

# Introduction to the Boston Region MPO



# Metropolitan Planning Organizations

- Decision-making boards that conduct federally required regional transportation planning
- Forum for cooperative decision making
- Mechanism for allocating transportation funding

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METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING  
ORGANIZATIONS**

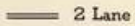


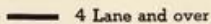
# NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS

As of June, 1958

In the 1960s, the interstate highway connected regions across the US

 Interstate Route Numbers

 2 Lane

 4 Lane and over

This map indicates anticipated status of rural portions of Interstate System by 1971. It shows predominating type of improvement, but does not show shorter sections of variable width.

About 3 percent of the mileage shown as "4-lane and over" is wider than 4-lane.



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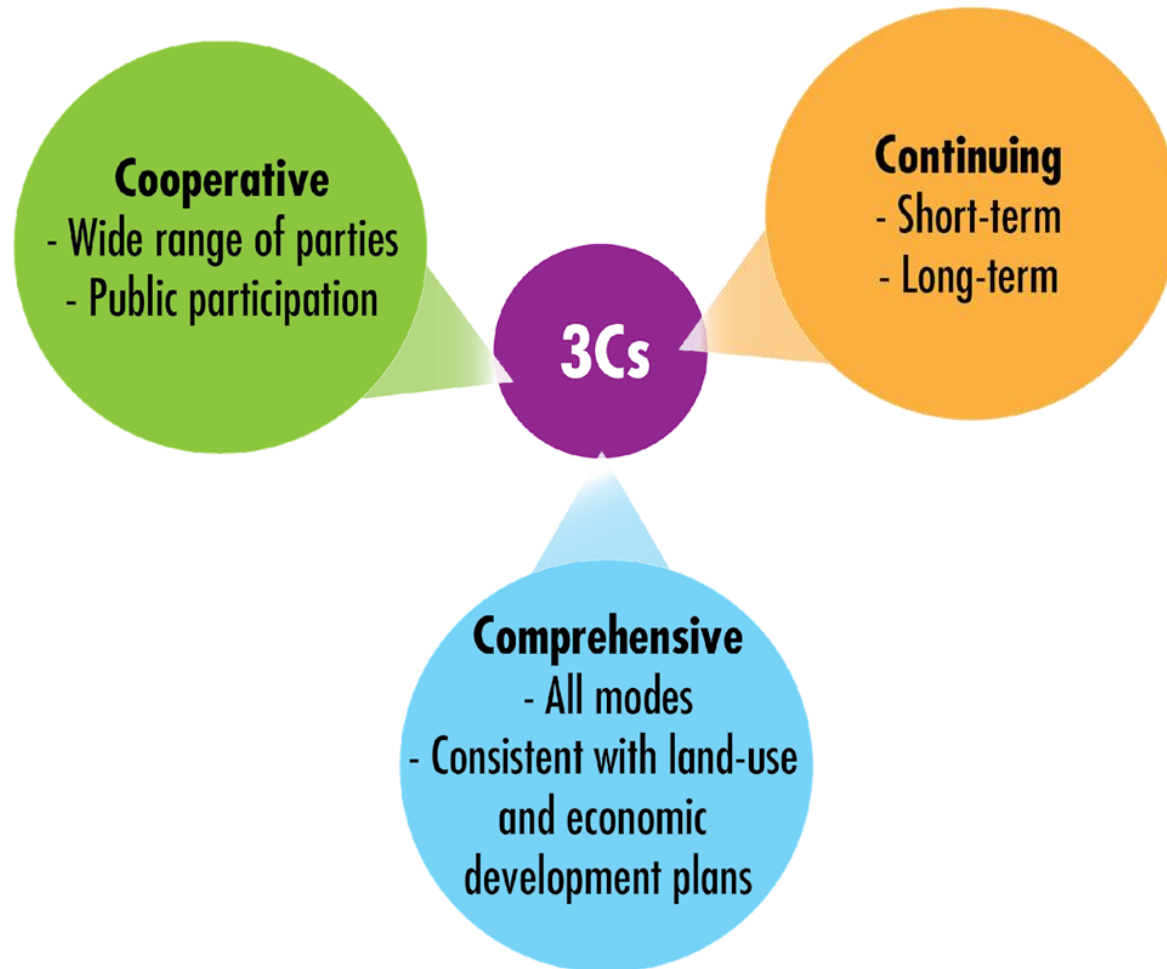
**Federal and state authorities began planning routes through urban areas**





Projects encountered local opposition

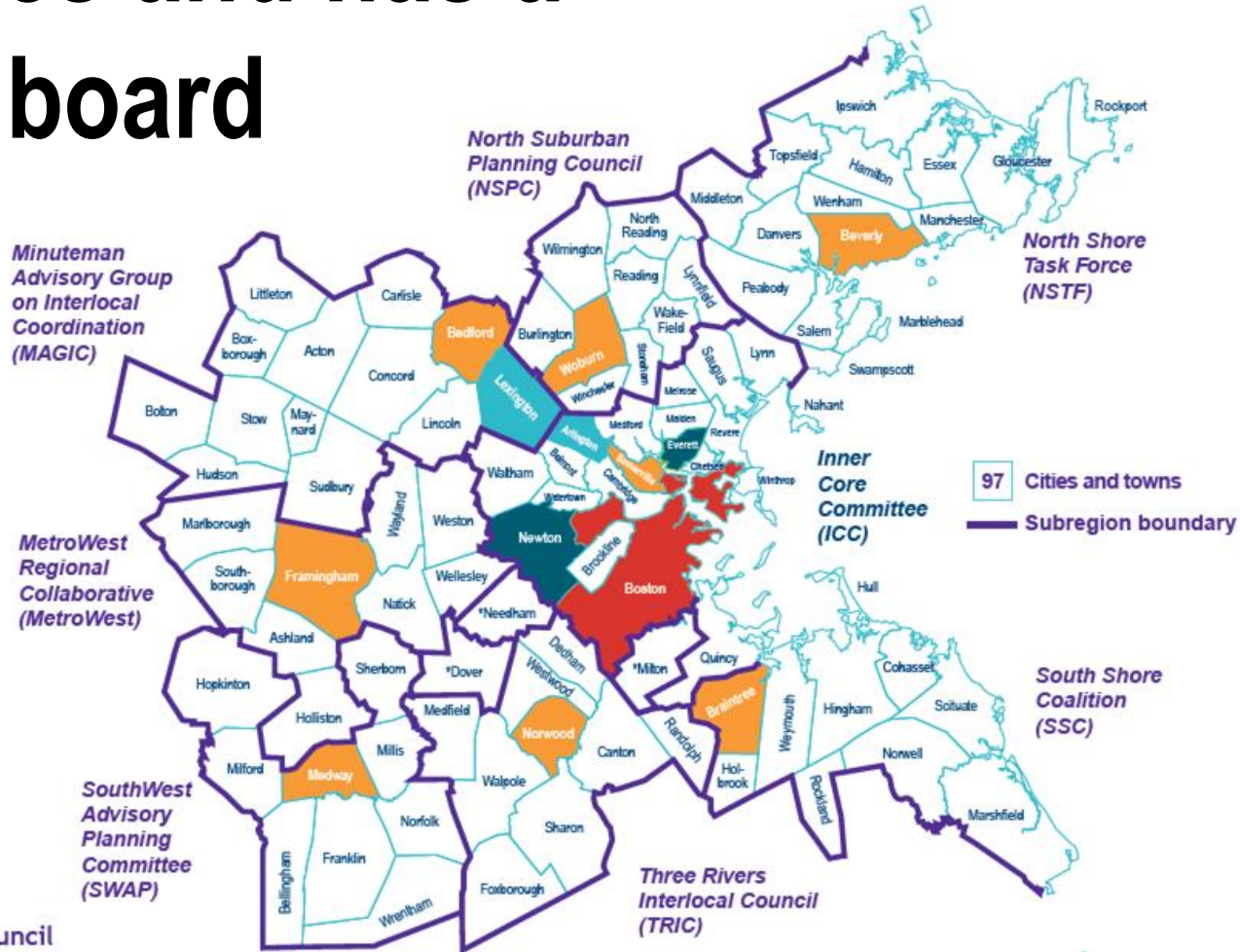
# Congress mandated metropolitan transportation planning



# The Boston Region MPO serves 97 municipalities and has a 24-member board

## 24 Members

- 8** Municipalities representing subregions (elected)
- 2** Cities, at-large (elected)
- 2** Towns, at-large (elected)
- 2** City of Boston (permanent)
- 5** Transportation agencies
  - Massachusetts Department of Transportation (3 seats)
  - Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
  - Massachusetts Port Authority
- 2** Federal agencies (nonvoting)
  - Federal Transit Administration
  - Federal Highway Administration
- 2** Advisory councils/boards
  - Regional Transportation Advisory Council
  - MBTA Advisory Board
- 1** Metropolitan Area Planning Council



\*Community is in more than one subregion: Dover is in TRIC and SWAP; Milton and Needham are in ICC and TRIC.

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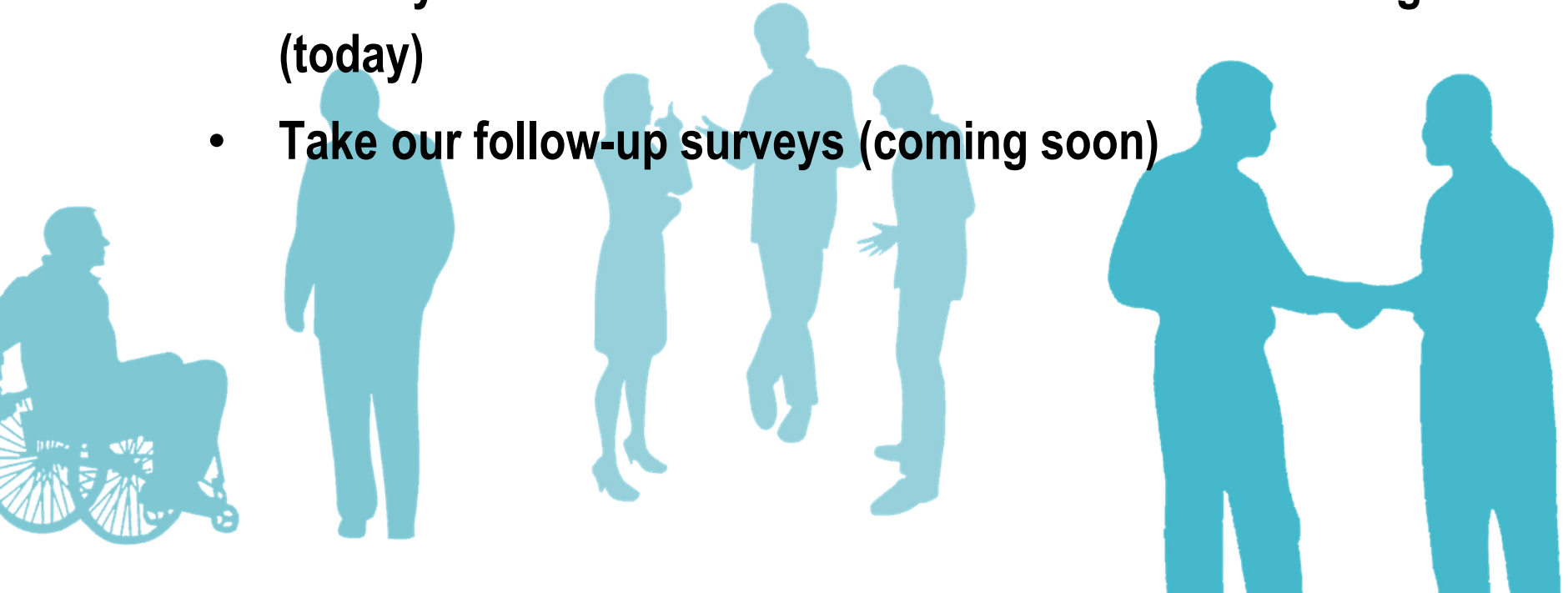
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# The MPO welcomes your participation

- Sign up for email updates at [bostonmpo.org/subscribe](https://bostonmpo.org/subscribe)
- Attend MPO and Advisory Council meetings
- Share your ideas for studies relevant to the Boston region (today)
- Take our follow-up surveys (coming soon)



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