

# APPENDIX C





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## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMENTS

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In the course of the developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the staff of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) regularly engages with municipalities and the general public to provide information about the milestones, deadlines, and decision points in the development process. Staff publicly shares materials and information used by the MPO board for decision-making via the TIP development web page: [www.bostonmpo.org/tip-dev](http://www.bostonmpo.org/tip-dev). This process affords the public ongoing opportunities to give input to the MPO board prior to the release of the draft TIP for the official public review period. This appendix documents the input received during the development of the FFYs 2020-24 TIP as well as comments received during the public review period.

### SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING TIP DEVELOPMENT

MPO staff initiated outreach activities for the FFYs 2020–24 TIP in September 2018 and maintained communication with municipal, state agency, and public stakeholders throughout the TIP development process. The primary in-person and direct-engagement events at which staff received input were the subregional committee meetings held by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and the TIP How-To conference call workshops with municipal TIP contacts, MAPC subregional coordinators, and MassDOT district project engineers. These events offered individuals the opportunity to directly engage with staff to ask questions, voice concerns, provide suggestions, and propose projects.

The MPO board held a series of discussions at its regular meetings as the TIP was developed in stages that focused on project solicitation, project evaluation, and programming of funds. Staff informed the public at each stage via its standard communication channels (email, Twitter, and the MPO website). As a result, the MPO received oral and written comments while developing the draft TIP. The comments directed to the MPO board are summarized below in Table C-1.

**Table C-1**  
**Public Comments Received during Development of the FFYs 2020-24**  
**Transportation Improvement Program**

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## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING TIP PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**

*[TEXT INCLUDES TENTATIVE DATES AND WILL BE REVISED FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT, POST COMMENT PERIOD]*

The MPO board voted to release a draft FFYs 2020-24 TIP document for public review at its April 25, 2019, meeting. This vote initiated an official 21-day public review period, which began on May 2, 2019, and closed on May 23, 2019. The comments received during this public review period and responses from the MPO to the commenters are summarized in Table C-2.

### **Table C-2 Public Comments Received during the Public Review Period for the Draft FFYs 2020-24 Transportation Improvement Program**

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