

South Shore Coalition

September Monthly Meeting

Transportation Focus

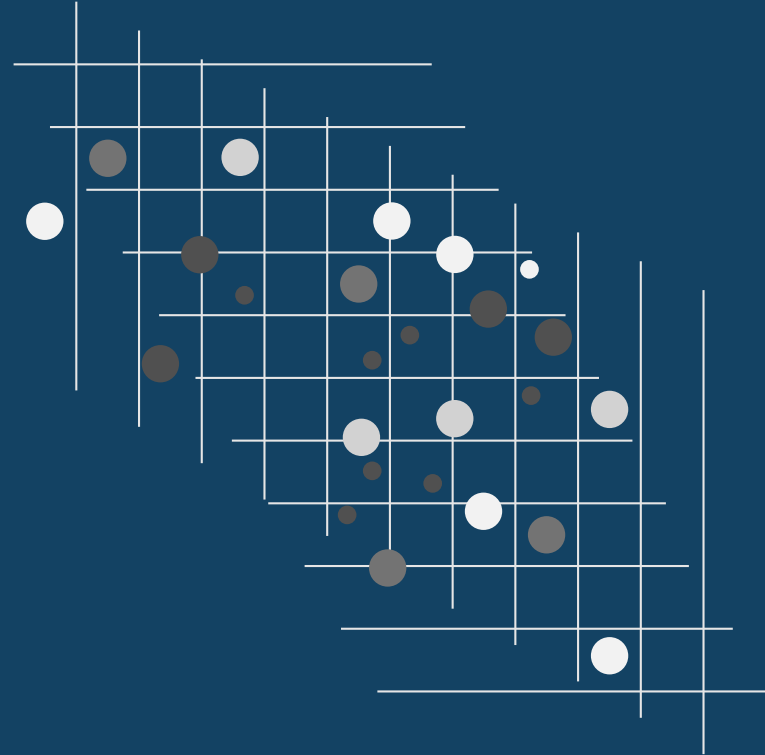


Agenda

- Community/Member Updates
- MAPC Presentation
- MPO Presentation
- Discussion and Q&A
- Engagement & Grant Activities



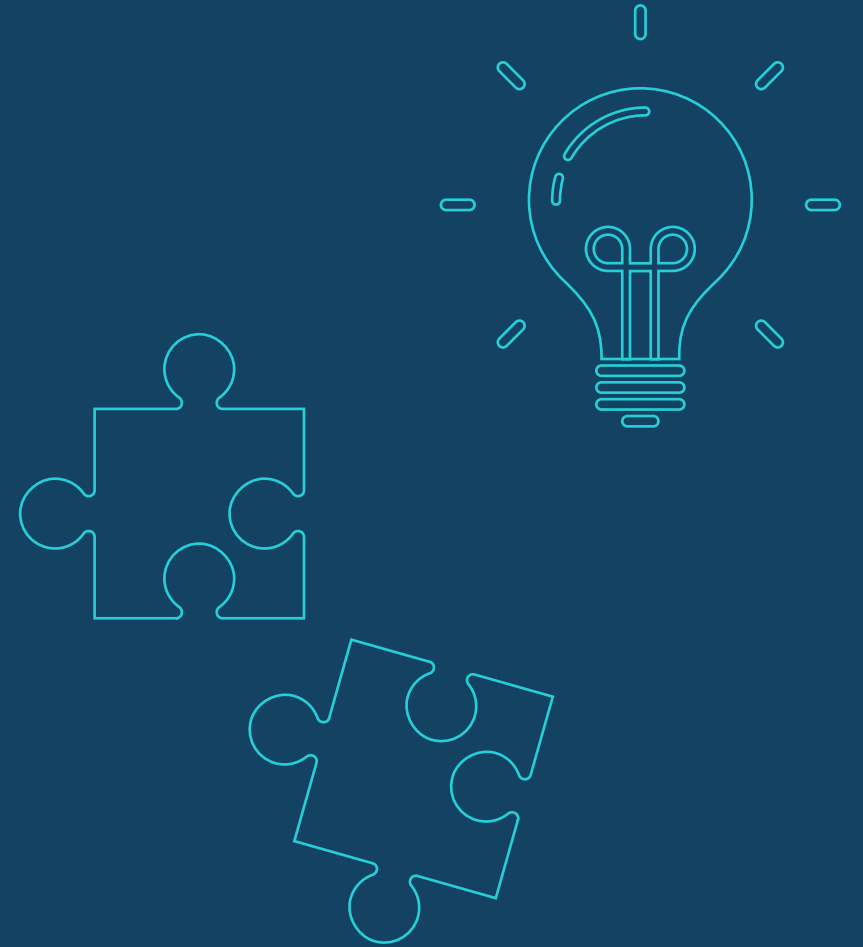
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Transportation and Land Use



Discussion





Transportation Needs Identified through Public Engagement in the SSC Subregion

The following comments were collected during MPO subregional engagement activities in the fall of 2023 and subsequent outreach.

Theme	Municipality	Specific Location	Comment
Policy	Hingham	SSC subregion	Incentivizing public transit and congestion management and pricing policies
Safety	Hingham	SSC subregion	Support of the MPO's Vision Zero Action Plan and ongoing work
Municipal Support/ Agency Collaboration	Hull	SSC subregion	TIP process
Safety	Hull	Nantasket Beach	Safety concern
Connectivity	Hull	Route 3A	Bike infrastructure along Route 3A
TIP	Hull	SSC subregion	TIP process—project/design prioritization
Safety	Scituate	SSC subregion	Safety concern—pedestrian infrastructure
Safety	Scituate	Henry Turner Bailey Road/Route 3A, Booth Hill Road/Route 3A	Safety concern
Connectivity	Scituate	SSC subregion	TIP funding for bicycle infrastructure
Safety	Scituate	SSC subregion	Congestion and safety concerns



SSC Projects Funded in the Federal Fiscal Years 2025–29 TIP

The MPO funds transportation projects that align with LRTP goals and address needs identified in the Needs Assessment and priorities identified by SSC municipalities and other stakeholders through engagement. The following projects are currently programmed for MPO funding over the next five years. The MPO solicits new project applications each year and programs selected projects on the TIP on an annually rolling basis. You can find more information about the TIP and how to get a project in your community funded at bostonmpo.org/tip.

Project Number	Project	Category	Municipality	Fiscal Year Programmed	Cost
S12124	Community Connections Program	Community Connections	Regionwide	2024	\$8,423,415
S12113	Transit Modernization Program	Transit Modernization	Regionwide	2025	\$23,000,000
S12967	Installation of 25 Bicycle Racks	Community Connections	Scituate	2025	\$22,800
605168	Improvements on Route 3A from Otis Street/Cole Road, including Summer Street and Rotary; Rockland Street to George Washington Boulevard	Complete Streets	Hingham	2026	\$28,738,432
S12975	Systemwide Pedal and Park Modernization (Braintree Station and others)	Transit Transformation	Boston, Braintree, Cambridge, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Westwood	2025	\$2,500,000
610714	Guide and Traffic Sign Replacement on a Section of Route 3	Non-Interstate Pavement	Braintree, Weymouth, Rockland, Norwell, and Marshfield	2025	\$4,640,307

Project Number	Project	Category	Municipality	Fiscal Year Programmed	Cost
607684	Bridge Replacement, B-21-017, Washington Street (State Route 37) over MBTA/CSX Railroad	Bridge	Braintree	2026	\$26,818,168
612196	Bridge Replacement, B-21-067, JW Maher Highway over Monatiquot River	Bridge	Braintree	2027	\$12,352,798
613649	Bridge Preservation, B-21-029, Q-01-046, and R-01-009, Bridges over Interstate 93 and State Route 28	Bridge	Braintree	2026	\$7,799,993
612050	Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 3	Non-Interstate Pavement	Braintree and Weymouth	2026	\$7,971,340
607349	Bridge Replacement, N-24-004=P-05-008, Route 3 (northbound and southbound) over North River	Bridge	Norwell	2025	\$23,543,800

MBTA = Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority. TIP = Transportation Improvement Program.

Engagement and Grant Opportunities

Going Green: How the MBTA is Taking Climate Action

- Join MAPC and the MBTA for a virtual event to learn how the MBTA is taking climate action seriously and what this means for the cities and towns it serves.
- Find out how the MBTA is preparing the regional transit system to be resilient in the face of escalating climate change while also playing a critical role in helping local municipalities and the Commonwealth in meeting climate goals.
- [Register here](#)

Transportation Funding Policy Briefs

- MAPC's Transportation Team recently released three policy briefs focused on transportation financing issues in the Commonwealth and potential ways to fix them: Increased Transportation Network Company Fee, Retail Delivery Fee, and Commercial Parking Tax.

[Access the Policy Briefs](#)

CHAPA Municipal Engagement Initiative

- Accepting [applications](#) for 2-3 new communities to join our Municipal Engagement Initiative. To obtain an application, please go to [this website to start the application process](#).
- CHAPA's Municipal Engagement Initiative seeks to build support for affordable housing production in communities across the Commonwealth.
- Both Municipal Governments and Community Groups/Residents may apply. If you are a Community Group, you must include a Letter of Support from the Municipal Government with your application. If you have questions or concerns please contact Monica C. Keel at mkeel@chapa.org. *Completed applications must be submitted to Monica Keel via email by 12 PM on Friday, October 18, 2024.*

Commonwealth Seminar Virtual Sessions

- It is an intensive training program focused on teaching diverse leaders how the legislative process really works.
- Top legislators, legislative staff, media members, and policymakers introduce seminar participants to the legislative and budget processes, lobbying & advocacy, working with the press/media, and thinking critically about policy issues.
- Apply for our "virtual" Fall 2024 Session. Deadline: Mon., September 30th; Session begins Wed. October 9th
- Apply [HERE](#)

Fall Virtual Workshops from the Massachusetts Historical Commission

- The **Basics of Online Research for Historic Buildings**, Friday, October 18, 10 am: The Internet provides a wide variety of resources to consult when researching an historic building. Learn more about the various sources and how to pull them together to develop a history of buildings in your community.
- **Determining Historic and Architectural Significance**, Tuesday, November 19, 10 am: One of the most basic actions of local historic preservation work is determining what historic resources in a community are significant for their history or architecture. This process is written into many regulations and programs, from local demolition delay review up to the National Register of Historic Places. This workshop will review how to determine historic and architectural significance for historic resources, which can support the prioritization of local preservationists' efforts and their regulatory work.
- **Best Practices for Developing a Strong Local Preservation Program**, Monday, December 9, 1 pm: There are many tools in the local preservationist's toolbox that can be used to develop a local preservation program. A robust local commission, preservation planning, and regulatory tools are all important to have. In this workshop we'll review how all of these pieces work together and how local commissions can develop a strong, proactive local preservation program.

MARPA and DLS Conference 2024

The Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA) and the Division of Local Services (DLS) invite you to join with your fellow municipal leaders and staff at the 2024 MARPA and DLS Conference.

- Tuesday, October 8, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Hogan Campus Center, College of the Holy Cross
- 1 College Street, Worcester, MA 01610
- [Register here](#)
- The registration fee is \$20
- Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll and a panel of Cabinet members - to be announced - will be in attendance to get the conference started. We will then break into sessions focused on a wide array of issues and opportunities facing the Commonwealth, facilitated by subject matter experts from across Massachusetts.

Resources on ADUs

- State resource page - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/accessory-dwelling-units>
 - If you have specific questions, feel free to email them to our ADU team at EOHLCADUHomes@mass.gov .
- Blog post from MAPC - <https://www.mapc.org/planning101/affordable-homes-act-accessory-dwelling-units/>

Highlights

- This is not a "compliance" issue in the same way that MBTA Communities/Section 3A is. The state is not requiring cities/towns to act by Feb. 2 (the effective date of the law) and the state will not be requiring submittal/review of ADU ordinances/bylaws.
- Cities/towns can only enforce bylaws and ordinances that are consistent with state law and forthcoming guidelines or regulations.
- MAPC will be preparing recommendations for EOHLC's forthcoming guidelines/regulations. We welcome suggestions or questions that our members want to have answered or clarified in the guidelines/regulations.

Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program (EPA)

- Deadline: November 21, 2024
- Grant Authority : U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- [Learn More and Apply](#)
- Description: 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.
- Eligible Recipients: Visit the "Is My Organization Eligible?" section of the grant program's webpage for more information.

Making It Public 2025 Cohort Applications

- The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) and MAPC are currently accepting applications for the 2025 Cohort of the Making it Public program.
- Making It Public for Massachusetts municipalities is a training program inspired by [Forecast Public Art \(FPA\)](#) and co-designed by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) Arts and Culture Department and [The New England Foundation for the Arts' \(NEFA\)](#) Public Arts Team.
- Learn more about what activities those within the 2025 Cohort will participate in on the [Making It Public webpage](#) on the MAPC website.
- Application Deadline: September 30, 2024, 11:59 p.m. | [Apply Online](#)

Thank
you

Next Meeting: October 17, 2024

Focus:

- October – Coastal Management and Climate Resiliency
- November – Water and Wastewater