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WHAT IS THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM?

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) develops and documents the studies and research projects that the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff carries out to provide transportation planning and technical assistance to municipalities and agencies in the Boston region.

These studies focus on all modes of travel with the goal of producing relevant and practical solutions that advance the MPO's vision.

The Boston Region MPO's Vision

The Boston Region MPO envisions a modern, well-maintained transportation system that supports a sustainable, healthy, livable, and economically vibrant region. To achieve this vision, the transportation system must be safe and resilient; incorporate emerging technologies; and provide equitable access, excellent mobility, and varied transportation options.

CHAT WITH STAFF

MPO staff regularly attends outreach events. Check @BostonRegionMPO on Twitter and the MPO's meeting calendar to find an event that is convenient for you.



INVITE US OVER

Reach out to Sandy Johnston, UPWP Manager, at sjohnston@ctps.org or 857.702.3710, if you would like MPO staff to visit or attend your meeting.

JOIN OUR ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council, a voting member of the MPO, is an independent body that brings public viewpoints and advice on transportation policy and planning to the MPO.



You can find this year's UPWP and information on how you can help shape next year's document at <https://www.bostonmpo.org/upwp>.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?



PROPOSE A STUDY

Let us know your transportation issue or idea.

PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE LIST OF PROPOSED STUDIES

Let us know your thoughts during the plan development and public comment periods.

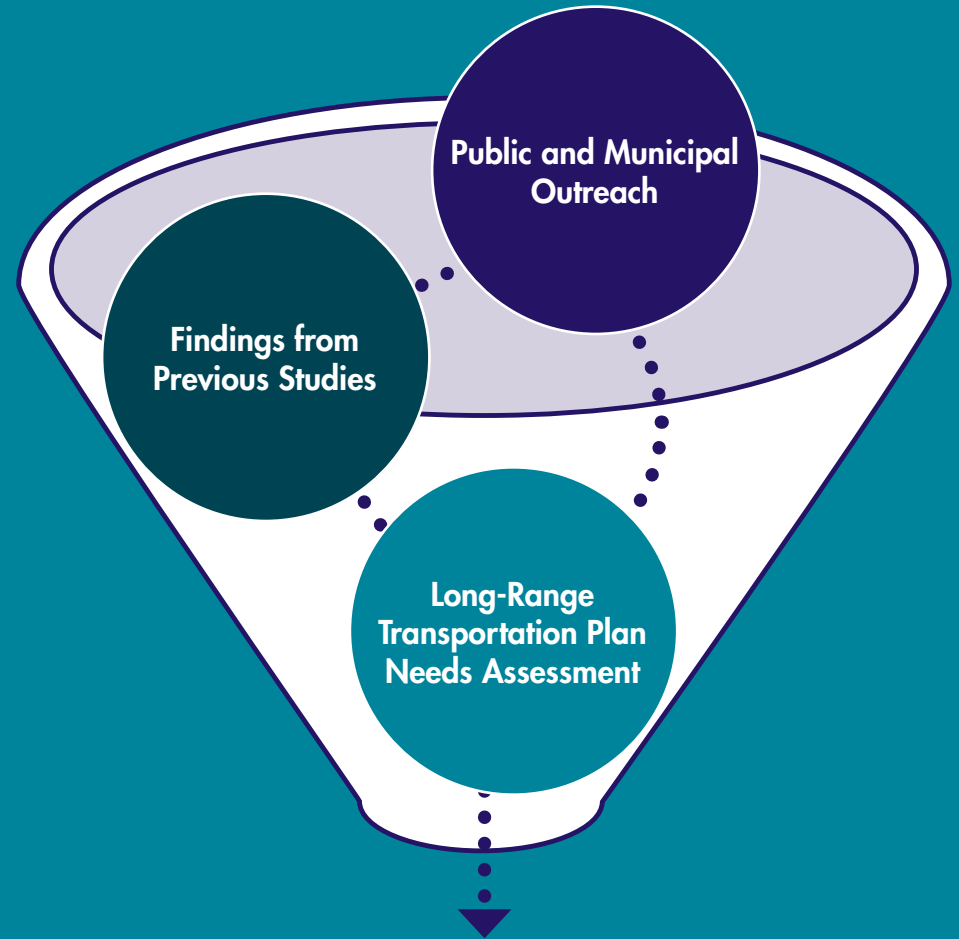
ATTEND AN MPO OR UPWP COMMITTEE MEETING

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Studies and Technical Assistance projects in UPWP

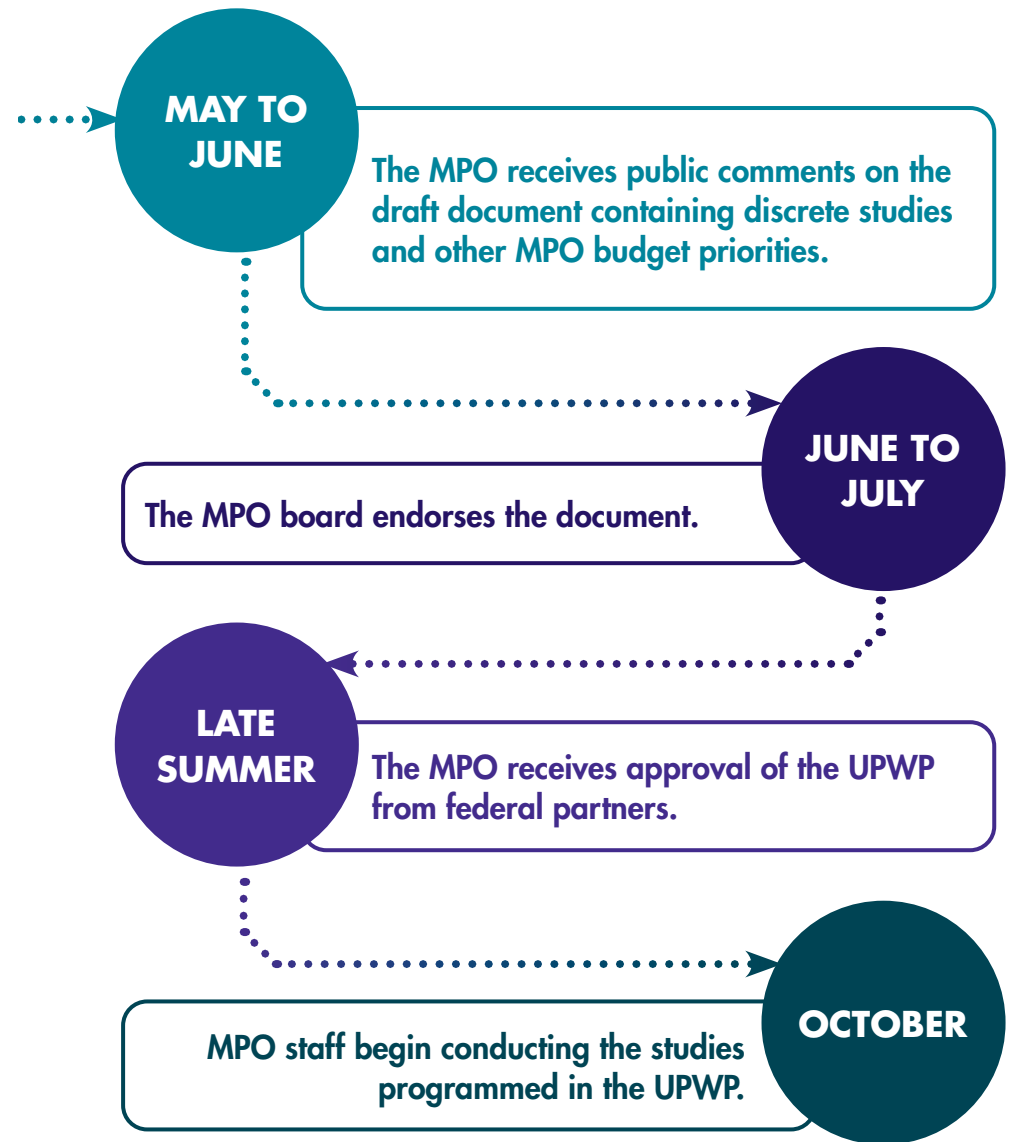
The studies programmed in the UPWP:

- **Gather** data about the Boston region's transportation system, new technologies, regulations, and user preferences
- **Identify** the needs of transportation system users
- **Develop** project concepts for improving roadway corridors, intersections, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and transit systems with the goal of creating communities that are safe, accessible, walkable, bikeable, and resilient
- **Anticipate** trends shaping the transportation industry to help the MPO better understand the relationships between transportation and other planning issues, such as land use or climate change



What are MPOs?

Since the 1970s, MPOs have been tasked with carrying out a transportation planning process that is **continuing**, **comprehensive**, and **cooperative** (the 3C Process).



Each year, MPO staff conducts public outreach to gather input from municipalities, agencies, and community stakeholders about study ideas and transportation issues. The UPWP Committee, a subcommittee of the MPO board, oversees the development process, selects studies, and invites the public to submit feedback before the plan is finalized.

HOW IS THE UPWP DEVELOPED?

**SEPTEMBER
TO JANUARY**

MPO staff gather ideas about possible studies from member municipalities, advocates, and the public.

**JANUARY
TO MARCH**

The UPWP Committee selects studies based on factors such as regional relevance, links to other MPO research, practicality, rootedness in the MPO's values, and available funding.

APRIL

The MPO staff and UPWP Committee incorporate feedback from MPO members, municipalities, The Regional Transportation Advisory Council (Advisory Council), and the public, and agree on a final list of discrete studies for federal funding.

This is a typical year schedule and timing may vary slightly from year to year



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE RECENT UPWP-FUNDED STUDIES?



Prioritization of Dedicated Bus Lanes—
bostonmpo.org/prioritization-of-dedicated-bus-lanes



The Safe Routes to School Program:
Progress and Opportunities—
bostonmpo.org/srts-progress-and-opportunities



Connected and Autonomous Vehicles and the
Boston Region MPO—A First Look—
bostonmpo.org/autonomous-vehicles-first-look

Past studies are available in our Publications
Archive at bostonmpo.org/recent_studies.