



SSC July Monthly Meeting

7/18/2024



Agenda

- General Check-in and Community Updates
- Work Planning Process Wrap Up
- Presentation on Digital Equity by Anagha D.
- Engagement, Grant Opportunities





General Check-in & Community Updates





Work Planning

Wrap Up

Purpose of Work Plan

- The purpose is to establish goals and objectives for the SSC Subregion with regards to land use planning and municipal governance.
- This work plan will identify issues of subregional concern and priority, outline potential planning projects for the Subregion to undertake, identify available funding sources, propose meeting topics and a schedule for meetings and events, establish an outreach strategy to encourage membership diversity, and provide active direction on a yearly basis.

Its an opportunity to revisit mission statement and goals, shape how we spend our time through the year, prioritize areas of interests to advance inter-municipal collaboration.

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FY25 Activities

Technical Assistance

- **Direct TA:** The Coordinator will offer small-scale technical assistance on an as-needed basis to member municipalities on topics related to MetroCommon goals and objectives. Support may include data collection and analysis, assistance with proposal writing, and collaborative project development.
- **Facilitating connections to expertise at MAPC and to funding sources:** The Coordinator will facilitate connections with experts at MAPC based on member requests and will also aim to connect members with funding and technical assistance programs administered by MAPC and/or undertake projects that may be funded through a combination of MAPC and municipal resources.

FY25 Activities

Meetings, Workshops, and Forums

- **Topical meetings:** SSC will continue to offer topical meetings on various planning topics.
- **Special workshops:** SSC will offer at least one professional development workshop that will build the skills of our membership.
- **Forum or Site Tour:** SSC will provide at least one opportunity for the membership to meet in-person to tour a site with ongoing MAPC project or conduct a forum that may be co-sponsored to broaden SSC membership or municipal boards.
- **Legislative Breakfast:** In-person event to provide opportunity to directly connect with legislators in the subregion.

Topical Meeting Schedule *(tentative)*

Date	Location	Proposed Meeting Topic
July 18, 2024	Online	Work planning Wrap Up; Digital Services at MAPC; Resource share;
Aug 15, 2024	Online	Historic Preservation Practice; Shared Services Model for Planning and related services discussion
Sept 19, 2024	In-person at Site?	Transportation focused meeting – MPO + MBTA
Oct 17, 2024	Online	Section 3A updates + Wastewater Management – Exploring Regional Approaches
Nov 21, 2024	Online	Waste Water Management – Exploring Regional Approaches continued
Dec 19, 2024		Technical Assistance Program at MAPC, Regional project brainstorm; TBD
Jan 16, 2025	Online	CBOs on SS Table + Language Access in Public Process; DEIA related discussion
Feb 20, 2025	Online	Clean Energy related topics or Climate Resiliency ; Initial discussion on elections and Chair Position Description
March 20, 2025	In-person	Professional Development Training - CTPC? Continued discussion on elections and chair position
April 17, 2025	Online	Elections?
May 15, 2025	In-person	Legislative Breakfast
June 19, 2025	Online	Work planning for FY 2026



Digital Equity



Resource Share

Recent Updates from MAPC

MAPC Joins the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

By joining the Age-Friendly Network, MAPC is committed to bringing an age-friendly lens to our technical assistance, research, engagement, and public policy work. We hope to learn from others across the state and nation about effective strategies to work with and engage with older adults to help create communities that work for residents of all ages.

MAPC Awarded a \$3 Million PRO Housing Grant from HUD

The grant will fund the creation of a regional strategy to research and incentivize the use of innovative offsite construction methods to meet housing, climate, and economic development goals. For more information, view the PRO Housing Award Announcement and the MAPC Region Project Profile.

Resource Share

Support to apply for Federal Funding Programs

- If your municipality is interested in applying for federal funding, but lacks staff capacity, please contact us. **Grant Assistance Program (GAP)** funding could allow you to seek assistance from knowledgeable Regional Planning Agency (RPA) staff, which can also lead to more competitive regional and multi-municipal applications, increasing the likelihood of receiving funding.

Access All MAPC Newsletters in One place by Topic of Interest

- Now there is a page on the MAPC website where you can:
 - Learn more about each MAPC newsletter
 - Find current and past issues (2024) of each newsletter
 - [Access the Newsletters Webpage](#)

Resource Share

MAPC's Peak Demand Notification System

- Since 2015, MAPC has helped municipalities save hundreds of thousands of dollars from their largest facilities through peak demand management.
- Each morning from June 5 to mid-September, MAPC will send out an email that assesses the risk that the annual peak could occur that day and, if so, at what time. The notifications also include an outlook for the next week so municipalities have time to plan ahead.
- Visit the [Webpage for More Information](#)

Resource Share



Our Town Grant Program from National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: Part One Application due August 1, 2024 and Part Two Application due August 8, 2024

- This is a project-based grant funding opportunity. It is in support of local community projects focused on strengthening their community long-term, and incorporate arts, culture, and design into that projects. [Learn more on the grant program's website.](#)

Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program by EPA

Deadline: November 21, 2024

- A new grant program through the EPA and being funded by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the focus of this grant is to fund environmental and climate justice activities that will benefit communities most disadvantaged by climate change. Visit [grant program's webpage](#) for more information.

Resource Share

Inflation Reduction Act's (IRA) Direct Pay (Elective Pay) Program

A chance to claim clean energy tax credits

- Direct Pay, also known as Elective Pay is an Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provision that provides entities such as local governments, states, nonprofits, Tribes, and territories the opportunity to apply for clean energy tax credits for clean energy projects.
- You can find many resources on [MAPC's Federal Funding Opportunities webpage](#). This includes a recording of an informational webinar about how communities can take advantage of this opportunity, that MAPC hosted with a panel of experts on June 14, 2024.

Resource Share - *Professional Development*

Southern New England Planning Association Conference Call for Proposals Due August 15

- The Southern New England Planning Association (SNEPA) is accepting session proposals for its annual conference on November 7 - 8, 2024. Proposals will be evaluated based on creativity and strength; diversity and relevant background of presenters; interactive format; and other criteria. The conference organizers are hoping to feature a range of proposals across topics including sustainability, resilience, community engagement, the environment, zoning, and more. Reach out to info@sneapa.org with any questions and submit proposals by August 15.

Next meeting: Aug 15, 2024

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