

5-21-2026



SSC May Meeting



Agenda

1. Introductions
 - New Interim Coordinator!
2. Community Updates
3. Work Planning Discussion
4. Engagement and Funding Opportunities

Welcome Adi!

Adi Nochur

Senior Transportation Planner & Interim SSC Subregional Coordinator

He works with municipalities, state agencies, and non-profits to research and manage parking initiatives, to improve regional bus transit systems, and to advance local Complete Streets planning efforts, amongst other transportation policies and projects.

Community Updates

Please share any updates or questions you might have for the group.

Work Planning for FY27



Purpose of the Work Plan

The SSC FY2027 Work Plan sets forth the goals and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. It serves as a roadmap to:

- Identify and advance regional priorities and planning projects
 - Support inter-municipal collaboration and local capacity
 - Establish an inclusive meeting and engagement calendar
 - Propose resource sharing and technical assistance opportunities
 - Expand SSC's representation and leadership
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Overview of the Coalition

The South Shore Coalition is one of MAPC's eight subregions and includes communities along the South Shore. It consists of thirteen (13) communities: Braintree, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth, working collaboratively on regional issues.

Existing Structure:

- Mission and Goals
- Bylaws ([Link](#))
- Subregional Coordinator funded through UPWP and Assessment Funds

Mission and Goals

*Any suggested
tweaks or
additions?*

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

Goals:

- Plan for growth and preservation of South Shore Communities.
- Prioritize Regional collaboration.
- Create a pipeline for communication with state legislators.
- Develop sustainable solutions for shared environmental challenges.
- Conduct supporting analyses in South Shore Communities to support SSC goals.

FY27 Proposed Activities

Any suggested
tweaks or
additions?

A. Technical Assistance

- Provide direct TA to communities on topics of interest including but not limited to housing, zoning and land use, emergency preparedness, climate and coastal resilience.
- Connect municipalities with MAPC experts and state/federal funding sources.
- Support municipalities with project ideation and project scoping.
- Coordinate across communities on applications for regional TAP or DLTA programs.

B. Meetings, and Engagements

- Topical meetings held on a near-quarterly basis (virtual or in-person).
- Legislative Breakfast (Annual) Potentially 2 opportunities including one in collaboration with OCPC and one for just SSC membership.
- One on one meetings to broaden participation with CBOs and newer municipal staff.
- Conduct joint meetings with other subregions when opportunities arise.
- Peer exchange and resource sharing embedded in each meeting.

FY27 Proposed Activities

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C. **Special Projects (proposed, or in development)**

- Transportation Planning Advocacy and Regional Coordination
- Clean Energy Siting and Permitting Regulation Implementation
- Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure Planning
- Regional Housing Services office

D. **Data Bucket**

- As part of quarterly meetings, the SSC will include a standing activity focused on identifying and sharing regional data needs. The goal is to make data sharing and analysis a regular feature of SSC conversations, supporting evidence-based planning and strengthening cross-community learning. This will:
- Highlight what types of regional data could best support municipal planning and decision-making.
- Establish standing agenda item at quarterly meetings to review progress, surface new requests, and ensure data continues to meet municipal needs.

Proposed Topics of Interest

Topics prioritized in FY2026 and reaffirmed for FY2027 include:

- Transportation related topics: priorities, advocacy, TIP pipelines, trails.
- Housing related topics of interest: ADUs, Affordable Housing Trusts, Shared Housing Services Office.
- Shared Services for Planning and Development
- Coastal Management and Climate Resiliency
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage Preservation
- Public Health Infrastructure and Food Systems Planning

Additional topics proposed for FY2027

- Clean Energy Siting and Permitting
- Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure Planning

Do these capture your interests and municipal priorities? Any additions? Please suggest speakers you would like to hear from as well.

Governance and Membership Development

In the new fiscal year, the coalition with aim to:

- Confirm and expand council representation from member communities.
- Conduct elections for Chair position (including creation of position role and responsibility description) – tentative and dependent on member capacities.
- Conduct outreach to encourage participation from CBOs and underrepresented municipalities.

Tentative Meeting Schedule

Will change based on topics of interests and speaker availability. Any suggested changes?

Month/Year	Meeting Details	Other Activities
JUL-26	—	1:1 Introductions with Interim Coordinator, coordination on Clean Energy Siting Regulation implementation
AUG-26	Meeting (Virtual) on third Thursday at 2pm – Community Exchange, World Cup updates, MPO updates, Clean Energy Siting related discussion. GA Check-in?	Kickoff for FY27 work plan implementation including proposed activities form Data Budget.
SEP-26	—	One on one outreach with new municipal staff, chamber, MPO or other CBOs.
OCT-26	—	Data Center Discussion Prep – speaker coordination + MPO coordination for TIP
NOV-26	Meeting (Virtual/In-Person) on third Thursday at 2pm – Community Exchange, Data Center Discussion, MPO discussion+ TAP updates; Any Agency Project Highlights	CBO outreach; TAP coordination if needed, explore joint meeting opportunities; Initiate Elections Discussions
DEC-26	—	Data Bucket check-in; collect municipal success stories for SSC webpage; TAP coordination with interested communities as needed. Continued Elections focused Discussions
JAN-27	Conduct elections	Election discussions + Legislative Breakfast prep coordinate with OCPC as needed. TAP coordination with interested communities as needed.
FEB-27	Joint OCPC Legislative Breakfast (In-person) likely on a Friday at 9am.	Prep for Legislative Breakfast; review state legislative priorities; (tentatively)
MAR-27		Coordination with legislators; begin shaping FY27 priorities; explore joint meeting opportunities.
APR-27	SSC Legislative Breakfast (In-person) likely on a Friday at 9am.	Direct dialogue with legislators
MAY-27	—	Prepare FY28 Workplan; Continued outreach with municipal staff and CBOs as needed.
JUN-27	Meeting (Virtual/In-person) on third Thursday at 2pm	Look back at FY27 success and challenges

Engagement Opportunities



Please Join Us for MAPC's Annual Council Meeting and Awards

Tuesday, June 2nd, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Melrose Memorial Hall (590 Main St, Melrose, MA 02176)

- We will start the meeting with council business including a vote on our FY27 Budget, and elections for Council Officers and Executive Committee.
- We'll then welcome Sec. Juana Matias, Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities as our keynote speaker.
- Finally, we'll be awarding our scholarship as well as our Mann, and Davidson Awards.

Join us at 4:30 p.m. for Council Business Or at 5:30 p.m. for Sec. Juana Matias Keynote and MAPC Awards

[Register Here](#)

New Regulations on Clean Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting

DOER is hoping to hold in-person technical workshops with municipal staff to take a deeper dive on the [new clean energy infrastructure siting and permitting regulations municipalities](#) will **need to comply with by October 1**, as well as the resources and tools they are developing to support municipalities.

Final Regulations

- [225 CMR 29.00 - Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Facility Siting and Permitting - Clean](#)
- [225 CMR 29.00 - Small Clean Energy Infrastructure Facility Siting and Permitting – Redline](#)

Model Bylaws:

- [Draft Model Bylaw for Solar](#)
- [Draft Model Bylaw for BESS](#)

Resource person: Connor Rockett, Southeast regional coordinator at the Department of Energy Resources' Division of Clean Energy Siting and Permitting. Email - connor.rockett@mass.gov

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities:

- Technical Session with OCPC on June 11 at 2 pm
- Dighton Bluewave's Solar + Storage agrivoltaics project Field Trip on 6/12 - Environmental League of MA have been scheduling field trips to battery energy storage sites across the state. You can [register here](#).
- TRIC meeting on June 16 (in-person)
- **Should we conduct SSC workshop?**

New Regulations on Clean Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting

Clean Energy Siting & Permitting Lunch & Learn Series: From April - September, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, speakers from DOER, the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB), and EEA will present important information on the new clean energy siting and permitting processes.

Pt. 3: Consolidated Permitting for Large Clean Energy Infrastructure

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Virtual [Register Here](#)

Pt. 4: Site Suitability Guidance for Small and Large Energy Projects

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Virtual [Register Here](#)

Pt. 5: Solar Siting & Permitting

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Virtual [Register Here](#)

Pt. 6: Battery Storage Siting & Permitting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Virtual

[Register Here](#)

Historic New England - Community Preservation Grant - Now Open

[Historic New England's Community Preservation Grants](#) support small to mid-sized organizations across the region that are saving and sharing the stories, places, and traditions that define their communities.

Each year, one grant of \$1,250 is awarded to a qualifying 501(c)(3) history or preservation organization in each New England state. Funded through the Herbert and Louise Whitney Fund for Community Preservation.

Areas of Funding Focus:

- Documenting stories from the past to today: Recording and preserving the voices and experiences of community members whose histories have not been fully captured, advancing understanding of the complete story of New England's people.
- Expanding community narratives: Interpretation, programming, and projects that advance a more complete and inclusive account of New England's people, places, and history.
- Building inclusive access: Initiatives through translation, accessibility improvements, or community-centered programming that ensure historic places and stories can be shared with the full diversity of New England's communities.

[Explore Past Projects](#). Visit Historic New England's website to learn more about the program, view previous grant recipients, and apply.

Building Performance Standards and Historic Buildings

May 29 / 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

- Get up to speed on an emerging climate policy that is impacting older and historic buildings across the country. More than a dozen cities and states have enacted Building Performance Standards, which require building owners to meet increasingly rigorous energy efficiency and carbon emissions performance targets.
- Learn how preservationists can ensure that historic buildings are not left behind as these important policies are adopted in additional jurisdictions across the country during this online session.
- This webinar is brought to you in partnership with the American Planning Association Urban Design and Preservation Division.
- [Register Here](#)