

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL



COMMITTEE REPORTS

October 14 – November 18

Regional Transportation Advisory Council Committees

Freight - Walter Bonin & Frank DeMasi

The Freight Committee is planning a field trip to the Fore River Railroad in Quincy on December 9. More details about this trip will be distributed soon.

At their October meeting the Freight Committee discussed the recently formed Eastern Massachusetts Freight Rail Coalition and the need to better coordinate freight and passenger transportation planning with economic development efforts throughout the state.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Laura Wiener

The TIP Committee met on Wednesday, November 4 at the State Transportation Building to discuss the proposed amendment to the FFYs 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. The primary reason for the proposed amendment is to add projects receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to the TIP.

In attendance at the meeting were Laura Wiener of Arlington, Steve Olanoff of Westwood, Jim Gallagher of MAPC, Bob Campbell of Braintree, Louis Elisa of the Seaport Advisory Council, Malek Al-Khatib of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, Hayes Morrison of MPO Staff, and Mike Callahan of MPO Staff.

A draft comment letter, based on the discussion, is attached. The draft comment letter conveys the TIP Committee's support for most of the projects, and expresses its concerns with the Foxborough pedestrian bridge project and the public participation process.

The following committees did not meet and have not scheduled future meetings:

Executive – Laura Wiener

Membership – Schuyler Larrabee

Nominating – TBD

Plan – Kristina Johnson

Programs – Richard Canale

UPWP – Steve Olanoff

Transportation Planning and Programming Committee Subcommittees

None were held and none are scheduled.