



# SOUTH SHORE COALITION

November Meeting  
2023



# AGENDA

- Community Updates (10-15 mins)
- Legislative Updates from MAPC's Govt Affairs Team (15 mins)
- State of Local News in Greater Boston and South Shore, a presentation by Tim Viall, Senior Communications Specialist at MAPC (20 mins)
- Resources, Grants and Engagement Opportunities (10 mins)



Upcoming Coastal  
Regional Engagement  
Sessions on Reducing  
Flood Risk through  
Local Actions - hosted  
by Mass EOED, EEA,  
DCR, and CZM

## Reducing Flood Risk through Local Actions: Upcoming Coastal Regional Engagement Sessions

- The Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) is hosting a series of online engagement sessions to inform development of a Local Floodplain Action Guide, a guide to assist cities and towns in taking impactful zoning, administrative, and other local actions to reduce flood risk and promote flood-resilient construction.
- Municipal staff and board members, elected officials, regional planning agencies, community-based organizations, and stakeholders are invited to join and contribute.
- Upcoming sessions include the following:
  - Reducing Flood Risk in Boston Harbor and the North & South Shores, Regional Engagement Session via Zoom, **November 30th at 12 pm: [bit.ly/floodplain-shores](https://bit.ly/floodplain-shores)**



# Racial Equity Advancement & Collaborative Hub (REACH)

- This initiative is aimed at reinforcing racial equity within our municipal governance framework
- Led by MAPC and designed by the nationally recognized Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), REACH offers training, peer learning, and tools for municipal teams.
- The requirements for the program are as follows:
  - Municipalities should show a commitment to racial equity, receive leadership backing in the program, and ensure their municipal team representatives actively participate in all in person sessions at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, while collaborating with peer municipalities.
  - Municipalities are asked to provide a \$5,000 participation fee (either in whole or split by \$2,500 between two fiscal years) and provide a signed affirmation ensuring active participation and provision of necessary resources to support their REACH goals.
- You can find more information on the [REACH website](#). For those interested in joining, the deadline for application submission is November 22nd.
- Should you have any inquiries or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact my colleague Raul Gonzalez, copied here, directly.



# Join the MPO Vision Zero Task Force

- The Boston Region MPO is creating a Vision Zero Action Plan for the 97 cities and towns in the Boston region.
- This work is being funded by a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning grant from the United States Department of Transportation.
- Vision Zero is an internationally recognized strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.
- The Boston Region MPO was awarded \$2.16 million from USDOT and received 20 percent matching funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, bringing the total grant amount to \$2.7 million.
- The Vision Zero Task Force will bring together stakeholders to help shape the action plan. To ensure we assemble a diverse set of stakeholders, the MPO has created a short application.
- The application is due at 5:00 PM on Thursday, November 30, 2023. The Task Force will meet at least quarterly through spring 2025 and will meet to review plan findings and provide input on recommendations.
- More info: <https://www.ctps.org/visionzero>



CPTC Fall  
Workshop  
Series 2023  
Upcoming Fall  
Workshops

- **Zoning with Overlay Districts** - November 18
- **Special Permits & Variances** - November 27
- **Creating Master Plans** - November 29
- **Roles & Responsibilities of PB & ZBA Boards** - December 5
- **Planning with Community Support** - December 6
- **Writing Reasonable & Defensible Decisions** - December 14
- **Site Plan Review** - December 18
- **Planning with Community Support** - January 4
- **Adopting & Revising Rules & Regs of Boards** - January 9
- **Fair Housing Laws** - January 16

Link: [Register for Any Workshop](#)

Fee per workshop - \$35



# New Research Release: Homes for Profit: Speculation and Investment in Greater Boston

MAPC will provide a briefing on new research, which found one in every five homes sold to an investor from 2004 – 2018. Panelists will include academic researchers and other local experts. More details to follow.

- Thursday, November 30th, 12-1:30pm
- Register here:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrdOCuqT0iGt2TIOgMONESUmadDVqe0ki#/registration>



# Green Stormwater Infrastructure Siting Tool

The **Green Stormwater Infrastructure Siting Tool** is an online, interactive spatial tool developed by MAPC, with support from MassDEP. This tool was developed to enable municipalities to identify suitable sites for the implementation of effective, beneficial, and equity-driven Green Infrastructure projects.

The online tool aims to help communities meet MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) requirements and reduce stormwater pollution while also considering the environmental, economic, and social benefits of green stormwater infrastructure and other climate resilience solutions.

The tool is available for use for all MAPC communities, so please share with any colleagues who are interested or involved in Green Stormwater Infrastructure.

Any questions or comments can be directed to Rachel Bowers (rbowers@mapc.org) or Kat Kobylt (kkobylt@mapc.org), who co-lead this project.

Link: <https://mapc.ma/gi-site-selection-tool>



# Grant Opportunity



The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) announced **funding for the following Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs:**

- FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- FY 2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

The first step in applying for either program is to complete a “Statement of Interest (SOI)” which can be found on our website at the following links:

[Statement of Interest – Construction Projects](#)

[Statement of Interest – Planning, Scoping, Capability & Capacity Building](#)

Important deadlines:

- 11/20/2023 – Statement of Interest due (required for all projects)
- 12/18/2023 – Draft BCA due (construction projects only)
- 1/8/2024 - Final application due in FEMA GO

These Federally funded Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs provide significant opportunities to reduce, minimize, or eliminate potential damages to property and infrastructure from natural hazard events, while also reducing the reliance on taxpayer-funded federal assistance for disaster recovery.

# Grant Opportunity



## **Applications Open for FFYs 2025-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Funding**

Applications are available for the next round of TIP project funding through the Boston Region MPO's investment programs. Each investment program has its own project evaluation criteria and a dedicated application. Investment program scorecards and applications are available on our website.

If you need clarification on which application to submit or have questions, contact TIP Manager Ethan Lapointe at [elapointe@ctps.org](mailto:elapointe@ctps.org).

# Grant Opportunity



## Apply for MHP's Technical Assistance Program for MBTA communities (3A-TA)

- Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) is accepting applications for technical assistance from the 177 cities and towns subject to the state's multifamily zoning requirement for MBTA Communities (MGL Chapter 40A, Section 3A).
- Eligible activities include selecting district location(s); developing use and intensity requirements; using the state's compliance model to estimate conformance with capacity yield, size, and contiguity requirements; and drafting zoning amendments.
- Depending on consultant availability, MHP will now also offer technical assistance with the development of site plan review standards; preparation of an economic feasibility analyses (EFA) for affordability requirements; community engagement, outreach and education; and the development of eligible mixed-use zoning development districts per the recent revisions to the guidelines.
- Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis, dependent on consultant availability. Communities are welcome to apply more than once.

Apply Here:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MassachusettsHousingPartnership/MHPMBTACommunitiesTechnicalAssistanceProgram3ATA>

# Grant Opportunity



## MAPC Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

- The program provides funding to municipalities for technical assistance and can serve as a vehicle to identify projects that resonate with community needs.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and the call for FY24 projects will be released later this month.
- Reach out to Andrea Harris Long, our TAP Coordinator at [aharrislong@mapc.org](mailto:aharrislong@mapc.org) with questions and interest.

# Topic/Idea: Tackling hiring challenges within planning field: Shared Services Models

Under guidance from  
Municipal Collaboration  
Division at MAPC.

Will require data quantify  
need and extent of hiring  
challenges.

Taking a shared service idea from  
inception to implementation with respect to  
specific municipal services – planning,  
housing and/or grants management.