



## VIRTUAL MEETING

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# Community Connections Information Session

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Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

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# Introduce yourself in the chat!

- Name
- Role
- Municipality or Organization



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# Today's Session

- Introductions
- MPO Overview
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Community Connections Investment Program
- Technical Assistance
- Discussion



# MPO Overview

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# What is an MPO?

A federally required planning entity that engages governments (elected officials and various transportation agencies), residents, and other stakeholders in a **collaborative and transparent public process** to:

### CREATE FRAMEWORK



#### Long-Range Transportation Plan

**Develop a vision for multimodal transportation in the region**  
20-year vision and goals for the transportation system and prioritized projects and programs to meet the vision

### INVEST



#### Transportation Improvement Program

**Rolling, five-year capital investment plan, including the shorter-term investments that help realize the long-term vision**

### STUDY & ANALYZE



#### Unified Planning Work Program

**Annual work program for how federal planning funds are allocated to studies and technical analyses to benefit the region at a regional scale**



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# Who Serves on the Boston Region MPO Board?



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## 22 voting members

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Massachusetts Port Authority

12 elected municipalities:

4 at-large

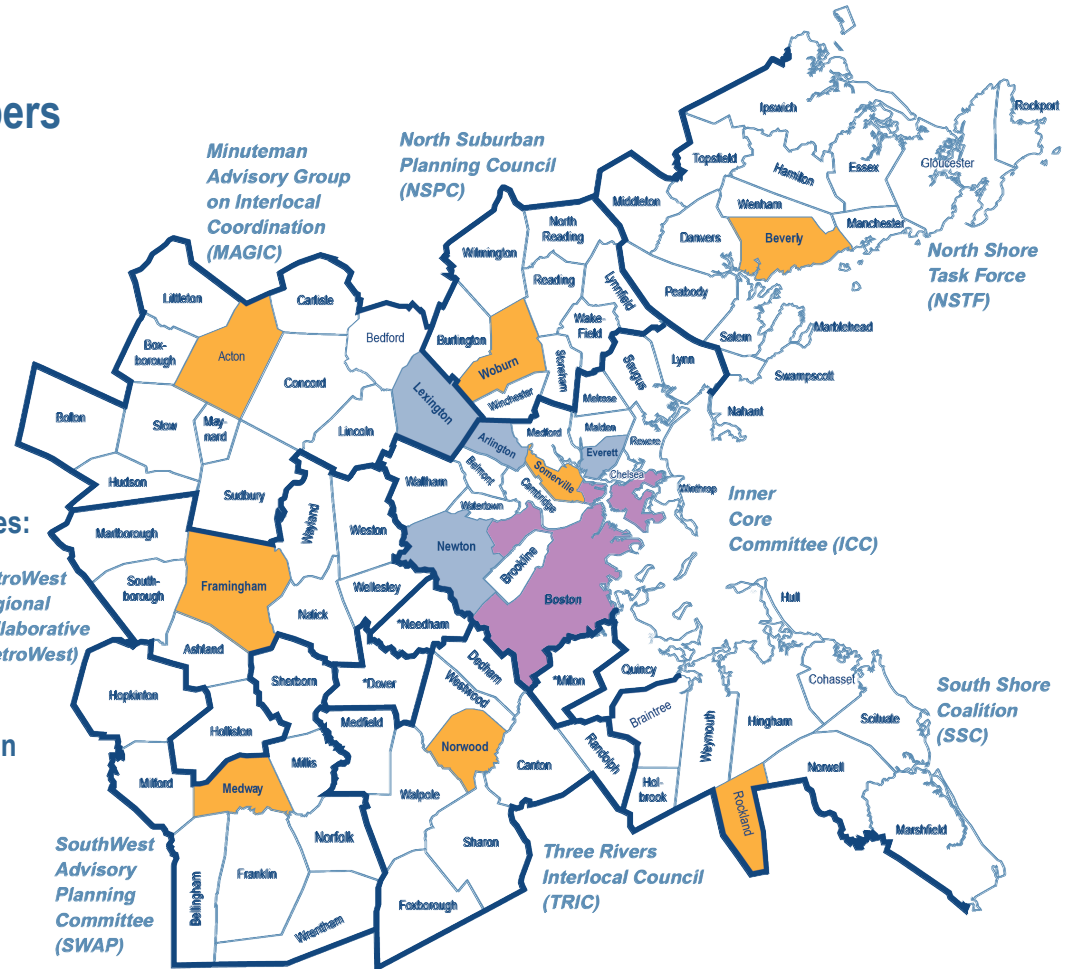
8 subregions

2 for City of Boston

Regional Transportation Advisory Council

MBTA Advisory Board

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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# MPO Vision and Goals

## MPO Vision

A modern, well-maintained transportation system that supports a sustainable, healthy, livable, and economically vibrant region.

## MPO Goals



**SAFETY**



**SYSTEM  
PRESERVATION  
AND MODERNIZATION**



**CAPACITY  
MANAGEMENT  
AND MOBILITY**



**CLEAN AIR AND  
SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITIES**



**TRANSPORTATION  
EQUITY**



**ECONOMIC  
VITALITY**

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# MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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# TIP Overview

## 1. What is the TIP?

- Five-year, rolling capital plan for Boston region
- Allocates all federal highway and transit funds
- Includes projects prioritized by MPO, MassDOT, MBTA, MWRTA, and CATA

INVEST



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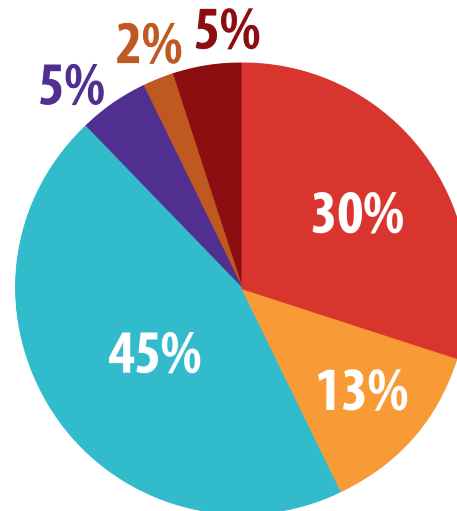
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# MPO Investment Programs

- Guide MPO decision-making
- Help municipalities understand MPO priorities

Boston Region's programming goals for a five-year period



**Major Infrastructure**

**Intersection Improvements**

**Complete Streets\***

**Bicycle and Pedestrian**

**Community Connections**

**Transit Modernization**

*\*Now includes funding for Dedicated Bus Lanes*



# Community Connections (CC) Investment Program

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# Community Connections Program: What is it?

- MPO's funding program for
  - First- and last-mile solutions
  - Community transportation
  - Other small, nontraditional transportation projects
- Eligible applicants
  - Municipalities
  - Regional transit authorities
  - Transportation management associations or other organizations (via partnership with eligible entities)
- <https://www.bostonmpo.org/community-connections>



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# Project Categories

## Current round (funding available for FFY 2022)

### Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)

### Bike-Supportive Infrastructure

- Bikeshare stations and bikes
- Bicycle parking and shelters

### Bus lanes

### Education about transportation options

### E-Ink signs for MBTA bus stops

### Parking Management

- Parking leases
- Payment systems

### Transit operations (new bus or shuttle service)

### Transit Signal Priority



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# Scoring Structure

Criterion	Points
Network or connectivity value	18
Coordination or cooperation between multiple entities	15
Inclusion in and consistency with local and regional plans	15
Transportation equity	15
Generation of mode shift	12
Demand projection	12
Budget spreadsheet	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

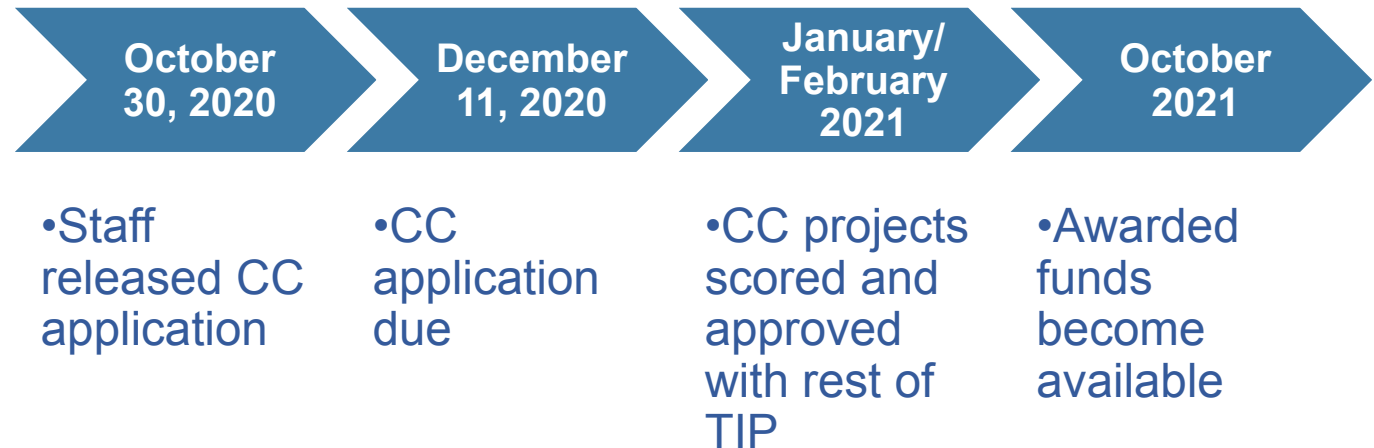


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# Regional Transit Service Planning Technical Support

- Technical support for issues related to
  - Route planning
  - Ridership
  - Cost-effectiveness
  - Other service characteristics
- Eligible applicants include regional transit authorities, transportation management associations, municipalities, and MAPC subregions
- [www.bostonmpo.org/regional\\_transit](http://www.bostonmpo.org/regional_transit)



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# Community Transportation Technical Assistance Program

- Technical assistance for issues related to
  - Safety and operational improvements for people walking
  - Accommodations for people biking
  - Traffic calming
  - Intersection redesign for effective and safe traffic channeling
  - Traffic-signal evaluations
- Municipalities are encouraged to apply
- [www.bostonmpo.org/ctt](http://www.bostonmpo.org/ctt)



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