

Information for TIP Development

This page presents information for TIP contacts on important changes in the development process for the federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2012–15 Transportation Improvement Program.

A Revised Process for TIP Development

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has begun to develop the federal FFYs 2012–15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This year the MPO is modifying the way it gathers information for the development of the TIP. Considering the fiscal picture regarding available federal funds for transportation, the MPO will not be hosting Municipal TIP Input Days this year.

Information Gathering through Project Information Forms (PIFs) and Project Evaluations

A decrease in available funds will limit the number of projects the MPO can reasonably expect to fund in a four-year period. In order to insure that the projects and programs most consistent with the MPO's visions and policies are selected for funding, the MPO will place emphasis on the Project Information Forms (PIFs) and their corresponding evaluations for project selection. These evaluations will be the basis for development of the FFYs 2012–15 TIP.

Staff Recommendation and First-Tier List of Projects

Projects that are evaluated and given the highest scores and that can also be made ready for project advertisement in a given federal fiscal year will be developed into a staff recommendation for the FFYs 2012–15 TIP and presented to the MPO. Staff will also provide a list of first-tier projects (those projects that earn a high score based on the evaluation criteria, but that might not meet fiscal-constraint standards or immediate-readiness factors) for either future consideration and/or to be programmed in the event that a project that is listed cannot be ready for advertisement during the FFYs 2012-15 TIP time frame. .

TIP-Building Workshops

In order to make sure the MPO and MPO staff are receiving accurate and timely information regarding projects and to discuss any questions from project proponents, the MPO will host **TIP-Building Workshops on February 16, 22, and 23**. For more detailed information on the locations and times of the workshops, please view the FFYs 2012–15 TIP Development Calendar [[hyperlink](#)]. The MPO strongly encourages all municipalities to attend at least one of these workshops.

Important Information for Municipalities to Update

All municipalities are strongly encouraged to update the following information:

- 1) *Project Information Forms (PIFs)* – Proponents can update their proponent-provided information and view their project information forms (PIFs) online. Please **click here** to start updating this information.
- 2) *List of projects for which your municipality intends to seek federal funding.* Municipalities will find a list of the known projects in each municipality online at

http://www.bostonmpo.org/bostonmpo/TIP_development.html. To submit information on these projects, click here. If a project is not listed online, please check the “Other” box and fill out the requested information.

- 3) *TIP Contact*. Your municipal TIP Contact is listed **here**. To list a new contact, please click **here**.

Discussions with the MPO

The staff’s recommendation and list of first-tier projects will be presented to the MPO and discussed at a public meeting. Project proponents will be notified in advance of the staff recommendation, the first-tier list of projects, and the date and time of the presentation and discussion. Please view the [FFYs 2012–15 TIP Development Calendar](#) for more information.