DESTINATION 2040: UNIVERSE OF PROGRAMS SURVEY RESPONSES

MPO staff created a survey of seven questions designed to gauge respondents' opinions on the content of the Universe of Projects and Programs for Destination 2040. The survey was designed to help the MPO understand how well respondents felt the proposed Universe of Projects and Programs accomplishes the MPO’s goals and aligns with its vision for Destination 2040. MPO staff received 33 completed survey forms to date. The survey is still available online, however the following graphs detail responses for the questions focusing on the Universe of Programs, as of April 24, 2019. The final results for the Universe of Projects will be presented at the May 2, 2019, MPO meeting when the MPO begins the discussion about project selection.

Universe of Programs

*How important are the existing and proposed investment programs to you?*
The MPO is considering adding the following proposed project types to those eligible for funding under the existing investment programs. How important are the proposed project types to you?
Please rank all the project types below in order of importance to you.
Additional Feedback

Respondents advocated for the following programs, project types, system-wide improvements, and policy positions.

The majority of respondents advocated for increased transit, Complete Streets, and safe and protected pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Other main concerns included the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit and other bus-priority measures, and climate resiliency. Two respondents advocated for a congestion pricing program. Two respondents advocated for the implementation of a “Regional Rail” vision for the MBTA commuter rail. At least one respondent advocated for each of the following.

- Interchange modernization
- Modernization of Department of Conservation and Recreation-owned corridors
- Better use of curb space
- Increased preparation for emerging technologies like TNCs and AV/CVs
- Increased road capacity and additional overpasses
- The equitable distribution of funding throughout the region and in the Inner Core
- More attention to serving Environmental Justice populations other than seniors.

One respondent felt that the idea of “adding capacity” as a benchmark for LRTP projects is too limited and asked the MPO to consider large-scale maintenance projects that increase throughput and decrease congestion.

One respondent felt that any increase in parking should be paid for by user fees and not through the federal funding process.

One respondent specifically asked for investment in Mattapan/Hyde Park, East Cambridge/East Somerville, and Brighton/Allston to better connect communities to the core of Downtown Boston.