

Congestion Management Process (CMP) Committee

October 31, 2024



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Introductions



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Public Comments



CMP Work Update Discussion

Priyanka Chapekar, MPO Staff

October 31, 2024



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New CMP Objectives

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Presentation and discussion on new CMP objectives

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Recap

- What is the Congestion Management Process?
- Guidelines for CMP
- Current stage of work
- Brief overview of objectives and CMP network
- Focus points for today's meeting
 - Discussion and decision on CMP objectives
 - Feedback and recommendations on components of CMP network



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Objectives of the CMP

CMP objectives have been formulated based on Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 goals:

- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility and Reliability
- Access and Connectivity
- Resiliency
- Clean Air and Healthy Communities

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Objectives of the CMP

CMP objectives have been formulated in alignment with LRTP 2050 goals:

- Set up strategies to quantify and evaluate congestion patterns in the Boston region - Mobility and Reliability
- 2. Improve efficient and reliable movement of people and freight across the region through multiple modes Access and Connectivity, Safety
- 3. Evaluate multimodal transportation networks in the region to enable efficient travel demand management and identify and minimize gaps in various modes of transportation to increase utilization of multimodal facilities
 - Mobility and Reliability, Access and Connectivity
- 4. Promote healthy communities by reducing traffic volumes and, consequently, air pollution arising from transportation, paying special attention to environmental justice communities
 - Clean Air and Healthy Communities, Equity
- 5. Set up monitoring systems for different transportation modes to continuously evaluate congestion for improved economic vitality, racial and economic equity, public health, and climate resilience Equity, Resiliency

Discussion Questions

Are the current CMP objectives comprehensive in terms of clarity and scope? Is there anything that can be improved upon?



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Proposed CMP Multimodal Network

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Presentation and discussion on proposed CMP multimodal network

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CMP Network

- The CMP Network is the transportation network to be monitored for evaluating congestion and mitigation strategies.
- As the Boston region is served by multiple transportation networks, the CMP network should also be multimodal.

Characteristics of the network:

- Analyze user trends in terms of vehicle counts/ridership for typical weekday
- Threshold values for each mode determines inclusion of that route/roadway on CMP network for further monitoring and evaluation
- Performance measures for each mode will be defined according to available data and applied on routes in the network



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Components of CMP Network

- 1. Roadways
- 2. Freight corridors
- 3. Bus
- 4. Rapid transit
- 5. Commuter rail
- 6. Ferry
- 7. Regional transit authorities (RTA)
- 8. Pedestrian network
- 9. Bicycle network



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Components of CMP Network—Roadways

- Data from MassDOT Traffic Inventory 2023
- Expressways and arterials with annual average daily traffic (AADT) > 10,000



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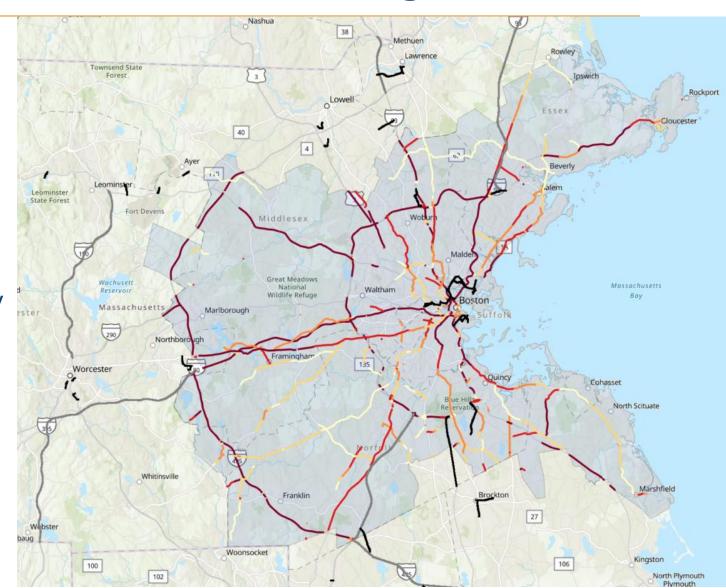


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Components of CMP Network—Freight

- Freeways and arterials with freight AADT > 180 (average freight AADT)
- Critical freight corridors in National Highway Freight Network (NHFN)
- Non-Primary
 Highway Freight
 System corridors
 in NHFN



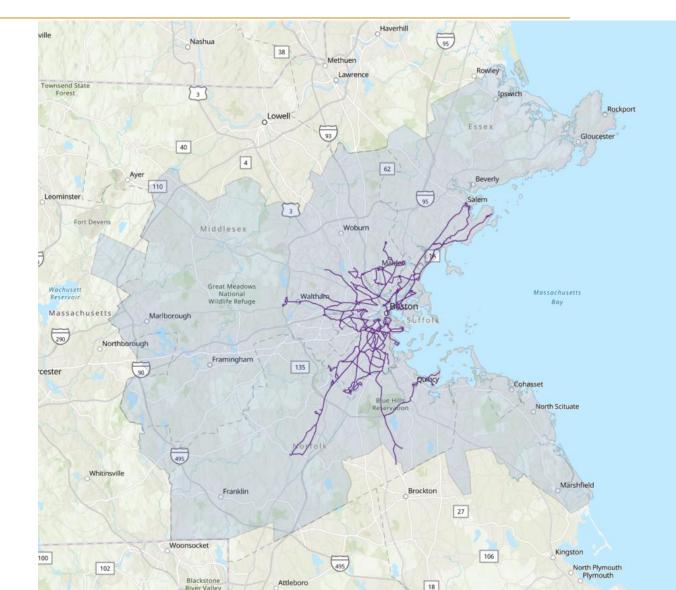


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Components of CMP Network—MBTA Bus Routes

- MBTA ridership data
- Average weekday ridership per route calculated
- Average of all ridership calculated
- Threshold value of 1,500 riders of route (slightly lower than average) set for inclusion of route in CMP network



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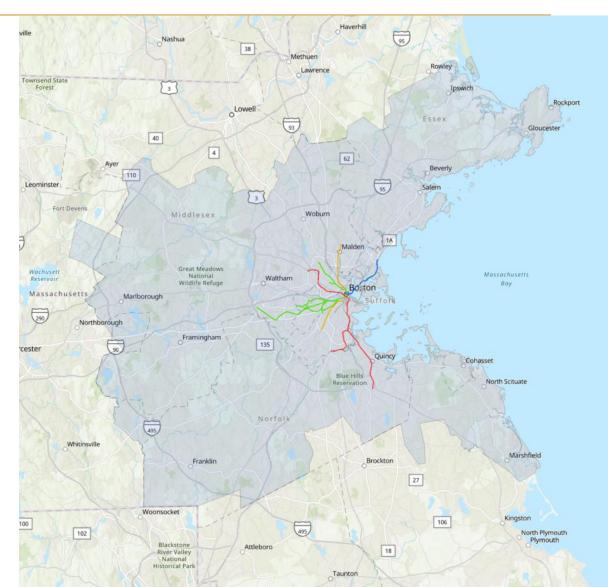


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Components of CMP Network—MBTA Rapid Transit

Includes all MBTA rapid transit lines:

- Red
- Green
- Blue
- Orange
- Silver



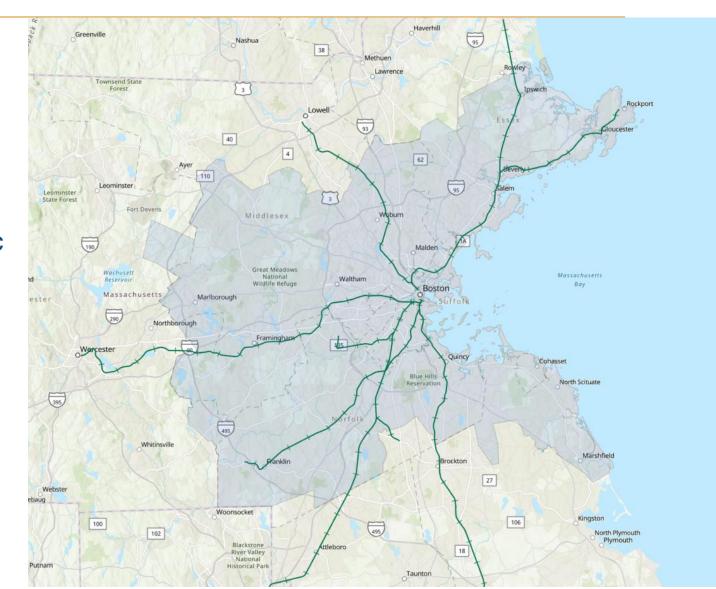
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Components of CMP Network—MBTA Commuter Rail

- Only ridership would not be equitable measure to determine threshold
- To equalize, metric calculated as ridership per mile length of route
- Values higher than average included in network



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Discussion Questions

Is the threshold approach adequate to determine the network?

Are there other modes/methods to establish the network?

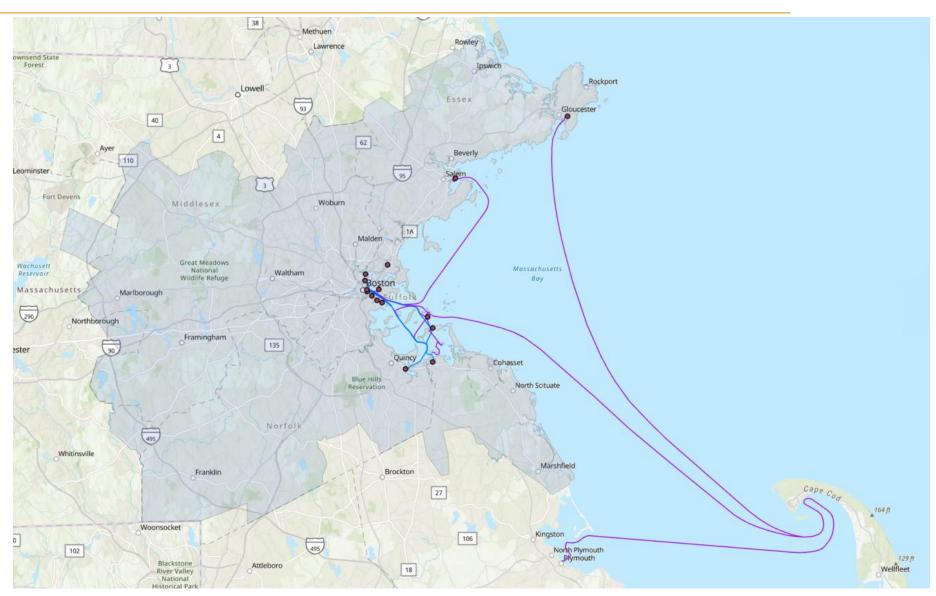
Discussion Question

Commuter rail currently uses ridership count per mile length as defining metric.

What can be some other metrics to determine inclusion of commuter rail routes on network?

Components of CMP Network—MBTA Ferry

- Summer routes
- Year-round routes
- All MBTA ferry stations within Boston Region MPO area



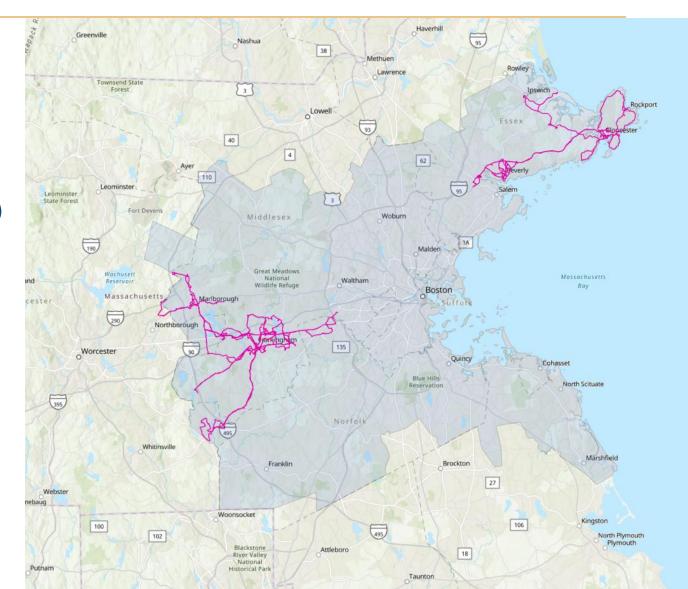


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Components of CMP Network—Other RTAs

Fixed weekday routes operated by

- Cape Ann
 Transportation
 Authority (CATA)
- MetroWest
 Regional Transit
 Authority
 (MWRTA)



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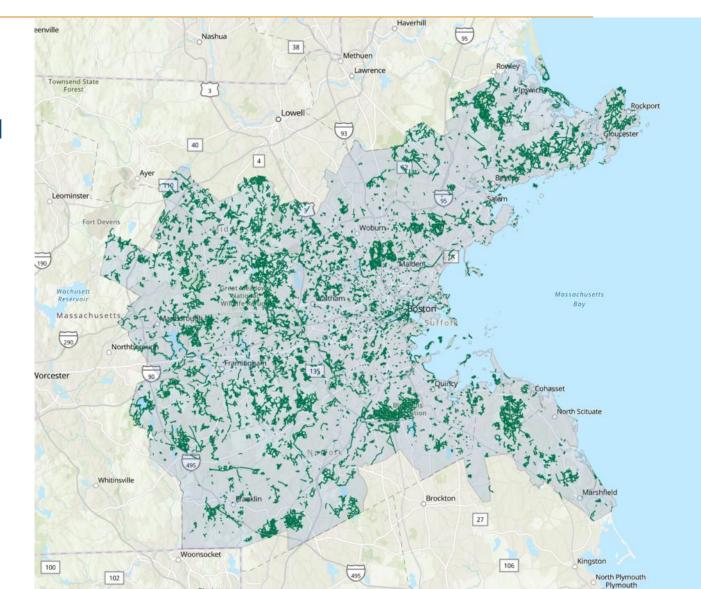
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Components of CMP Network—Pedestrian

Includes pedestrian facilities from Walking Trails dataset published in MAPC DataCommon



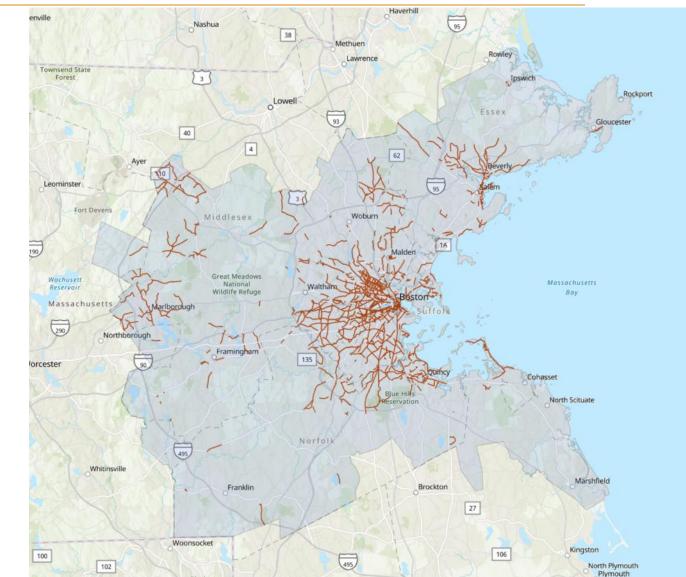
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Components of CMP Network—Bicycle

Includes biking facilities from Bike Trails dataset published in MAPC DataCommon



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Discussion Questions

How relevant is bike-ped data to mapping of CMP network?

Should it be focused more on usage (bike/ped counts) or availability of infrastructure (sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.) in congested areas?



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^{*}More data sources for mapping and performance measures needed for these modes

Next Steps

- 1. Identifying performance measures (PM) based on-
 - CMP network
 - Available and relevant data
 - Review of previously used PM
- 2. Setting up metrics to evaluate performance of CMP network

Next CMP Committee meeting to focus on performance measures—data collection and evaluation



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Members' Items

Reports and notices by CMP Committee members, including regional concerns and local community issues

Thank you for your participation!

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