

What is the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)?

The <u>UPWP</u> programs the budget for the <u>annual activities</u> of the <u>Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)</u>:

- Core MPO activities
- New studies
- Technical assistance

What does the UPWP help the MPO to accomplish?

The UPWP supports several activities:

- Gathering data about the Boston region's transportation system, new technologies, regulations, and user preferences
- Identifying the needs of transportation system users
- Developing project concepts for improving roadway corridors, intersections, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and transit systems with the goal of creating communities that are safe, accessible, walkable, bikeable, and resilient
- Anticipating trends shaping the transportation industry to help the MPO better understand the relationships between transportation and other planning issues, such as land use and climate change

We are always looking for ideas and input. <u>Propose a study and let us know your issue or idea</u>.



What are some of the recent UPWP-funded studies?

The Boston Region MPO's Vision

The Boston Region MPO envisions a modern, well-maintained transportation system that supports a sustainable, healthy, livable, and economically vibrant region. To achieve this vision, the transportation system must be safe and resilient; incorporate emerging technologies; and provide equitable access, excellent mobility, and varied transportation options.



Transit Signal Priority Guidebook



Route 16 Priority Corridor Study, Chelsea and Everett, Massachusetts



Operating a Successful Community Shuttle Program Guidebook



<u>Pedestrian Report Card Assessment</u> Interactive Database

Past studies are available in our Publications Archive.

How can the MPO help you with technical assistance?

Our team of transportation planners and engineers has expertise in a broad range of transportation topics and can offer technical assistance to address various transportation concerns, such as traffic operations, bicycle and pedestrian access, livability, parking, transit service planning, and bus stop locations.



Community Transportation Technical Assistance: Staff can provide recommendations to municipalities ranging from traffic calming and intersection redesign to pedestrian circulation and bicycle accommodation. For more information, please contact Mark Abbott at 857.702.3641 or mabbott@ctps.org.

Regional Transit Service Planning Technical Assistance: Regional transit authorities, transportation management associations, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's subregions, and municipalities, can receive recommendations for improving ridership, optimizing routes, and making transit service more cost-effective. For more information, please contact Paul Christner at 857.702.3707 or pchristner@ctps.org.

How is the UPWP developed?

The UPWP Committee, a subcommittee of the MPO board, oversees the development process, selects studies, and invites the public to submit feedback before the plan is finalized. The development of the UPWP takes place each year:

SEPTEMBER TO JANUARY

MPO staff gather ideas about possible studies from member municipalities, advocates, and the public.

The UPWP Committee selects studies based on factors such as regional relevance, links to other MPO-supported research, practicality, rootedness in the MPO's values, and available funding.

JANUARY TO MARCH

APRIL

MPO staff and the UPWP Committee incorporate feedback from MPO members, municipalities, the Regional Transportation Advisory Council, and the public, and agree on a final list of discrete studies for federal funding.

The MPO receives public comments on the draft document containing discrete studies and other MPO budget priorities.

The MPO board endorses the document.

JUNE TO JULY

LATE SUMMER

The MPO receives approval of the UPWP from federal partners.

MPO staff begin conducting studies programmed in the UPWP.

OCTOBER

How can I get involved?

Provide feedback on the list of proposed studies: Let us know your thoughts during the plan development and public comment periods.

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that is convenient
for you.

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ATTEND AN MPO OR

Observe the MPO in action and express your views at the MPO board and committee meetings. Find meeting notices on the MPO's meeting calendar.

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The Regional

Transportation Advisory

Council, a voting member of the MPO, is an independent body that brings public viewpoints and advice on transportation policy and planning to the MPO. Contact Matt Archer,

Transportation Planner, at marcher@ctps.org or 857.702.3708, to learn more about becoming a member.

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