

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

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Purpose of the UPWP

- Details MPO's use of **continuing, cooperative and comprehensive (3C) transportation-planning funds** from the federal government and other funding sources
- Includes all regionally significant transportation-planning projects
- Lists non-3C-funded studies CTPS does for transportation agencies (for example, MassDOT, MBTA)



Categories of Projects

1) Ongoing MPO-funded programs

- Work continues from year to year
- Examples: Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Congestion Management Process

2) Discrete studies

- Limited time frames
- Example: Priority Corridors for Long-Range Transportation Needs Assessment

UPWP Funding

- Two-thirds funded with MPO 3C monies and one-third with agency funds.
- Most MPO federal funds go to ongoing projects.
- Budget process distributes funds for ongoing and discrete projects.

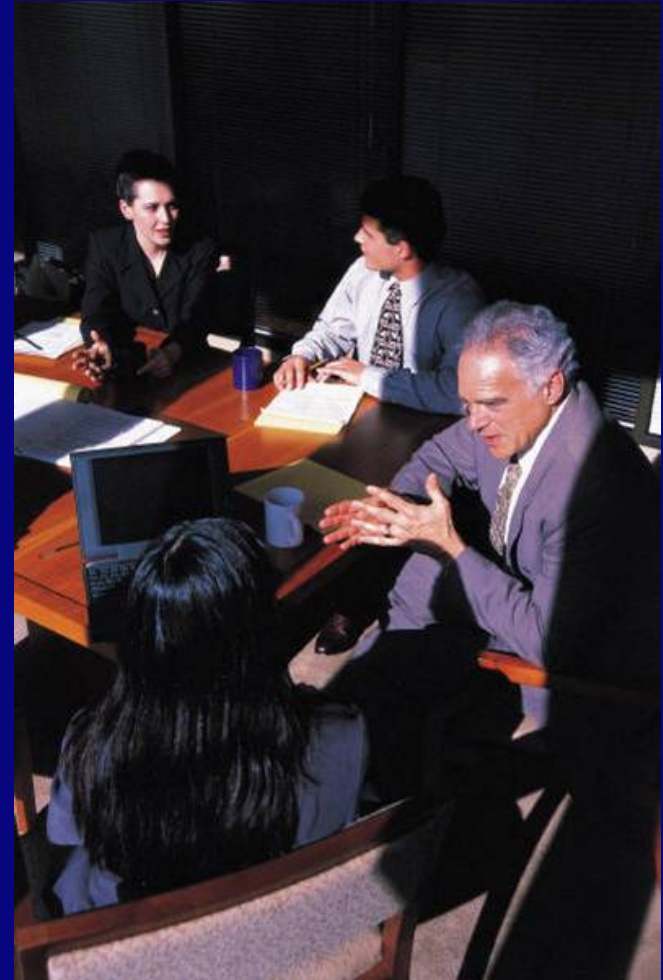


Schedule (2012–2013)

- **Nov. 2012 – Jan. 2013:** Initial UPWP outreach
- **Jan. – March:** Staff evaluation of projects
- **March:** Budget development, recommendations to UPWP Committee and MPO
- **April:** MPO review of draft UPWP
- **May:** Public comment period for draft UPWP
- **June:** MPO review of comments, final approval of UPWP

Implementing the UPWP


- Work scopes are approved by the MPO before project activities start.
- MPO staff update the MPO and public on ongoing activities and report on discrete studies.
- MPO staff report on UPWP progress quarterly.



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Certification Documents

Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) prepare three major documents as part of the metropolitan transportation planning (3C) process:

- The Long-Range Transportation Plan (L RTP) – The L RTP includes a discussion of an MPO’s transportation policies and goals, an assessment of the current state of the region’s transportation system, estimates of future needs and resources, and a description of a detailed program for preserving and expanding the system over a period of 20 or more years. The Boston Region MPO produces its L RTP every four years and adopted its current Plan, *Paths to a Sustainable Region*, in September 2011.
- The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – The TIP implements the L RTP by allocating funding for transportation system improvements over a four-year period. A project must be designated for funding (programmed) in the TIP in order for it to receive federal funds. The Boston Region TIP lists all federally funded transit projects and all state and federally funded highway and bridge projects. While an annual update is not required by federal regulations, the Boston Region MPO updates its TIP every year.
- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – The UPWP is produced annually; it outlines the planning projects, activities, funding sources, and budgets for one federal fiscal year.

The Boston Region MPO conducts an extensive public participation program to support the development of these documents, which are required by the federal government in order for an MPO to be certified to be eligible to receive federal transportation capital funds. The documents must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. The Boston Regions Plan and TIP are also reviewed by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for air quality conformity.

Download Document

- FFYs 2013–2016 Transportation Improvement Program
- FFY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program**
- Transportation Plan Paths to a Sustainable Region

Related Links

- 3C Planning Process
- MPO Overview
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- SAFETEA-LU (Federal Funding Legislation)
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning
- FFY 2013 Certification Activities Schedule (pdf) (html)



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The MPO sponsors numerous transportation-planning studies that are performed by its staff, the Central Transportation Planning Staff. Generally, studies are funded either directly by the MPO or by individual MPO member agencies. The studies are often documented in reports. The MPO also regularly produces [certification documents](#). Lists of publications of both types may be seen by clicking on the links above; copies may be requested, and many of the publications may be downloaded.

Planning studies provide detailed analyses and recommendations for a targeted transportation problem or topic that may be regionwide or at the level of a particular subarea or corridor. They typically include one or more of the following aspects or methods of planning:

- Travel forecasting based on land use scenarios
- Traffic analysis and conceptual design of operational improvements for roadways
- Planning for transit expansions, operations, and fare policies
- Transportation system monitoring for improved mobility
- Bicycle and pedestrian planning
- Empirical research on subjects of interest to the MPO or individual MPO-member organizations

Studies' conclusions and recommendations inform decisions of the MPO and its member agencies regarding transportation service.



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Thank you!

