



SSC

February Monthly Meeting

2-20-2025



Agenda

- General Check-in and Community Updates
- Work Planning Part I
- Engagement, Grant Opportunities





General Check-in & Community Updates



Work Planning

Part 1

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.

Overview

We have:

- A Mission Statement
- Goals
- Bylaws

We don't have a

- *Chair
- Vice Chair
- Reps from each community
- CBOs

Funding

Work in FY 2026 is funded through two sources: funds from the to implement MPO's Annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and annual assessment collected from its member municipalities.

**Is the group interested in finding a chair and conducting elections?*

As a member of the coalition, would you like to propose changes/additions to these?



Mission Statement: The South Shore Coalition promotes informed and active cooperation in planning for growth and preservation.

Goals:

- Planning for growth and preservation of South Shore Communities
- Prioritizing Regional collaboration
- Pipeline for communication with state legislators
- Develop sustainable solutions for shared environmental challenges
- Data analysis in South Shore Communities and comparison to rest of state

Proposed FY26 Activities

Technical Assistance

FY25 Activities:

- **Project ideations** – Shared Planning Services, Retail Strip Analysis, Regional Wastewater Supply.
- **5 TAP FY26 proposals** including HPPs, Cultural District Planning, 40R project and multi-municipal storm preparedness and recovery response planning

- **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.

Previous year Topics of Interests and Meeting Focus/Themes

1. Transportation Priorities
 2. State of Local News in SSC
 3. Navigating Section 3A Compliance
 4. Exploring Shared Services Model across communities for Planning and Community Development
 5. Immigrant Arrivals and Support Networks
 6. Rethinking Retail Strips - Opportunities for Redevelopment
 7. Coastal Management and Climate Resiliency
 8. Arts and Culture planning
 9. Trainings or Workshops for Planner or Local Officials such as CTPC trainings
 10. Regional Economic Development
 11. Water/Wastewater Management
 12. Historic Preservation, History and Heritage
 13. Equitable Economic Development on Main Streets
 14. Industrial Land and Zoning
 15. Language Access in Public Process
- + Public Health Projects
+ Digital Equity Practice at MAPC

Proposed FY26 Activities

Meetings, Workshops, and Forums

- **Topical meetings:** SSC will continue to offer topical meetings on various planning topics.
- **Special workshops:** Based on interest, 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.

Please share any topic areas, speakers, activities of interest that you would like to collaborate on or continue getting speakers on.

1. Continued focus on regional collaboration
2. Green infrastructure planning
3. Inviting Legal Land Use Planning Expertise to SSC
4.



Areas of Interest

Additional Input

1. What speakers are you interested in hearing from this upcoming year? State or local officials, community-based organizations, others?
2. What partners would you like to see at the Subregional Table?
3. Are you interested in being a Subregional Chair?



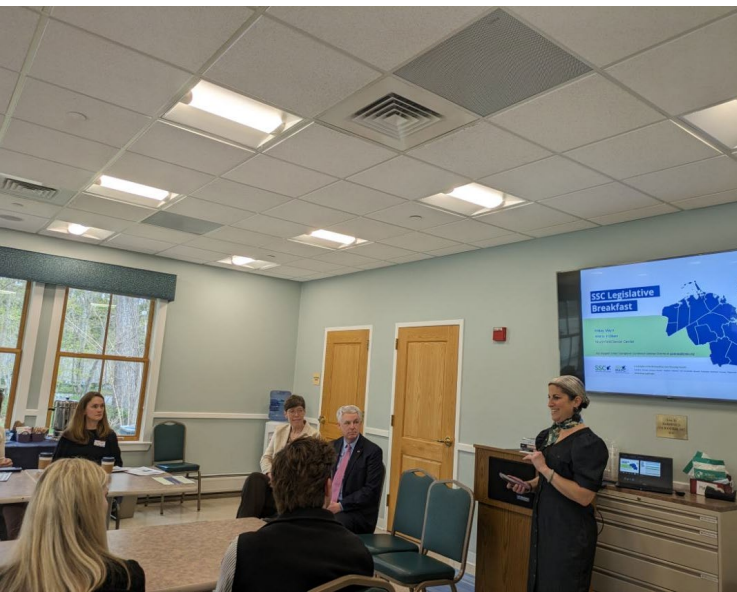
Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

SSC Annual Legislative Breakfast!

- When: Friday, March 14th, 2025, from 9:00-10:30am
- Where: Rockland Council on Aging Building,
Robert J. Nyman Rockland Senior Center,
317 Plain Street, Rockland, MA
- Please Register: <http://mapc.ma/SSC-leg-2025>



An opportunity for subregional members to learn more about MAPC's legislative, policy, and budget priorities; hear from legislators about their top priorities for their districts; and share important regional projects—all over *baked goods and coffee!*



Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

MAPC Winter Council

- The upcoming Winter Council Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, March 5th, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. Please ask your MAPC council member from your community to attend. Their attendance is essential to undertaking the crucial votes at this meeting.
- We're excited to be presenting our new strategic plan, which will be voted on. We will be celebrating a remarkable community member for their extraordinary contribution to the region as well through the Mann Award.

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

MHP's Upcoming Virtual Training Series: Strengthening Local Boards To Support Affordable Housing

- What roles do municipalities, state agencies and developers play in supporting affordable housing? What are the roles and responsibilities of local boards and commissions that influence housing development? How can public engagement support affordable housing development and preservation?
- Sponsored in part by the Eastern Bank Foundation, MHP's new virtual series will train key local boards that touch the housing development process (e.g., planning, ZBA, selectboard, housing trusts, AHC/AHPs, CPCs), and people engaged, or interested in becoming engaged, in supporting affordable housing. Register and learn more about the three modules [here](#).

These trainings will be held on consecutive Thursdays in March at 12-1:30pm. Registration is required but the trainings are free.

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

- **2025 Stone Living Lab Conference** Conference about Nature-based Coastal Resilience in Urban Settings. The conference will feature keynote discussions, breakout sessions, networking opportunities, and more, from April 16 – 18 at UMass Boston. [Link](#)
- **30th CPTC Annual Conference for Massachusetts citizen and professional planners** will be held at Holy Cross College in Worcester on Saturday, March 15th. Workshops will include core subjects and current topics in municipal planning. Credits offered: 9 workshops offer MIIA credit on municipal insurance. 14 workshop offer AICP CM | 1.5 credit. More information and registration at <https://masscptc.org>
- **MHP's 18th Annual Housing Institute:** June 4-5 at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester, MA. Registration will open in April. More info can be found [here](#).

Resource Share – Grant Opportunity

MassDEP has a funding opportunity for private, public, and non-profit entities to replace eligible diesel vehicles and equipment with zero emission technologies.

Through the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) program, Massachusetts is conducting a competitive electric-only Solicitation with an application deadline of 5 PM, April 7, 2025. See the [website for more information](#). Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment include, but are not limited to, the following diesel emission source types:

- School Buses
- Transit Buses
- Medium-duty or heavy-duty trucks
- Marine Engines
- Locomotives
- Nonroad engines, equipment, or vehicles

The eligible technologies that can be applied to the above vehicles, engines and equipment include:

- Vehicle and equipment replacements with Zero-tailpipe Emission Power Source
- Engine replacements with Zero-tailpipe Emission Power Source
- Verified idle reduction technologies

Resource Share – Grant Opportunity

MHC Announcing Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) grant program

- Secretary William F. Galvin, Chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Round 31 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) grant program has been scheduled. It is anticipated that funding will be in the range of \$1,000,000.
- Administered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), the MPPF is a **state-funded 50% matching grant reimbursement program** established in 1984 **to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites listed in the State Register of Historic Places**. Applicants must be a municipality or nonprofit organization. The program is administered in accordance with 950 CMR 73.00.
- **Deadline:** March 14, 2025
 - MHC website - <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/mhc/grants/mppf.htm>
- Please contact one of the following MPPF project managers with questions regarding the MPPF program and application process.
 - Paul Holtz paul.holtz@sec.state.ma.us<mailto:paul.holtz@sec.state.ma.us>
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Resource Share – Updates

ADUs Legislation Effective as of February 2, 2025 - Final Regulations Released

- [Accessory Dwelling Units \(ADUs\) legislation](#) is now in full effect as of February 2, 2025.
- The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) released [final recommendations](#), which include clarity on the administration of the new law.
- AGO office is happy to review draft ADU by-laws or ordinances before town meeting/council vote if that would be helpful. Feel free to send them to Margaret J. Hurley, Senior Counsel for Housing and Municipal Law; Margaret.Hurley@mass.gov

Thank you

Hope to see you at the Legislative Breakfast on March 14th in Rockland CoA.
No monthly meeting in March in lieu of the breakfast.

Next Monthly Meeting on April 17th

Topics:

- *Finalize Workplan*
- *Shared Regional Housing Services Office for interested South Shore Communities discussion*
- *upcoming TAP projects in SSC*