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PROJECT(S) / ISSUE(S)	REQUEST/ SUPPORT/ OPPOSE	COMMENTOR(S)	COMMENT
Additional funds for MBTA buses	Support	<b>Medford resident:</b> Ken Krause	Supports the addition of funding to rebuild/repair parts for MBTA buses in Amendment Two of the TIP. Notes that due to the delay of the Green Line Extension (GLX) Project beyond the SIP deadline of December 31, 2014, MassDOT is required to provide interim emission reduction offset projects. One of the interim offset projects is to implement additional off-peak bus service along existing routes serving the GLX corridor. States that these improvements can help ensure that the bus service is able to meet the increased service demands required for the duration of the GLX construction period.
Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transit Allocation	Request	<p><b>Organizations:</b> Friends of the Community Path (Co-Presidents Lynn Weissman and Alan Moore) and Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership (STEP)</p> <p><b>Somerville residents:</b> Sheila Fay, Adrian Hartline, Winifred Kathy Martin and David L. Johnson, Resa Blatman</p> <p><b>Cambridge resident:</b> John Macdougall</p> <p><b>Other:</b> Kevin Donovan</p>	Request that the MPO continue to increase funding to support multi-use paths (especially those with great connectivity and through dense areas), shift funding away from highway expansion projects, and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian projects. States that these investments are consistent with the MPO's goals to reduce Greenhouse Gases, TIP evaluation criteria, and the Commonwealth Mode Shift 2030 goal of tripling the bike/walk/transit travel share.
Green Line Extension removal of "Medford Hillside" reference	Support	<p><b>Somerville residents:</b> Josiah Lee Auspitz, Sheila Fay, Adrian Hartline, Winifred Kathy Martin and David L. Johnson, Resa Blatman</p> <p><b>Medford residents:</b> John Roland Elliott, Elisabeth Bayle, Ken Krause, and Sebastian Banker</p> <p><b>Cambridge residents:</b> John Macdougall and Michael Bernstein</p> <p><b>Other:</b> Kevin Donovan</p> <p><b>Organization:</b> Friends of the Community Path (Co-Presidents Lynn Weissman and Alan Moore)</p>	<p>Support the five substitutions of "College Avenue" for "Medford Hillside (College Avenue)" in Amendment Two of the TIP. These corrections, when incorporated in the STIP, will bring the location of the Green Line station at College and Boston Avenues into conformity with federal mapping standards, as required under regulations governing funding for all federal grants in aid (OMB Circular A-16). Notes that the previous use of "Medford Hillside" for this station derived from a mislabeling of state maps in which "College Hill" on the Medford portion of the Tufts University Campus was mistaken for "Medford Hillside," a neighborhood to the north of Tufts University.</p> <p>Support the correction to the description of the Green Line Extension Project, removing the name "Medford Hillside" that had been erroneously paired with the College Avenue station reference. Thanks the MPO for their attention to this matter and for their support for the Green Line Extension Project to Mystic Valley Parkway/Route 16. It is essential to fulfilling the laudable goals of the Green Line Extension Project.</p> <p>State that the Green Line Extension to Route 16 can meet the mandate of the SIP to bring the Green Line to Medford Hillside, serve more people boosting transit ridership, fulfill the promise of air quality benefits, provide benefits equitably, including to environmental justice populations, and facilitate transit-oriented development.</p>

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Green Line Extension removal of "Medford Hillside" reference	Oppose	<b>Organization:</b> Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership	Opposes removing the reference to Medford Hillside in the FFYs 2015-18 TIP given that the Medford Hillside reference reflects the intent of the GLX to service this neighborhood. Supports the Draft 2015-18 TIP to fully fund the Green Line Extension to Route 16 (revised as the GLX Phase 2 project).
Medford Clippership Linear Park and Bikeway  Medford Water Taxi	Support	<b>Medford resident:</b> John Roland Elliott	Supports the programming of funds for 607839-Medford Clippership Linear Park and Bikeway and the Medford Water Taxi.
Route 1 Improvement Project	Request	<b>Municipalities:</b> City of Malden (Mayor Christenson), City of Revere (Mayor Rizzo), and Town of Saugus (Robert Palleschi, Temporary Town Manager)	Request that the Commonwealth take definitive action in addressing the dangerously outmoded and totally inadequate section of Route 1 from Copeland Circle at the northern end in Revere to the junction of Route 99 at the Saugus-Malden line. State that this corridor has a negative impact on all of the communities along Route 1, from the Boston city line to the New Hampshire border, including severe traffic jams, and a significant waste of consumable energy, productive time and human potential.  Request that CTPS and the MPO make this a priority in the TIP and ask that MassDOT Project Selection Advisory Committee meet with chief executives of the three communities and with other key stakeholders to discuss a resolution to this transportation problem, and that their respective legislative delegations be part of this process. Ask that this take place before the next STIP is adopted. Attached previous correspondence to the MPO from the Cities of Malden and Revere and the Town of Saugus detailing the longstanding issues and concerns along the Route 1 corridor.
Ruggles Station Modernization  Green Line Fenway Portal Flood Proofing	Support	<b>Organization:</b> MASCO - Medical Academic and Scientific Community Organization (Paul Nelson)	Supports the Ruggles Station Modernization, which will eliminate a bottleneck in the regional transportation system by constructing an additional commuter rail platform at the station. The new platform and related station improvements will enhance continued economic development and job growth in the neighborhoods surrounding the station.  Supports the addition of the Green Line Fenway Portal Flood Proofing as a project that will support the resiliency of the transportation network during major storm and flooding events.