



## **Inner Core Committee Meeting Highlights**

Wednesday, June 6, 2012 from 9:30-11:00am at MAPC in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

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### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Updates
- Inner Core Transportation Priorities
- Unified Planning Work Program
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Draft Work Plan for Sustainable Communities Funding
- Next steps, announcements and adjourn.

### **Welcome and Updates**

The meeting began with a round of introductions.

### **Inner Core Transportation Priorities**

Laura Weiner suggested that the Inner Core should step back and take a bigger picture look at transportation priorities from both a project and a policy perspective. To that end, she asked each member in attendance to share their transportation priorities. The major themes that resulted from this discussion are:

- Support for the MBTA
- Support for all forms of transit
- Complete streets
- Fix it First
- Support for Low Cost Roadway Improvements

### **Unified Planning Work Program**

Joan Blaustein had reviewed the UPWP and prepared a draft review letter which she reviewed with the members. Mary Ellen Sullivan answered the groups' questions about some of the items in the plan and how decisions would be made about which locations to select. Joan Blaustein will send the draft letter out for review prior to finalizing it and submitting the letter to the MPO.

### **Transportation Improvement Program**

Since the draft TIP had been previously discussed and a letter sent, there was little additional discussion. Sean Pfalzer answered a few questions about how transit projects are included in the TIP. The members discussed how to incorporate the transportation priorities into a revised review letter. Joan Blaustein will draft a letter and send it to the members for review.

### **Draft Work Plan for Sustainable Communities Funding**

Joan Blaustein reminded the members that each subregion will have an additional allocation of \$26,000 beginning July 1, 2012. Prior to the meeting she had e-mailed a document entitled "Ideas for FY13 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Funding for the Inner Core Committee". Members were asked for their reaction to the ideas and encouraged to submit other ideas. Tom Kadzis suggested that the ICC might want to do a subregion-wide effort on transportation funding. Joan Blaustein reminded the members that MAPC is mounting a major campaign in this area and that it might be more effective to participate at that level. The idea that seemed to generate the most interest was a field

trip to view the retail development initiatives that are occurring in East Boston. Members wanted to know more about who the audience for this event would be and what exactly would be the focus. Joan Blaustein will further develop this idea and revise the document.

### **Upcoming Inner Core Committee Events and Activities**

The joint ICC/MetroFuture walk of the Blueback Herring River Route is scheduled for June 26 in Somerville.

### **ICC Representatives Present**

Joan Blaustein, Inner Core Committee interim coordinator  
Laura Wiener, Arlington, ICC Chair  
Tom Kadzis, Boston  
Hayes Morrison, Somerville  
Steve Magoon, Watertown  
Candace Havens, Newton  
Kristina Johnson, Quincy  
Bill Deignan, Cambridge

### **Other Participants**

Eric Halvorsen, MAPC  
Sean Pfalzer, CTPS  
Mary Ellen Sullivan, CTPS

**Meeting Materials** (available on ICC website, <http://mapc.org/icc>)

- Agenda
- Ideas for FY13 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Funding for the Inner Core Committee