

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHARGE

SEPTEMBER, 2010

The Legislative Committee of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) shall comprise those members appointed by the President, who shall also designate one to serve as Chair and another to serve as Vice-Chair. At least one-half of the Committee's members shall be representatives, alternates, or designees of the Council. To the greatest degree feasible, the Committee shall include at least one representative from each subregional council, and the Committee will, through its members, communicate with the subregional councils and seek their input to its deliberations. The Committee will meet on a monthly basis, unless the Chair shall cancel or postpone a meeting.

The charge of the Committee is to review and analyze bills filed in the Massachusetts Legislature or the Congress of the United States, other matters which might reasonably be expected to result in legislation, budget items, or resolutions, to determine if they are in the best interest of the Metropolitan Boston region, using the adopted regional plan as a guide.

From time to time, the Committee may invite guests or sponsor events to gain a deeper understanding of the issues and to educate other members of the Council.

The Committee may, at any time, recommend to the Executive Committee that MAPC should take a position in regard to any matter under the Committee's study, by a majority vote of those Committee members present and voting. If more urgent action is required than the schedule of the Executive Committee may allow, the recommendation can proceed to the Officers, who shall act on the Executive Committee's behalf. The Executive Committee, or the Officers in an emergency, can authorize a position to be taken on behalf of MAPC, with due consideration of any position recommended by the Legislative Committee.

The Legislative Committee may, from time to time, study matters related to the implementation of legislation, such as regulations or program guidelines, and may recommend positions to the Executive Committee, or Officers in an emergency, if it determines that such action is necessary to further the goals of the regional plan or if it believes that such a position is materially related to the full and fair implementation of a position that MAPC has taken on a prior piece of legislation.