

A horizontal collage of 12 vertical aerial photographs showing various scenic views of the Boston region, including forests, lakes, and buildings.

MPO Transportation Funding and Planning Support Opportunities

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Where do TIP projects come from?



Time Horizon: 5 years

Updated: Annually

- Programs approximately \$750 million across five years for critical regional projects
- Projects are evaluated using criteria for how well they support the LRTP goals and objectives
- In FFYs 2026-30, 58 projects have been prioritized for regional funding

Where do TIP projects come from?

Funding Process MPO TIP Development

Conversation with MPO Staff

Universe of Projects

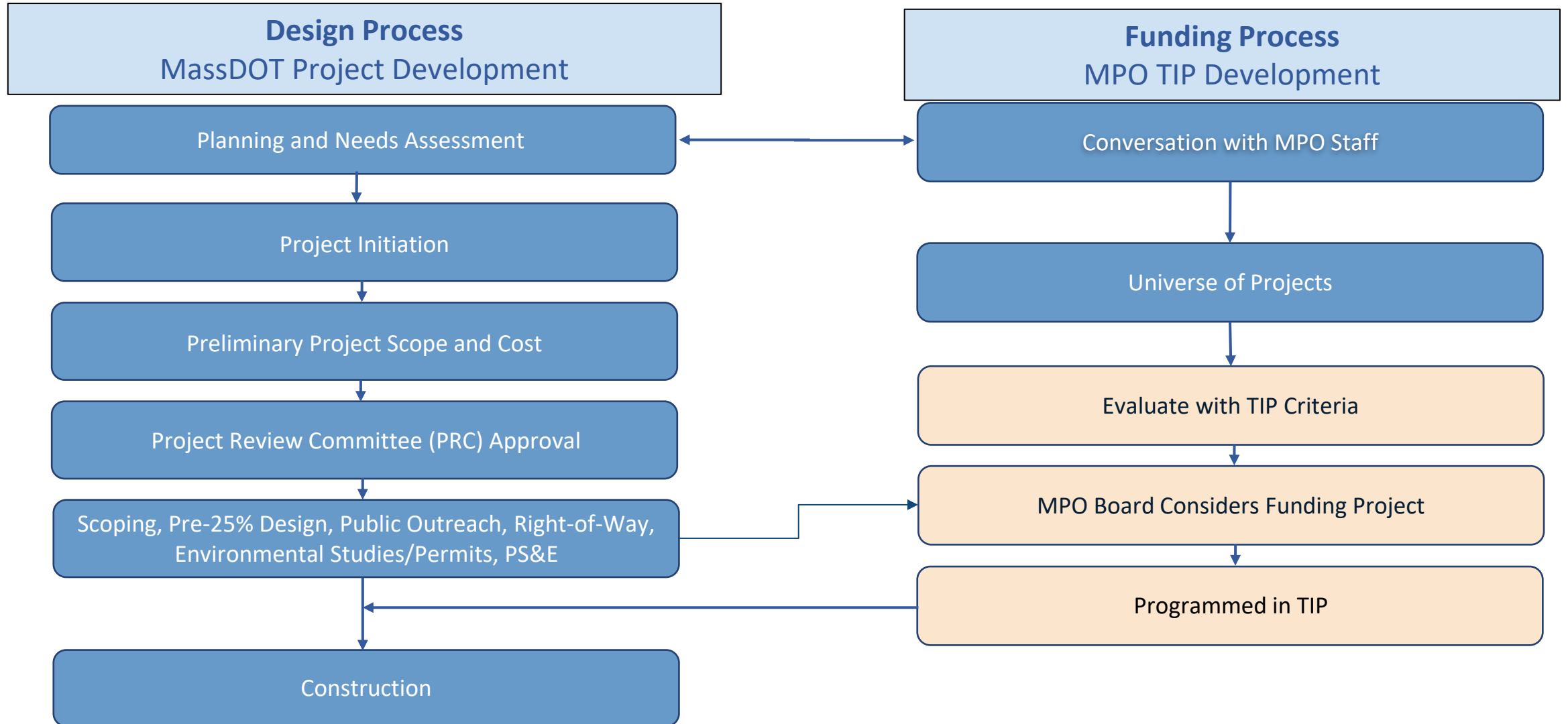
Evaluate with TIP Criteria

MPO Board Considers Funding Project

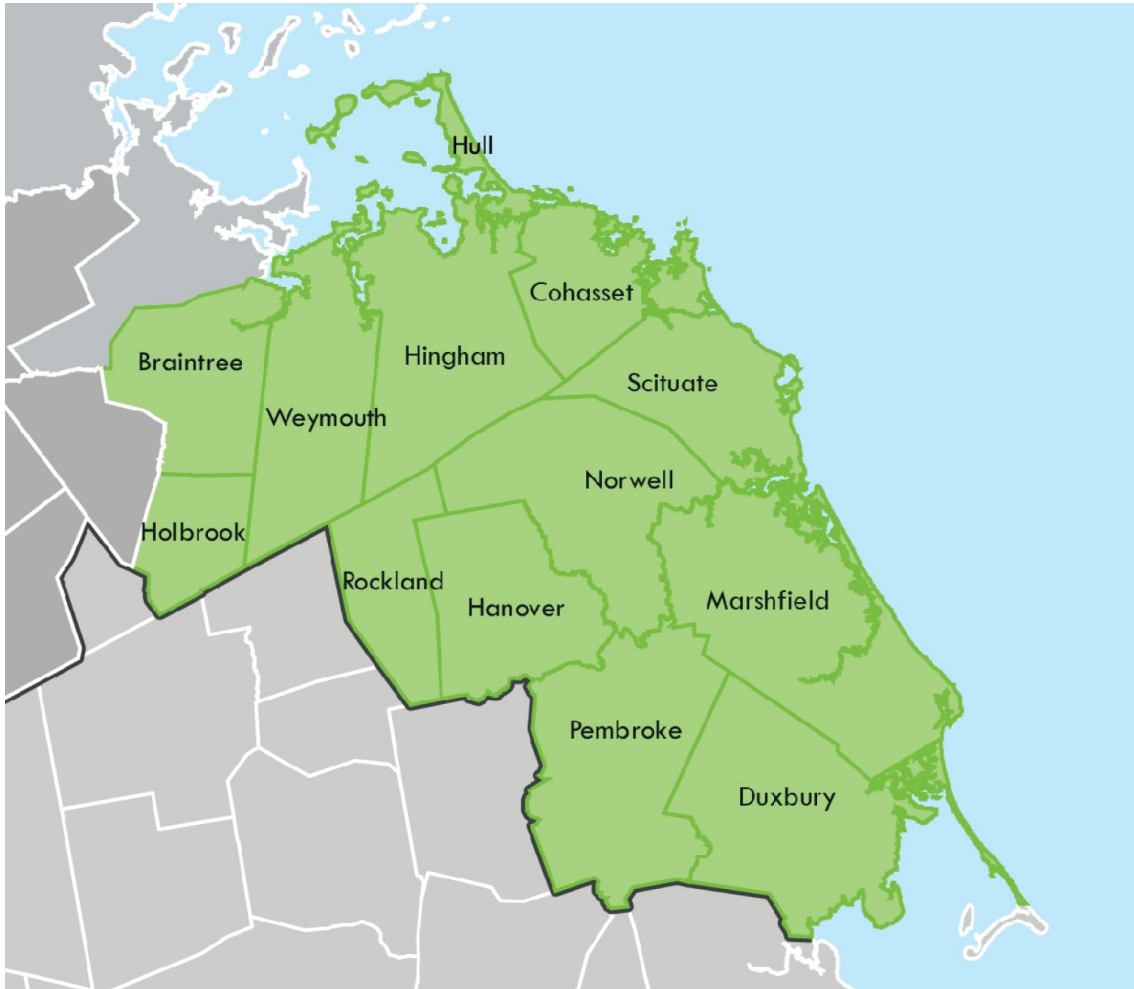
Programmed in TIP

- The TIP's primary objective is to fund local priority projects with regional benefits
- Historically most MPO-funded projects have municipal proponents
- Proponents include:
 - Cities and towns
 - MassDOT
 - Transit providers
 - Other state agencies/authorities

How does the MPO process relate to the MassDOT project process?



South Shore Coalition TIP Projects



- Reconstruction of Route 3A in Hingham
- Old Colony MPO
 - Improvements along Route 139 in Hanover
 - Intersection improvements at Route 27 in Stoughton
- Other projects through MassDOT Statewide Highway Program



Eligible Project Types

Major Infrastructure Program

Large scale projects that:

- Change capacity of regionally-significant roadway facilities,
- Extend or add new rail, fixed guideway, or bus rapid transit connections, and/or
 - Have a cost that exceeds \$50 million

Core Investment Programs

- Bicycle Network and Pedestrian
 - Complete Streets
- Intersection Improvements
 - Transit Transformation

Community Connections Program

- Bicycle Lanes
- Bicycle Racks
- BikeShare Expansion and Support
 - Wayfinding Signage

Technical difficulties?

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South Shore Coalition Opportunity Areas: Planning and Design Support

- Boston Region MPO is now able to fund **new** design activities for projects, with funding in FFY 2027 to do so.
 - Funds 80% of design costs through up to 100% design
 - Successful awardees would start procurement process on October 1, 2026
 - Intention is to build a bench of construction projects for funding surpluses
- Transportation planning support is available through the MPO's technical assistance program
 - Rolling applications
 - Potential for planning grant awards in the future

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South Shore Coalition Opportunity Areas: Construction?

- Persistent project design and cost control challenges are constraining the MPO's ability to fund new construction projects in later TIP years
 - Planning and design investments should help correct this trend in the long term
- Transit improvements are more flexible and therefore accessible, requires coordination with MBTA

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The best way to support local-priority projects with regional benefits is to provide support at all project stages.

