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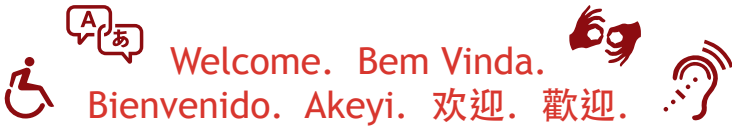
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Welcome. Bem Vinda.
Bienvenido. Akeyi. 欢迎. 歡迎.

The Boston Region MPO is committed to helping you participate in transportation planning. To request special accommodations, or if you need this information in another language, contact the MPO at 857.702.3700 (voice), 617.570.9193 (TTY), or eharvey@cts.org (please allow 14 days).

Simplified Chinese

如果需要使用其它语言了解信息，请联系波士顿大都会规划组织 (Boston Region MPO) 《民权法案》第六章专员，电话 857.702.3700.

Traditional Chinese

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Haitian Creole

Si yon moun vle genyden enfòmasyon sa yo nan yon lòt lang, tanpri kontakte Espesyalis Boston Region MPO Title VI la nan nimewo 857.702.3700.

Spanish

Si necesita esta información en otro idioma, por favor contacte la Boston Region MPO al 857.702.3700.

Portuguese

Caso estas informações sejam necessárias em outro idioma, por favor, contate o MPO da Região de Boston pelo telefone 857.702.3700.

Your Voice Matters

Every four years, the Boston Region MPO identifies the strengths and weaknesses of the region's transportation system and creates a **20-year plan to improve mobility and safety** in the region.

Charting Progress to 2040 was the first Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that, in addition to funding major regional roadway and transit projects, set aside at least half of the MPO's funding for smaller projects that improve mobility and safety for all users, including **bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and transit riders**. We listened to people throughout the region who told us that they wanted diverse transportation options.

This fall, help us get started on our next LRTP, **Destination 2040**. Now is the time to let us know about the transportation needs and opportunities in your community. Visit bostonmpo.org/lrtp-dev to join the conversation. We are excited to see which directions you want the MPO to explore, this time around!

Sincerely,

Karl Quackenbush
Executive Director

Smaller Projects

(each costing less than \$20 million)

- Complete Streets
- Intersection Improvements
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections
- Community Transportation Services and Parking at Transit



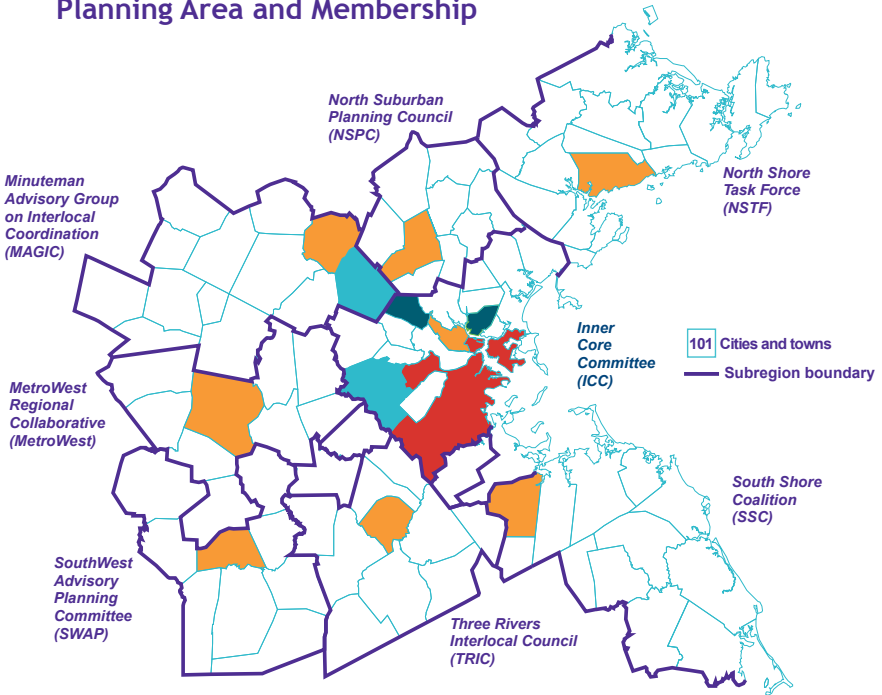
Major Infrastructure Projects

(each costing more than \$20 million)

Your MPO

The Boston Region MPO is a policymaking board that conducts regional transportation planning for the **101 municipalities** of the Boston metropolitan region. The federal government created MPOs to facilitate **fair, effective, and coordinated decisions** about how to use federal transportation dollars for transportation studies and improvements. Visit bostonmpo.org/mpo to connect with the MPO members representing your interests.

Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Area and Membership



*Community is in more than one subregion: Dover is in TRIC and SWAP; Milton and Needham are in ICC and TRIC.

24 MPO Members

8 Municipalities representing subregions (elected)

- Somerville (Inner Core Committee)
- Beverly (North Shore Task Force)
- Woburn (North Suburban Planning Council)
- Bedford (Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination)
- Framingham (MetroWest Regional Collaborative)
- Medway (SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee)
- Norwood (Three Rivers Interlocal Council)
- Braintree (South Shore Coalition)

2 Cities, at-large (elected)

- Everett
- Newton

2 Towns, at-large (elected)

- Arlington
- Lexington

2 City of Boston

5 Transportation agencies

- Massachusetts Department of Transportation (3 seats)
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
- Massachusetts Port Authority

2 Federal agencies (nonvoting)

- Federal Transit Administration
- Federal Highway Administration

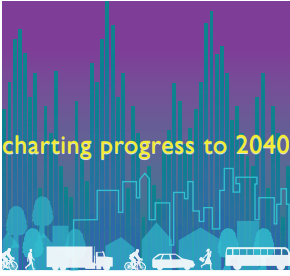
2 Advisory councils/boards

- Regional Transportation Advisory Council
- MBTA Advisory Board

1 Metropolitan Area Planning Council

1 MPO Staff

The Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) supports the MPO's decision-making through technical analyses, collaborative planning, and community engagement. CTPS also ensures the MPO meets requirements associated with spending federal transportation dollars.



Creating a Vision

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

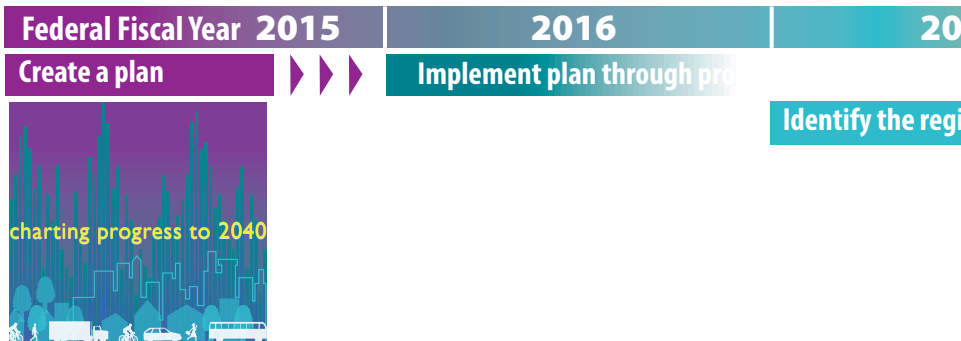
The LRTP is a 20-year investment plan for the Boston region, allocating federal, state, and local funds to improve our transportation system. The active LRTP,

Charting Progress to 2040, adopted in 2015, accounts for all regionally significant projects: those that cost greater than \$20 million or add capacity (such as transit links or traffic lanes). *Charting Progress to 2040* also sets aside funds for smaller projects in four categories (depicted on page 8).

In addition, the LRTP:

- Describes the region’s transportation needs across modes
- Presents the MPO’s vision and goals, which guide all of its planning activities
- Considers impacts on air quality and transportation equity

Timeline of Participation Opportunities



Our Vision

a modern transportation system that is safe, uses new technologies, provides equitable access, excellent mobility, and varied transportation options—in support of a sustainable, healthy, livable, and economically vibrant region.

Goals

- safety
- system preservation
- capacity management/mobility
- clean air/communities
- transportation equity
- economic vitality

The MPO seeks your input on its next LRTP, **Destination 2040**, which will be adopted in Spring 2019. Visit bostonmpo.org/lrtp-dev to learn more and to get involved.

Contact Anne McGahan, amcgahan@ctps.org

in Long-Range Transportation Planning



Investment Programs



Intersection Improvements

Modernize intersections to improve safety, mobility, and accessibility.



Complete Streets Roadway Reconstruction

Redesign roadways to enhance safety and mobility for all users and encourage biking, walking, and transit use.



Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections

Expand the bicycle and pedestrian networks to provide safe access to transit, schools, employment centers, and shopping destinations.



Community Transportation Services and Parking at Transit

Fund the construction of additional parking spaces at transit stations, low-cost safety and wayfinding improvements, and the launch of locally developed bike-share programs and transit services supporting first- and last-mile connections.



Major Infrastructure

Modernize or expand expressways, major arterials, or transit systems to reduce congestion and improve safety.

The MPO's performance targets and each subregion's priorities will guide funding allocations among these five investment programs.



Funding Projects

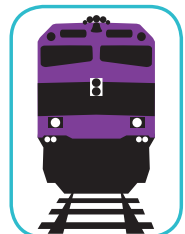
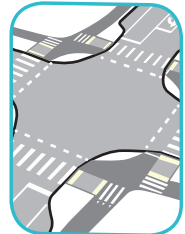
The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The MPO's TIP is the capital investment plan for transportation in the Boston region. The TIP documents all transportation construction projects that will receive federal funding over the next five years, including the following:

- **Projects funded by the MPO.** The MPO has complete discretion over approximately \$100 million annually with which to fund projects, complementing state and local investments in transportation infrastructure. Guided by its vision and goals, the MPO selects projects according to the investment programs established in *Charting Progress to 2040*.
- **Projects funded by other agencies.** The MPO reviews and votes to endorse the investment decisions for federal transportation dollars made by MassDOT, the MBTA, the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority, and the Cape Ann Transportation Authority.

The MPO's Interactive TIP Database (bostonmpo.org/apps/tip) tracks projects at all stages of development. Stay tuned in December for this year's slate of eligible projects. Visit bostonmpo.org/tip-dev for updates and to let us know your priorities.

Contact Ali Kleyman, akleyman@ctps.org





Developing Solutions

Technical Assistance Programs

Did you know that the MPO offers technical assistance at no cost? Our team of transportation planners and engineers has expertise in a broad range of transportation topics. If you would like to discuss a potential short-term project or low-cost study, reach out to the staff contacts for the each of the categories listed below. For studies with a larger scope or regional relevance, read more about our UPWP studies on the next page.

Transit | Contact Annette Demchur, ademchur@ctps.org



- First- and last-mile connections
- New services and community transit
- Route optimization and cost savings
- Ridership growth

Bike/Pedestrian | Contact Casey Claude, cclaude@ctps.org



- Pedestrian circulation
- Bicycle accommodations
- Livability improvements

Roadway | Contact Mark Abbott, mabbott@ctps.org



- Intersection redesigns
- Traffic signal evaluations
- Access management



Selecting Studies

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

MPO staff conducts studies that advance our understanding of the transportation system, new technologies, regulations, and user preferences.

The UPWP is the document that **describes all of the work** the MPO will carry out to support transportation planning and programming in the region and defines each study's scope and budget, including studies carried out through the Technical Assistance programs described to the left. Each year, the MPO also selects a number of **discrete studies** from the ideas generated by MPO members, staff, and public input.

Now is the time to submit your ideas and ensure that your MPO representative(s) hear your priorities. Selected studies draw on staff expertise, produce regionally relevant results and/or readily implementable solutions, and advance the vision of *Charting Progress to 2040*. Visit bostonmpo.org/upwp-dev to explore past study topics, view the UPWP, and learn how to share your priorities.

Contact Sandy Johnston, sjohnston@ctps.org

How to Participate

Stay informed

The best way to follow the MPO process is by signing up for our email updates at bostonmpo.org/subscribe. (You may also follow us on Twitter [@BostonRegionMPO](https://twitter.com/BostonRegionMPO).) We will let you know about MPO meetings, Office Hours, public comment periods, and other opportunities to participate in regional transportation planning.

Speak out

- **Attend a meeting.** We welcome public comments at all MPO meetings. Go to our meeting calendar for our meetings, agendas, minutes, and materials at bostonmpo.org/calendar.
- **Visit Office Hours,** monthly opportunities for a one-on-one conversation with MPO staff—either by phone or in person.
- **Submit a comment** by mail, email, fax, phone, or online. Reach us at the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150, Boston, MA 02116; 857.702.3687 (voice); 617.570.9192 (fax); 617.570.9193 (TTY); or publicinfo@ctps.org.



Contact Jen Rowe, jrowe@ctps.org

Advise the MPO

The Regional Transportation Advisory Council offers independent advice to the MPO and has a seat on the MPO board. The council's membership includes municipalities, local business organizations, public agencies, advocacy groups, and other interested parties. Attend a meeting and consider applying to serve on the council. For more information, visit bostonmpo.org/rtac.

Contact David Fargen, dfargen@ctps.org

Invite us over

MPO staff welcomes opportunities to build relationships with municipalities, transportation advocates, professional groups, and organizations serving the needs of lower-income people, people with disabilities, people with limited English proficiency, older adults, and communities of color. Invite us to your regularly scheduled meetings to discuss issues important to you and learn how to shape transportation in the region.

Contact Betsy Harvey, eharvey@ctps.org

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