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Subject: Considerations for the revision of the Boston Region MPO Memorandum of Understanding
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Following is a list of issues for discussion raised by members of RTAC in consideration of updating the MPO Memorandum of Understanding.

1. **Election Procedure:** Reconstitute committee to revise election procedures. Major issue is limitation on city vs. town and regions. Simplify and open it up.
2. **Organization of the MPO:**
 - a. Should there be more municipalities on the MPO? Should municipalities have a majority on the MPO?
 - b. State currently has too many votes due to Reform that eliminated Turnpike Authority but didn't remove them from MPO.
 - c. Should additional members be added to MPO to replace Turnpike Authority, such as:
 - i. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, to help promote GreenDOT initiative
 - ii. Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, to promote consideration of land use and economic development in transportation planning
 - iii. Regional Transit Authority, to represent suburban transit needs
 - iv. Regional Economic Development organization
 - d. Voting rules--Should the complicated voting system be replaced by a simple majority vote?
 - e. Should chair be elected from MPO members?
 - f. Should all committees be chaired by state agencies or by other members?
 - g. RTAC should have a vote on MPO
3. **Prioritization Criteria**—committee should be reconstituted, existing criteria reviewed and revised as needed
4. **Central Artery section**—is this still relevant? Revise or remove.
5. **Role of MARPA** in allocation of federal funds to MPO's.