

Public Comments on the Development of the Boston Region MPO FFY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program

AFFILIATION	NAME	PROJECT(S)	SUPPORTS/ OPPOSES	COMMENT SUMMARY
A Better City (ABC)	Richard A. Dimino, President and CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household Survey–Based Travel Profiles and Trends • Accelerated Bridge Program Support • Green Line Extension Study FEIR • South Station Expansion Support • Land Use, Demographics, and Climate Change in Transportation Modeling 	Supports Five Projects Listed	<p>Considers the Household Survey–Based Travel Profiles and Trends study to be the most important effort cited in the work plan. Supports the following projects: Accelerated Bridge Program Support; Green Line Extension Study FEIR; South Station Expansion Support; and Land Use, Demographics, and Climate Change in Transportation Modeling.</p> <p>In addition to these projects, requests the re-introduction of three projects that were in previous work plans. These projects are: The Urban Ring Transportation Improvements; Silver Line Phase III; and Design of the Red Line/Blue Line Connector.</p>
City of Cambridge	Brian P. Murphy, Assistant City Manager for Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Network Evaluation • Impacts of Walk Radius/Transit Frequency and Reliability • Roundabout Screening Tool • TIP Project Impacts Before/After Evaluation 	Supports Four Projects Listed	Looks forward to the completion and publication of these informative projects.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives	Representative Garrett J. Bradley	Not identified	Supports	Supports the Route 3A Corridor Study which should address intense development along the roadway that includes the MBTA Cohasset commuter rail station. The study should help to meet the needs of a sustainable sub-region and community on the South Shore, making the Route 3A corridor a safer, more efficient transportation conduit while planning for future economic development.
MassDOT	Diane Madden, Senior Project Manager, Environmental Services	I-93/I-95 Interchange, Woburn	Supports	Expresses support for the I-93/I-95 Interchange, Woburn study. Expects to be contacting CTPS in the fall to request traffic analyses to support the environmental documents for the project.

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N/A	Pat Brown	Priority Corridors for LRTP Needs Assessment, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Support Activities	Supports	Requests that Route 2 be added to the list of candidates for the Priority Corridors for LRTP Needs Assessment study. Route 2 is of critical importance as access to Alewife Station and the Route 128 corridor. With further development and the completion of the Crosby's Corner project, the corridor will assume even greater importance. For the Bicycle/Pedestrian Support Activities work, she requests that there be an estimation of recreational (as opposed to transportation) use of trails. Expresses concern that currently consideration is not given to impacts from auto travel to access trails, which contributes to an overestimation of the environmental benefits of trail facilities and an underestimation of the parking require to support the expected use of the facilities. Encouraged to see that the document specifies the need to "conduct technical analyses to quantify the impacts of proposed bicycle facilities, including air quality improvements, reductions in vehicle-miles traveled, and parking needs." Requests further study of the additional emissions expected due to people accessing recreational facilities.
North Suburban Planning Council	Tony Fields, Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridor Planning Studies and Land Use Reviews • I-93/I-95 Interchange, Woburn • Regional HOV-Lane Systems Planning Study, Phase II • Priority Corridors for LRTP Needs Assessment 	Supports Four Projects Listed	<p>The North Suburban Planning Council Priority Mapping Project provides opportunity to promote dialogue about land use issues that transcend municipal boundaries. Local perspectives key to identifying areas where growth and development should be emphasized as well as areas that should preserved. The process also identifies regionally significant transportation and infrastructure investments.</p> <p>This interchange continues to be a high priority for the Council. The project needs to move forward in accordance with recommendations of the of the I-93/I-95 Task Force.</p> <p>Design for an HOV-lane system should begin with working with the Council and member communities to be studied to understand its implications and impacts on the regional transportation system.</p> <p>Route 3/3A in Burlington and Woburn listed on this project is top priority for the subregion and has the full support of communities.</p>

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Regional Transportation Advisory Council	Steve Olanoff, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Region MPO Freight Program • Regional HOV Systems Planning Study • Southwest Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP) Transit Feasibility Study • Addressing Safety, Mobility, and Access on Subregional Priority Arterial Roadways 	Supports Four Projects Listed	<p>Requests that more freight related studies be conducted that can be implemented in TIP projects.</p> <p>Regional HOV and studies that are closely coordinated with the MAPC subregions are of great interest to the Advisory Council.</p>
South Shore Coalition	Ann Burbine, Chair	Not identified	Supports	Requests a Route 3A Corridor Study, which focuses on improving traffic safety and increasing transportation choices for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users as a priority for the South Shore Coalition. It should include the segment of Route 3A between the Cohasset Commuter Rail Station and the intersection of Route 3A with Henry Turner Bailey Road.
SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee	Gino Carlucci, Chair	SWAP Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study	Supports	Supports the SWAP Regional Public Transit Feasibility Study, which will focus on a regional approach to transit within the member communities.
Town of Cohasset	Michael Milanoski, Town Manager	Not identified	Supports	Requests a Route 3A Corridor Study, which focuses on public safety issues and the integration and access for transit users. Study supports goals of the LRTP and is critical due to the intensification of land uses and development along 3A: MBTA commuter rail station, 220 unit affordable housing project, 80,000 sq. ft. mixed use TOD project, 41 unit residential subdivision large scale wind turbine, rezoning allowing intensification of development of Cohasset Village, reuse of large industrial property for recreational purposes) It should include the segment of Route 3A from Cohasset commuter rail station and the North Scituate intersection with Henry Turner Bailey Road.
Town of Cohasset, Cohasset Planning Board	Stuart W. Ivimey, Chairman	Not identified	Supports	Same as above.

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Town of Scituate, Board of Selectmen	Anthony V. Vegnani, Chairman	Not identified	Supports	Supports the Route 3A Corridor Study that will study the intersection of Route 3A and Henry Turner Bailey Road in Scituate. The segment will improve safety and allow for the expansion of the Business District and is an important and valuable study.
Town of Scituate, Planning Board	William Limbacher, Chairman	Not identified	Supports	Requests a Route 3A Corridor Study which includes the analysis of Route 3A and Henry Turner Bailey Road as well as the surrounding area that serves shopping development and commuter rail station traffic. The intersection is awkwardly designed, requiring a complete stop on state highway with high traffic volumes. The Planning Board is concerned with traffic safety in this area and considers future development of commercial activity in this area a reason to give this study a high priority.