

**Draft Memorandum for the Record**

**Transportation Planning and Programming Committee of the  
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

**May 21, 2009 Meeting**

9:00 AM –2:45 PM, State Transportation Building, Conference Room 4, 10 Park Plaza,  
Boston

David Mohler, Chair, representing James Aloisi, Executive Office of Transportation &  
Public Works (EOT)

**May 28, 2009 Meeting**

9:00 AM –3:00 PM, State Transportation Building, Conference Room 4, 10 Park Plaza,  
Boston

Stephen Woelfel, Chair, representing James Aloisi, Executive Office of Transportation &  
Public Works (EOT)

**Meeting Agenda**

**1. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Municipal TIP Input Day**

On May 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the MPO held its 2009 Municipal TIP Input Days. At the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, representatives from 21 municipalities made presentations to the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee on their respective priority transportation projects. Twenty-two municipalities were scheduled to present, however, representatives from the Town of Stoneham did not attend. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, representatives from 22 municipalities made presentations. Twenty-three municipalities were scheduled to present, but the Town of Norwell did not attend. At both meetings, the presenters discussed projects for improvements to highways, arterials, bridges, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. (See attached TIP Municipal Input Days schedules.)

Prior to the meetings, staff provided each Committee member with copies of the project information forms for each of the projects to be discussed. These materials were also provided in CD format.

The presenters representing the municipalities included state representatives, mayors, selectmen, town administrators, public works personnel, municipal engineers, planners, and consultants. They provided information on project scope, design stage and readiness, right of way and right of entry acquisition, permitting, subregional and municipal priorities, and estimated project costs.

Presenters also noted their municipality's projects' benefits. The range of benefits included improvements for regional mobility, congestion, or safety, providing access for bicyclists and pedestrians, promoting economic development, improving access for emergency vehicles, helping the Commonwealth fulfill its obligations under the State Implementation Plan, and bringing facilities up to ADA standards. Many presenters provided handouts including additional information and project descriptions.

Representatives from MassHighway District Four, MassHighway Environment, and MassHighway Right of Way were in attendance at each meeting. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, representatives from MassHighway District Three and Five were also present. They provided information and clarification on project readiness, project permitting needs, and environmental considerations,

Following each presentation, the project proponents, MPO staff, and MassHighway representatives took questions from Committee members. Questions pertained to project plans, project readiness, right of way acquisition, mitigation measures, alternative funding sources, eminent domain takings, and the funding eligibility for capacity adding projects. In one instance, a member requested that the Commonwealth provide more information to the members regarding how the state plans to pay for large projects. There were also discussions about whether certain projects could be candidates for the second

round of federal economic stimulus funding. Members voiced concerns about significant project cost increases.

## **2. Other**

At the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, members addressed two other items during the course of the day:

Paul Regan, MBTA Advisory Board, announced that the MPO will host a Candidates' Forum on June 4<sup>th</sup> for municipalities that are running for a seat on the MPO. The event will be held in the MPO Conference Room, Suite 2150. There will be an audio hookup so that people can remotely access the event. The City of Salem will not be running this year. The City of Braintree is the only municipality running for the city seat. The towns of Bedford and Westwood are running for the town seat.

Jim Gallagher, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, informed members that the Suburban Mobility/Transportation Demand Management Subcommittee will be requesting an administrative adjustment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 element of the FFYs 2007 – 2010 TIP at the next meeting. This adjustment would allow for the provision of approximately \$62,000 for Year 2 funding for the Salem North Shore TMA project. Year 1 funding will run out in June.

At the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, members took one vote:

A motion to make an administrative adjustment to the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2009 element of the FFYs 2007 – 2010 Transportation Improvement Program to approve funding for the Salem North Shore TMA program with \$62,020 of Transportation Demand Management Program funds was made by Thomas Bent, City of Somerville, and seconded by David Koses, City of Newton. The motion passed unanimously.

## **3. Adjourn**

**Transportation Planning and Programming Committee Meeting Attendance**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2009, 9:00 AM**

**Member Agencies**

EOT  
City of Boston  
  
City of Newton  
City of Salem  
City of Somerville  
Federal Highway  
Administration  
MAPC  
MassHighway  
MassPike  
Massport  
MBTA  
MBTA Advisory Board  
Regional Transportation  
Advisory Council  
Town of Bedford  
Town of Hopkinton  
Town of Framingham

**Representatives and Alternates**

David Mohler  
Jim Gillooly  
Thomas Kadzis  
David Koses  
Lynn Duncan  
Thomas Bent  
Michael Chong  
  
Jim Gallagher  
Stephen Woelfel  
William Tuttle  
Lourenço Dantas  
Ron Morgan  
Paul Regan  
Malek Al-Khatib  
Steve Olanoff  
Richard Reed  
Mary Pratt  
Ginger Esty

**MPO Staff/CTPS**

Michael Callahan  
Maureen Kelly  
Anne McGahan  
Hayes Morrison  
Sean Pfalzer  
Alejandro Tupta  
Pam Wolfe

**Other Attendees**

Thomas Ambrosino  
Clyde Aras  
Richard Benevento  
Norman Brown  
Will Brownsberger  
Bob Campbell  
Glenn Clancy  
David Cohen  
Don Cooke  
Bill Deignan  
John DePriest  
Trish Domigan  
Martha Duffield  
Alison Felix  
Daniel Gentile  
John Gilla

City of Revere, Mayor  
MassHighway Right of Way  
Traffic Solutions for Weston  
Bayside Engineering  
State Representative  
Town of Braintree  
Town of Belmont  
City of Newton, Mayor  
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.  
City of Cambridge  
City of Chelsea  
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.  
Town of Danvers  
MAPC  
MassHighway Right of Way  
City of Quincy

Vineet Gupta	Boston Transportation Department	Michael Trepanier	MassHighway Environmental
John Hersey	Planners Collaborative, Inc.	Steven Tyler	Bayside Engineering
Robert Hoffman	Town of Weston	David Watson	MassBike
Sarah Cannon Holden	Town of Lincoln, Selectman	Monte Whitehead	Town of Lincoln
Geoffrey Howie	Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.	Laura Wiener	Town of Arlington
Tom Jackmin	Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.	Stephen Winslow	City of Somerville
Frank Killilea	City of Beverly	Wig Zamore	Mystic View Task Force/ Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership
David Knowlton	City of Salem		MassHighway
David Lane	Town of Danvers	Marianti Zappa	Dewberry
Judy LaRocca	Town of Concord	Adam Zysk	
Daniel Leclerc	Town of Belmont		
Michael Lindstrom	City of Melrose		
Wayne Marquis	Town of Danvers		
Kathy McCabe	McCabe Enterprises		
Timothy McIntosh	Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc./Town of Canton		
Tom McLaughlin	City of Woburn, Mayor		
Sue McQuaid	Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce		
Bob Mercier	Town of Burlington		
John Michalak	Fay, Spofford & Thorndike		
Kevin O'Brien	Town of Arlington		
Steve Olson	MassHighway Right of Way		
Marcia Rasmussen	Town of Concord		
William Renault	Town of Concord		
Marie Rose	MassHighway		
Paul Rupp	CRA/City of Revere		
John Snell	Town of Lincoln		
Robert Stevens	City of Quincy		
Frank String	City of Revere		
Frank Suszyuski	MassHighway District 4		
Ed Tarullo	City of Woburn		

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Sean Pfalzer

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Geraldine Abrams  
  
Clyde Aras  
Cory Atkins  
Cameron Bain  
Roland Barth  
Ed Bates  
Rich Benevento  
Zack Beresin  
Peter Berry  
Sarah Bradbury  
Carolyn Britt  
Tony Centore  
Michelle Ciccolo  
Jeremy Clark  
Willam Clark  
David D'Amico  
Reno DeLuzio  
Joe Demers

Friends of the Bruce Freeman  
Rail Trail  
MassHighway Right-of-Way  
State Representative  
Town of Stoneham  
Town of Acton  
Town of Ashland  
Traffic Solutions  
Town of Acton  
Town of Acton  
MassHighway District 3  
Town of Maynard  
Town of Medfield  
Town of Hudson  
Town of Westford  
Town of Milton  
Town of Medway  
Town of Milford  
Office of State Representative  
Jim Dwyer

Trish Domigan	Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.	William Place	Town of Sudbury
Carolyn Dykema	State Representative	Andrew Port	Town of Hanover
James B. Eldridge	State Senator	Duncan Power	Assabet River Rail Trail
Donald DiMartini	Town of Bellingham	Constance Raphael	MassHighway District 4
Robin Giando	MassHighway	Marcia Rasmussen	Town of Concord
Glenn Gibbs	Town of Ipswich	Chan Rogers	Town of Medway
Michele Goldberg	Office of State Senator Karen Spilka	Steve Rollins	Town of Hanover
		Al Rugman	Town of Hanover
Robert L. Gregory	MassHighway District 5	Mark Ryan	Town of Norwood
Bill Hadley	Town of Lexington	Michael Santora	Town of Milford
Paul Halkiotis	Town of Marshfield	Kerin Shea	Town of Hudson
Tom Hayes	Town of Burlington	Gerald Smee Jr.	Town of Watertown
Pamela Haznar	MassHighway District 5	Michael Soraghan	Town of North Reading
Geoffrey Howie	GPI	Paul Starratt	Town of Westford
Darshan Jhaveri	BETA Group	Charlie Swanson	Town of Marshfield
Jody Kablack	Town of Sudbury	Michael Trepanier	MassHighway Environmental
Jeanne Krieger	Town of Lexington	M. Turner	BETA
Judy LaRocca	Town of Concord	Michael Verseckes	Office of State Representative
John Livsey	Town of Lexington		James Cantwell
Steve Magoon	Town of Watertown	Linda Walsh	MassHighway Right-of-Way
Robert T. Markel	Town of Ipswich	Robert Weidknecht	Town of Holliston
Sue McQuaid	Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce	Dick Williamson	Town of Sudbury
		Jessie Wilson	MassHighway
Tom Michelman	Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	John Woodsmall	Town of Southborough
		Paul G. Yorkis	Town of Medway
Mary Moran	Town of Acton	George Zambouras	Town of Reading
Robert O'Brien	Town of Walpole	Wig Zamore	Mystic View Task Force/ Somerville Transportation Equity
Andrew Ogilvie	AECOM		Partnership
Cynthia Oldfield	Office of State Representative Bradley Jones		
Mary Ann Padirn	Office of State Senator Karen Spilka and State Representative Tom Sannicandro		