Pat Brown, Vice Chair, Sudbury Board of Selectmen	Request	Notes that the map of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 2D) on page 3-142 does not reflect the project description.
<b>Other comments</b>			
Alewife Station Access Road Bus Lane (Arlington & Cambridge)	Cambridge resident: Arthur Strang	Request	Requests inclusion of a bus lane on Access Road from Route 2 and Acorn Park Drive to Alewife Station. The bus lane would promote transit on multiple MBTA bus routes and other service providers.  Alternately, requests that the TIP identifies the project and includes contact information for the project manager.