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# SOUTH SHORE COALITION JANUARY MEETING

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2024




# AGENDA

- **Round Robin** – any updates you would like to share with the group.
  - Reflection Prompt - What is one priority or key area you would like to bring into our group discussions, or something you believe we should collectively focus on to enhance our collaboration and achieve our goals?
- **Presentation by Beth Roberts** – MAPC's Emergency Preparedness Practice.
- **Resource Sharing:** grant and engagement opportunities



# REFLECTION PROMPT

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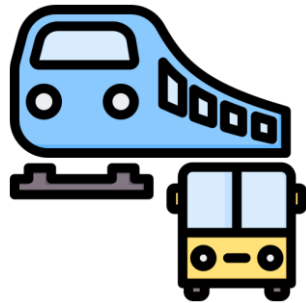
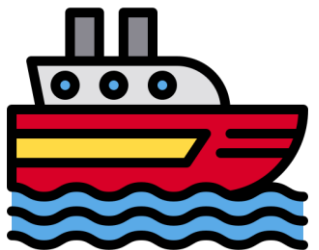




# RESOURCES – GRANT AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



## TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES – LEVERAGING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS



TIP project timeline for FY 24 is wrapped up however TIP FY 24 timeline is not far out.

Please feel free to reach out to MAPC and the Boston MPO with project ideas or question. They can be initiated by municipalities or volunteer commissions, community-based organizations with municipal support as well.

- Example – Scituate Bike Racks!
- Connection from our last check-in with MPO in November 2023
- Led by bicycle commission

# BOSTON MPO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION STUDIES

## Submit an idea for a UPWP Transportation Study

MPO staff are soliciting ideas and requests for transportation issues, concerns, and priorities in the region to study. Staff are especially interested in ideas relating to equity, resiliency, safety, and uncertainty.

Contact UPWP Manager [Srilekha Murthy](#) with any questions. This survey will remain open until early 2024.

# 2023 CLEAN SCHOOL BUS REBATE PROGRAM

**Application Deadline: January 31, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the second rebate funding opportunity through its multi-year Clean School Bus Program. The EPA will award up to \$500 million in rebate funding under the 2023 program. The funding is available for the purchase of up to 25 electric school buses per school district, as well as associated charging infrastructure and eligible workforce development costs.

# MBTA COMMUNITIES ACT – SECTION 3A RESOURCE

Visit our [Section 3A page](#) to learn more about resources available such as:

- *How is MAPC Helping?*
- *MAPC Section 3A Work*
- *Rapid Transit Community Cohort*
- *Technical Assistance to Support 3A Work*
- *Resources and Relevant Links*
- *Section 3A in the News*
- *Frequently Asked Questions*



The screenshot shows the MAPC website header with navigation links: JOBS, METROCOMMON 2050, CALENDAR, PRESS ROOM, BLOG, LEARN, OUR WORK, GET INVOLVED, ABOUT MAPC. The main content area features the title "MBTA Communities Multifamily Zoning Requirement (Section 3A)" and a photograph of colorful row houses. Below the photo are three links: "HOW IS MAPC HELPING?", "MAPC SECTION 3A WORK", and "RAPID TRANSIT COMMUNITY COHORT".

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## MBTA Communities Multifamily Zoning Requirement (Section 3A)



[HOW IS MAPC HELPING?](#)

[MAPC SECTION 3A WORK](#)

[RAPID TRANSIT COMMUNITY COHORT](#)

In January 2021, the Massachusetts Legislature adopted an Economic Development Bond Bill (H5250) that made long-overdue changes to the state's Zoning Act (MGL Chapter 40A). The "Housing Choices" sections of the bill made it easier for municipalities to adopt pro-housing zoning changes, discourage meritless anti-housing lawsuits, and require each of the 177 communities in the MBTA service district to zone for multifamily housing by right near transit and



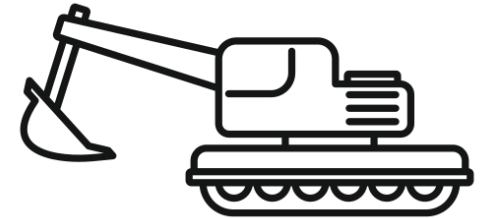
# MASSACHUSETTS DREDGING PROGRAM

FY25 Inland Dredging Pilot Round now open.

- The Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) announced the opening of the FY25 Inland Dredging Pilot Round of the Massachusetts Dredging Program. This round offers final design and construction grants to Massachusetts municipalities to support dredging of freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and drinking water reservoirs, as well as dredging required for the removal of municipal dams. All Massachusetts municipalities are eligible to apply. Full details are available on [COMMBUYS, bid# BD-24-1100-EED01-EED01-96578](#).

EOED will host a grant information session for interested applicants via webinar on January 23, 2024, at 12:00 pm.

- [Register here to receive the webinar link.](#)



# AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

The **AARP Community Challenge** provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. In 2024, the AARP Community Challenge will be accepting applications for three different grant opportunities: flagship grants, capacity-building microgrants and demonstration grants.

**Application Deadline:** March 6, 2024

[Project Examples](#) can be viewed here.

# ROUND 30 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PRESERVATION PROJECTS FUND

MHC announced Round 30 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) grant program. It is anticipated that funding for Round 30 will be in the range of \$1,000,000.

The MPPF is a state-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program established in 1984 to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites (cultural resources) listed in the State Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be a municipality or nonprofit organization.

Historic cultural resources in public and nonprofit ownership and use frequently suffer from deferred maintenance, incompatible use, or are threatened by demolition. By helping historic cultural resources owned by nonprofit or municipal entities, we hope to ensure their continued use and integrity.

- Applications are due March 15, 2024. Visit our [MPPF page](#) for more information, including the application and virtual information sessions scheduled for January.



# EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION COALITION (EMHCC) MEETING

"From Bylaw to Action: Understanding Demolition Delay Implementation"  
Tuesday, February 6 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join the Eastern MA Historical Commission Coalition on February 6 to gain insights into safeguarding our region's historical resources from demolition. This gathering is essential for anyone involved in heritage conservation and promises a valuable and informative experience. Zoom information will be emailed to you after registering. This is a virtual meeting and will be recorded and posted online.

[Registration Link](#)

# UPCOMING EVENT: GREATER BOSTON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PRIORITY MEASURES

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and partners are developing a region-wide Greater Boston Action Plan (CAP) that encompasses 167 communities in eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire.



## Join Us for a Virtual Community Listening Session

- Listening Session #2: Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 1:00pm- 2:30pm.  
[Register.](#)
- Listening Session #3: Thursday, January 25, 2024, 6:00pm- 7:30pm.  
[Register.](#)

*The content of each session will be the same, so there is no need to attend both. Please register ahead of time. You can find a recording of the previous listening session held on November 14, 2023 here: [Listening session #1.](#)*