

Let's plan a better transportation future



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Your Voice Matters

Every four years, the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (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 weigh in on our **vision, goals, and investments**. 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!

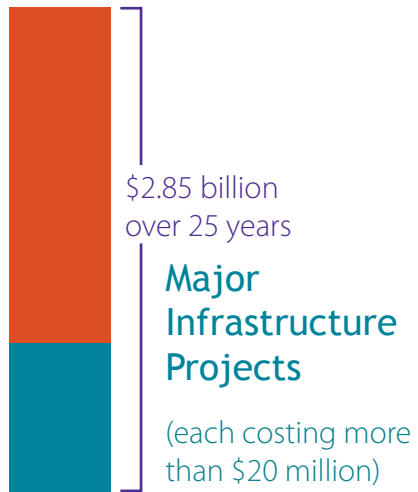
Sincerely,

Karl Quackenbush
Executive Director

Smaller Projects

(each costing less than \$20 million)

- Complete Streets
- Intersection Improvements
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections
- Community Transportation



**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@ctps.org (please allow 14 days).



Portuguese

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

Spanish

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

Haitian Creole

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

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

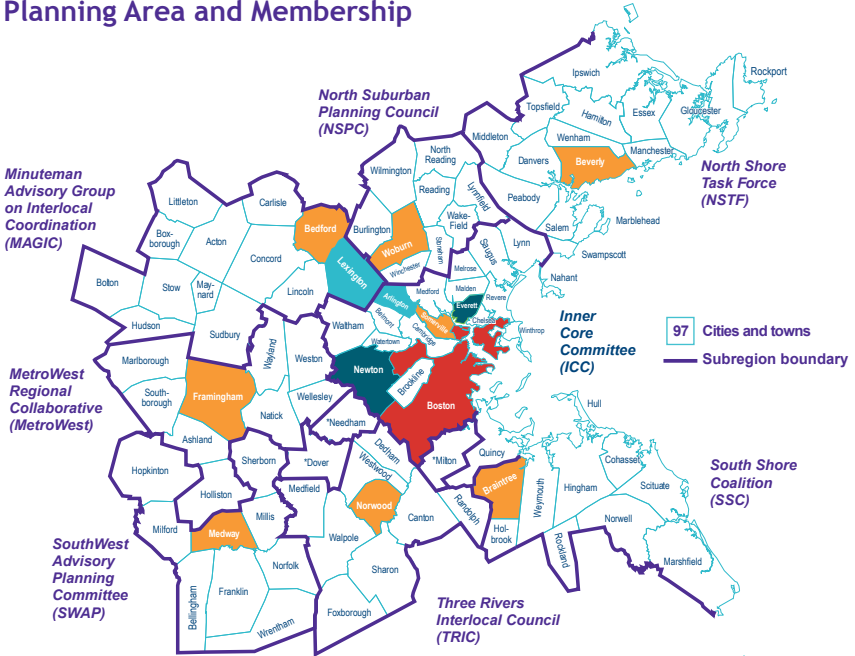
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Your MPO

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the decision-making board responsible for conducting regional transportation planning for the 97 municipalities in the Boston metropolitan area. 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.

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

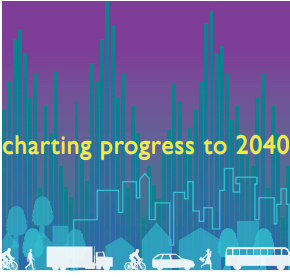
Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Area and Membership



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

MPO Members (24 total)

- Municipalities representing the 8 subregions (8 elected representatives)
 - 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)
- Cities, at-large (2 elected representatives)
 - Everett
 - Newton
- Towns, at-large (2 elected representatives)
 - Arlington
 - Lexington
- City of Boston (2 permanent representatives)
- Transportation agencies (5 permanent representatives)
 - Massachusetts Department of Transportation (3 representatives)
 - Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)
 - Massachusetts Port Authority
- Federal agencies (2 nonvoting representatives)
 - Federal Transit Administration
 - Federal Highway Administration
- Advisory councils/boards (2 permanent representatives)
 - Regional Transportation Advisory Council
 - MBTA Advisory Board
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council (1 permanent representative)



Create a Vision

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

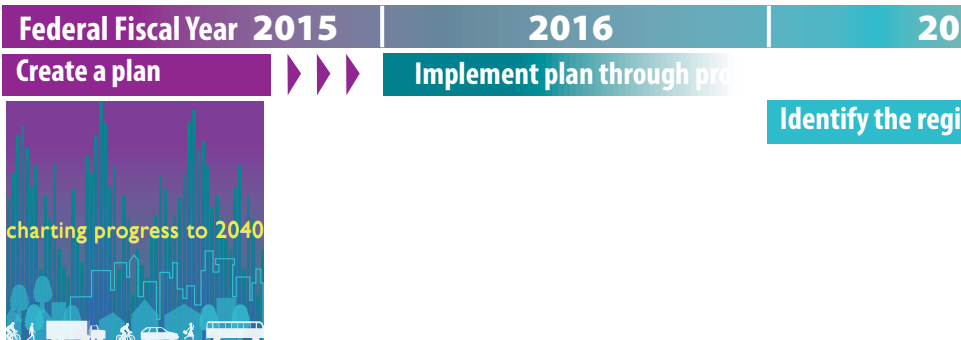
How would you improve the Boston region’s transportation system? That is the question at the heart of the MPO’s preparations for *Destination 2040*, the next

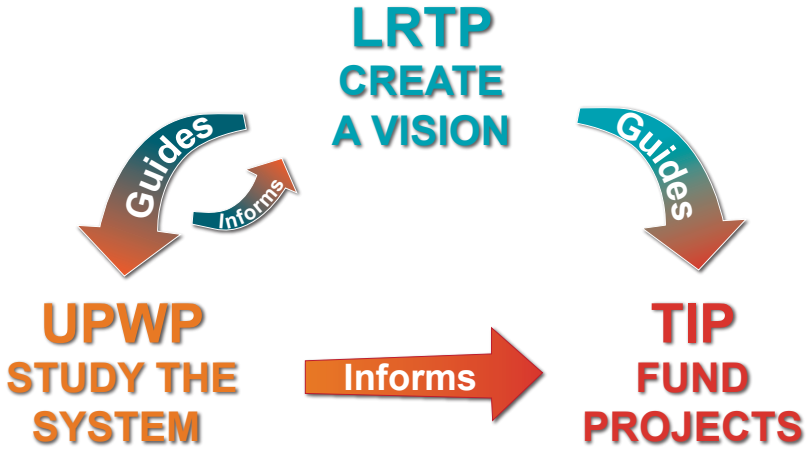
Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to meet the needs of the Boston region.

Every four years, the MPO creates a plan to address existing and future mobility needs. The resulting LRTP allocates funding for major projects in the Boston region and guides the MPO’s funding of capital investment programs and studies.

The MPO expects to adopt *Destination 2040* in spring 2019. Visit <https://lrtp-dev.ctrps.org/lrtp-dev> to explore the state of the transportation system; learn how the MPO will identify needs, revisit its vision and goals, and prioritize its investments; and share your own interests, concerns, and ideas.

Participation Opportunities in Long





Note: *Charting Progress to 2040*, the current LRTP, will remain active until the MPO finalizes *Destination 2040*.

Contact Anne McGahan, amcgahan@ctps.org

-Range Transportation Planning

2017	2018	2019
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on's transportation needs

Revisit vision, goals, & objectives

Prioritize investments

Create a plan





Fund 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* and described to the right.
- **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

Investment Programs

Major Infrastructure



Modernize or expand expressways, major arterials, or transit systems to reduce congestion and improve safety. Projects in this program must be included in the LRTP before they can be programmed in the TIP.



Complete Streets Roadway Reconstruction

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



Intersection Improvements

Modernize intersections to improve safety, mobility, and accessibility.



Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections

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



Community Transportation

Fund small-scale transportation interventions with an emphasis on first- and last-mile connections to transit. Staff will be soliciting project ideas for funding that begins in federal fiscal year 2021.



Study the System

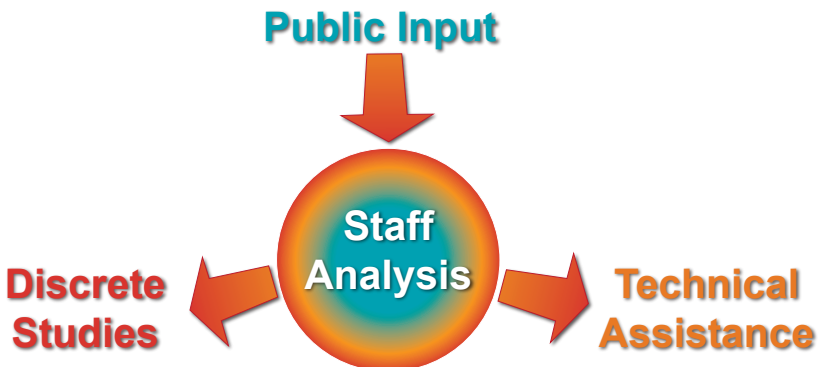
The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

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 each year to support transportation planning and programming in the region. It defines each study's scope and budget, including work carried out through the Technical Assistance programs described to the right. Each year, the MPO also selects a number of **discrete studies** from the ideas generated by MPO members, staff, and the public.

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 the MPO's *Long-Range Transportation Plan*. 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



Did you know...

The MPO offers technical assistance to municipalities and transit providers at no cost. Our team of 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, write to techassist@ctps.org. (For studies with a larger scope or regional relevance, ask about the UPWP, described on the previous page.)



Transit

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



Bike/Pedestrian

- Pedestrian circulation
- Bicycle accommodations
- Livability improvements



Roadway

- Intersection redesigns
- Traffic signal evaluations
- Access management

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, public comment periods, and other opportunities to participate in regional transportation planning.

Engage

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.

Submit a comment

You can 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.



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