

SOUTH SHORE COALITION

Meeting on August 21st 2025

AGENDA

- Coordinator Updates – Work Plan Revision
- Community Share – Updates from members
- Municipal Elections for Boston MPO
- Boston World Cup 2026 Updates
- LAU Toolkit Draft (Resource) (if time allows)

COORDINATOR UPDATES

Work Plan Revisions

Outreach & Participation

- One-on-one outreach with new municipal staff & CBOs
- Broaden representation and strengthen relationships

Meeting Cadence

- Shift from monthly → quarterly meetings
- More accessible for members

Agendas more focused & engaging

- Regional Data Collection
- New shared “Data Bucket” hosted on SSC website
- Resource for planning & decision-making across communities

[Access Draft Plan](#)

COORDINATOR UPDATES

Meeting Schedule	Meeting Details	Other Activities
JUL-25	—	MPO Elections coordination; World Cup 2026 planning lens, Transportation priority discussion debrief; workplan revision.
AUG-25	Meeting (Virtual) on third Thursday at 2pm – Workplan updates; Community Exchange, World Cup updates, MPO elections	Kickoff for FY26 work plan implementation including revisions
SEP-25	—	Data requests survey to inform “Data Bucket” work; one on one outreach with new municipal staff, chamber, MPO.
OCT-25	Meeting (In-person) on third Thursday at 2pm – Transportation priorities (TIP pipeline); Trails related site visit (tentative); TAP releases	Housing Shared Services model follow-up
NOV-25	—	Coordinate with MPO on TIP readiness; regional wastewater/stormwater check-in; CBO outreach; TAP coordination if needed, explore joint meeting opportunities; listening/visiting tour
DEC-25	—	Data Bucket check-in; collect municipal success stories for SSC webpage; TAP coordination if needed.
JAN-26	Meeting (Virtual) on third Thursday at 2pm – Equitable economic development on Main Streets; Housing focused topics;	Election discussions
FEB-26	—	Prep for Legislative Breakfast; review state legislative priorities; coordinate with OCPC (tentatively); listening/visiting tour
MAR-26	Legislative Breakfast (In-person) likely on a Friday at 9am.	Direct dialogue with legislators
APR-26	—	Data Bucket update; begin shaping FY27 priorities; explore joint meeting opportunities.
MAY-26	—	CBO outreach; Data showcase on webpage; draft workplan for FY27; listening/visiting tour
JUN-26	Meeting (Virtual/In-person) on third Thursday at 2pm – Arts & culture planning OR Industrial land & zoning; FY27 work plan discussion, Elections Discussion	Look back at FY26 success and challenges

COMMUNITY SHARE

- Please share any updates from your community/organization.
- Also mention any topics you would like to discuss (including preferred format of that discussion – speaker at monthly meeting/one on one meeting/visit/other)
- If we were to have in-person meetings or site visits, where and when would you like to go around the subregion?

MPO ELECTIONS

Julia Wallerice, Assistant Director of Transportation at MAPC will be sharing more information about the upcoming municipal election for the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Election Procedures: [Boston MPO 2025 election procedures -FINAL.docx](#)

Nominations are due on October 6, 2025 and can be submitted electronically via this link: [\[MAPC\] 2025 MPO Election Nomination](#)

BOSTON FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 UPDATE

FIFA WORLD CUP 26™

BOSTON 26 HOST CITY OVERVIEW
Association for Commuter Transportation New England TDM Summit

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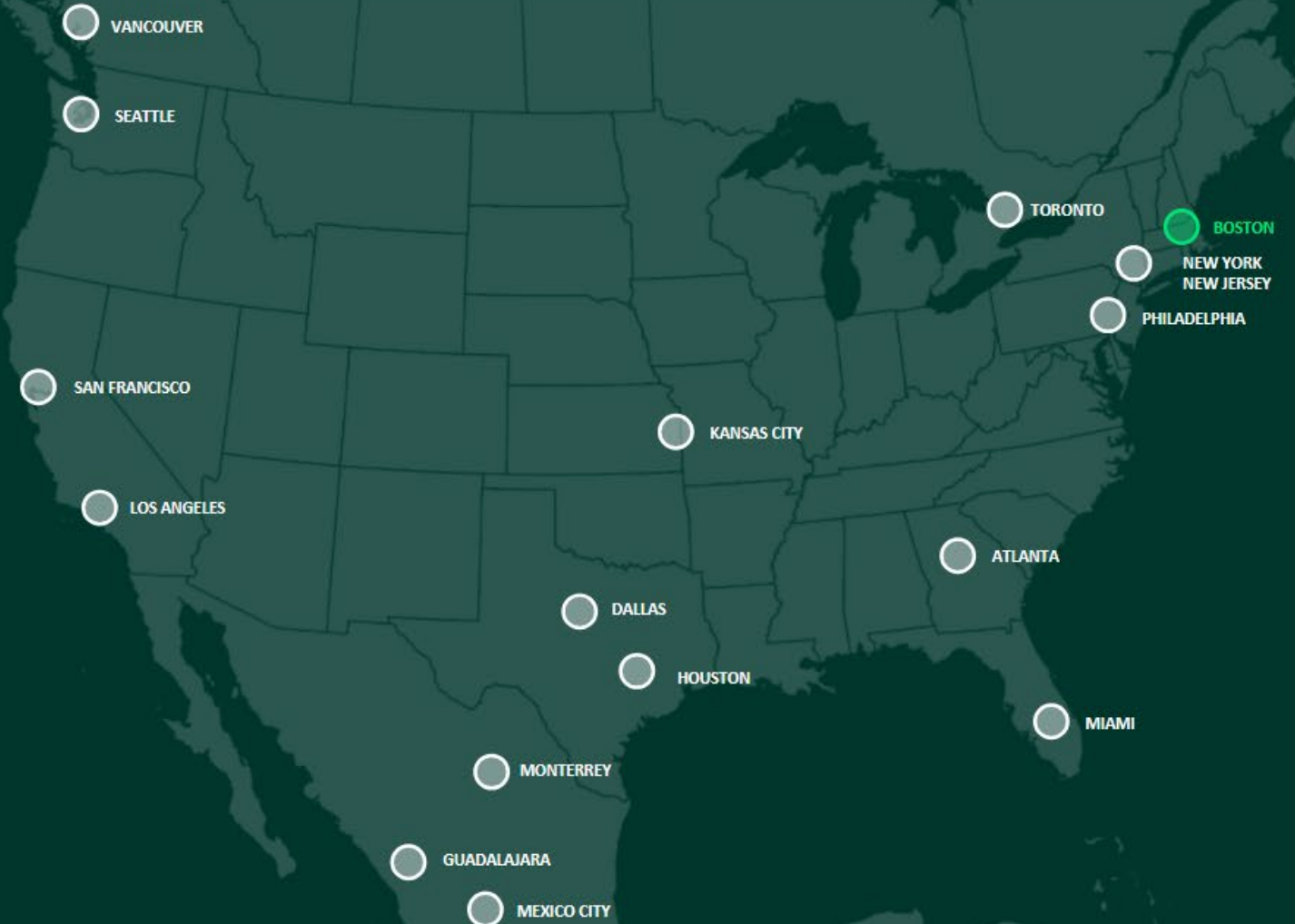
June 11th – July 19th, 2026

16 Host Cities
across 3 Countries

48 Nations
from 5 Continents

104 Matches
an increase from 64 Matches

+62%
More Matches Than 2022



HIGHLIGHTS

Projected social and economic impacts according to FIFA

- Eleven billion in economic impact
- 5,000 jobs created in Boston for the world cup
- 2.1 Million World cup visitors expected to New England

Highlights

- Total of 7 matches, over 4 weeks.
- 5 group stages matches, one round of 32 matches and one quarter final match.
- All but one of these matches are on weekdays (commuter traffic considerations)
- Hosted at Gillette stadium, Foxborough, will be rebranded as Boston Stadium for the event
- Will not know teams until December, match times until Jan/Feb
- Current expectation is spectators will be 50% domestic, 50% international.

6/13/26 **GROUP STAGE**

6/16/26 **GROUP STAGE**

6/19/26 **GROUP STAGE**

6/23/26 **GROUP STAGE**

6/26/26 **GROUP STAGE**

7/09/26 **QUARTER FINAL**

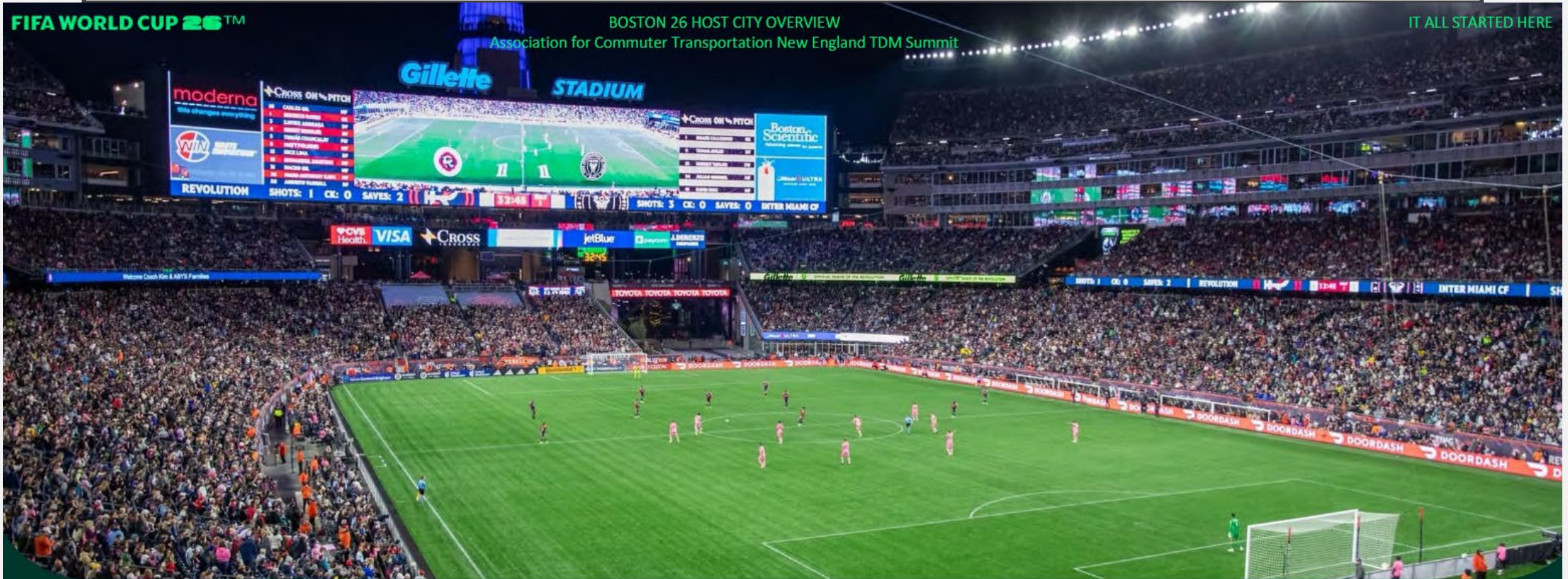
6/29/26 **ROUND OF 32**

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BOSTON 26

THE STADIUM

Home of



Since its completion in 2002, Gillette Stadium has been the home of the New England Revolution (MLS) and the New England Patriots (NFL), hosting more than 150 MLS or international football matches.

All seven matches in Massachusetts will be held at what FIFA calls "Boston Stadium" in Foxborough, MA.

65,000 Capacity

BOSTON FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 UPDATE

BOSTON REGIONAL

TRANSPORTATION FOOTPRINT

Gillette Stadium Boston Stadium

Airports Increase in domestic and international travel

Training Facilities Team Training before and during tournament

Accommodations FIFA Constituents & Ticketed and Non-Ticketed Fans

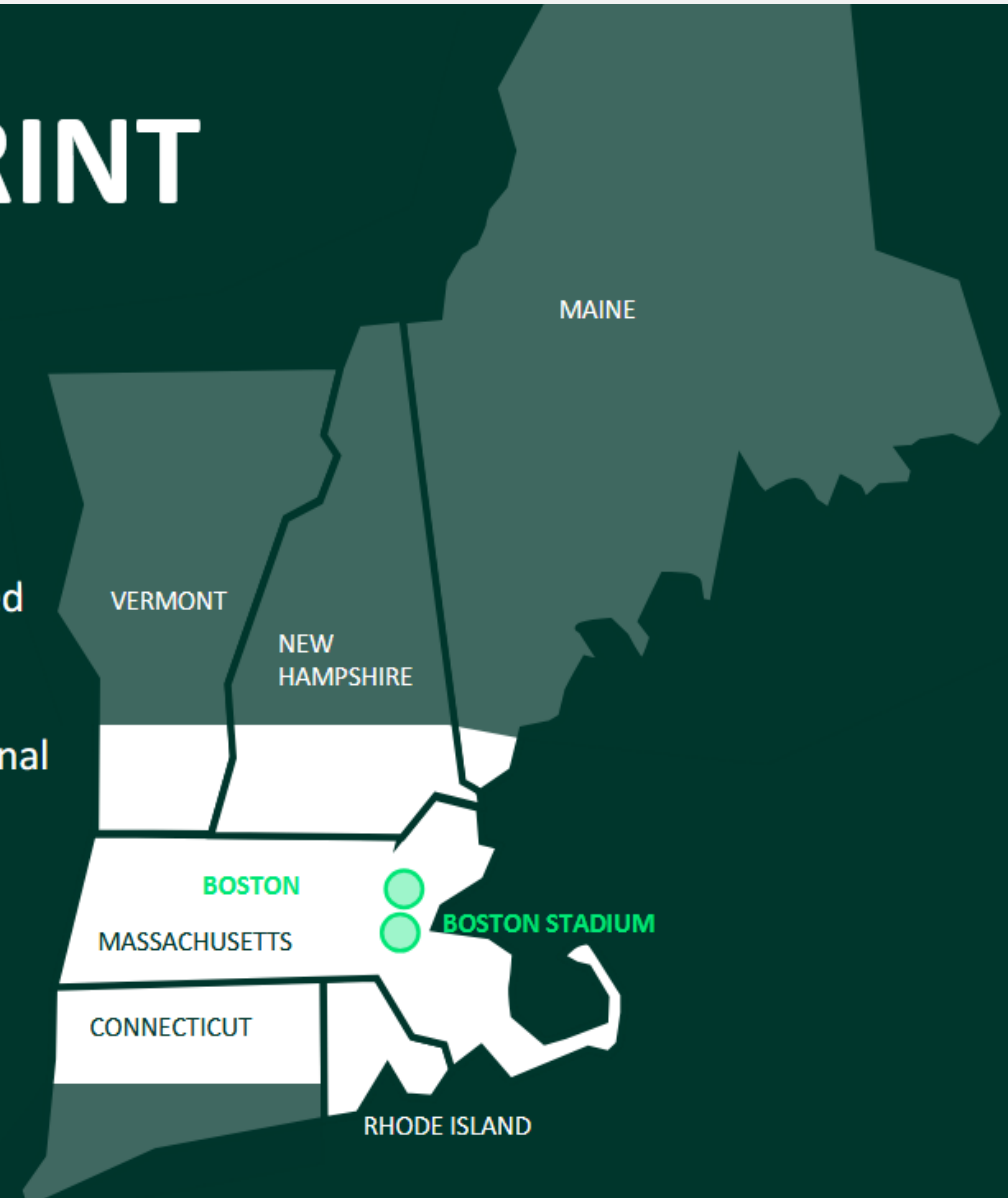
FIFA Fan Festival & Celebration '26 Sites Official and unofficial watch parties and regional celebrations

Transportation Hubs Rail, Metro, Bus

Road Network Interstate and Intrastate

Planning Challenges:

- Draw and Teams will be announced Dec 2025
- Match times likely announced Jan/Feb 2026
- All but 1 Match (June 13th) is currently on a weekday



HIGHLIGHTS

Main mode of transport to Gillette is going to be headed by the MBTA with event trains. These will be coming from Boston and Providence.

- Are setting up an additional bus system
- Looking to figure out where to prioritize having those event trains – looking at downtown, Quincy, Route 128.
- Would like to come up with a bus hub or a supplemental bus solution.
- MBTA is very engaged in this
- There will be no stops on the main train – South Station to Foxborough.
- Building out the Foxborough station to some extent.

HIGHLIGHTS

Other impacts being looked at beyond transportation, especially in Foxborough

- Emergency Response/Security – a sub committee devoted to this.
- Housing and short-term rentals related sub-committee
- Communications and coordination with-
 - Businesses scheduling loading unloading etc.
 - Residents and commuters - disruption to commuter rail schedules
 - Streets impacts
- Tourism side of things
 - Mass Gaming grant awarded
 - Would like to get the word out for the regional places to see.

BOSTON FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 UPDATE

Transportation Executive Steering Group

- Established — March 2024
- Planning for and Event of this size and scale is challenging, but we have a team comprised of international experience, local experience, and partners will deliver an amazing experience.

Members:

• Boston 26 (Host Committee)	• Massport (Airport Authority)
• Kraft Sport & Entertainment (Stadium Authority)	• City of Boston Transport Department (BTD)
• City of Boston	• Rhode Island Airport Corporation
• Town of Foxboro	• Massachusetts State Police
• Foxboro Police	• Massachusetts Governor's Office
• Boston Police	• US Department of Transportation
• Massachusetts Bay Transport Authority (MBTA)	• Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority – GATRA
• Amtrak	• RIPTA
• Massachusetts Department of Transport	• Others
• Rhode Island Department of Transport	

CONTACTS AND NEXT STEPS

FIFA Boston and the steering group to likely have a meeting/roadshow in Spring, 2026 when match timings are announced for specific impacts. Will try to schedule a joint meeting with TRIC subregion to discuss.

- MAPC - Transportation team and TRIC subregion
- FIFA Boston 2026 contacts:
 - Sam Sylvain, Director of Transportation for FIFA Boston
 - Tricia Fenton, Global Events Leader
- MBTA contact person:
 - Erika Mazza, focusing on FIFA Boston

GRANT AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **MassDEP GAP IV Energy Grant:** For Implementing Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy Generation Projects in Massachusetts at: Municipal Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Nonprofit Agricultural / Food Producing Organizations, and Small Businesses Engaged in Food Distribution and Processing. Please refer to this [COMMBUYS - Bid Solicitation](#) for more information. Bidder's Information Conferences on August 20, 2025 or September 9, 2025. To register, please complete the [e-mail interest form](#).

GRANT AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **MassDOT's New! Microtransit and Last Mile Transit Grant Program :**
Opens September 5, due November 7; Transit authorities, municipalities, nonprofits, and Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) are eligible to apply for funding for microtransit and last mile programs and pilots. [Register for virtual pre-application training](#) (we are offering a joint training with the CTGP operating & mobility management cycle). [Learn more](#)
- **Other MassDOT grant open:**
 - FY26 Community Transit Grant Program Operating and Mobility Management Cycle [Learn more](#)
 - FY26 Community Transit Grant Program Vehicle [Learn more](#)

GRANT AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MassDOT's Local Early Actionable Planning (LEAP) Program to help municipalities jump start infrastructure projects. This program, led by MassDOT's Municipal Planning & Support Team in OTP, is designed to provide planning and early-stage design assistance. Activities can include:

- Conceptual Design and Alternatives Analyses
- Design and Engineering for Complete Streets Projects
- Safe Streets Network Strategy
- Design & Engineering for Smaller-Scale Projects (e.g., Complete Streets Program Projects)
- Federal Grant Application Development
- Safety Analysis
- Traffic Analysis
- Speed Studies
- Cost Estimation
- Visual and Mapping Support

GRANT AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MARPA & DLS Conference 2025

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Hogan Campus Center - Ballroom

College of the Holy Cross

1 College St, Worcester, MA 01610

[Register Here](#)

Please join the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA) and the Division of Local Services (DLS) at the 2025 MARPA and DLS Conference. Hear from local, state, and regional thought leaders on a range of topics like housing, transportation, climate, funding, and much more.

GRANT AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Climate Resilience Playbook: An Online Resource for Massachusetts Communities

Wednesday, September 10 12:00 p.m. on Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Join the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), and Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) for a webinar to officially launch the Climate Resilience Playbook (the Playbook).

The Playbook is an online interactive tool that local planners can use to identify and prioritize resilience actions for their communities. During the webinar you will learn more about the collaborative engagement process that shaped the Playbook, its features, and opportunities to help shape this evolving tool.

Questions? Reach out to: Van Du, vdu@mapc.org; Emma Zehner, ezehner@mapc.org