TRIC FY27 Workplan

Three Rivers Interlocal Council

Meeting Date	Topic(s)	Objective
September 15, 2026	***Post-Legislative Session Update*** • Presentation from MAPCs GA Team • Big updates from the legislative session that ended over the summer • Next steps for planners and municipalities MPO Updates Community Exchange	• Kick-off the FY together • Catch up on summer updates • Learn about new legislative landscape following the most recent session
October 20, 2026 (In Person)	***Vision Zero/Safe Streets and Roads for All*** • Presentation from MAPCs Transportation Team • Walking tour on site post presentation • MPO elections update	• Cover the Boston Region Vision Zero Action Plan • Connect the plan with a local intersection
November 17, 2026	***Housing Development in 3A Districts*** • Presentation from MAPC Housing team on how to support develop in new 3A districts (Emma B and John) • Presentation from MAPC Transportation team on supporting transportation in 3A districts • Facilitated discussion on lessons learned on 3A development OR ***Continued Legislative Session Updates and Discussion*** MPO Update Community Exchange	• Discuss strategies to create new development in 3A districts • Time to skill – share and ask questions of each other on 3A work
December 15, 2026	***Economic Development Session*** • General overview of MAPC Economic Development Work • Regional Economic Development work • Facilitated discussion on economic development	• Learn more about economic development in the region

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	OR ***Continued Legislative Session Updates and Discussion*** Legislative Update Community Exchange	• Learn key economic development tools for municipalities
January 19, 2027	***Transportation Session*** • Presentation from MPO staff on TIP/UPWP funding and the LRTP • Update on EV charging infrastructure in MA • Extended MPO Update	• Follow up on EV Charging presentation last year • Learn more about the work of the MPO
February 16, 2027	***Marion Institute South Coast Food Assessment Update*** • Update from Marion Institute after South Coast Food Assessment has been completed Legislative Update Community Exchange Contact: lwiley@marioninstitute.org (Elizabeth Wiley is executive director, presented last year)	• Following up on our Spring 2026 session with the Marion Institute • Learn about the updated food assessment
March 16, 2027 (In Person?)	***Managing Board Members and Board Meetings*** • Facilitation guidance and best practices ○ Javier and Colette • Facilitated discussion on challenges and successes of board work Discuss FY28 Workplan + Share Survey	• Give planners tools to work with boards, especially difficult board member and residents • Provide peer support on this issue
April 20, 2027	***Planning Funding Sources Deep Dive*** • Bring in MHP, Mass Housing, and/or EOHLC to talk about funding sources that are most useful to planning departments MPO Update Community Exchange	• Get updates from the state and other relevant agencies on funding opportunities

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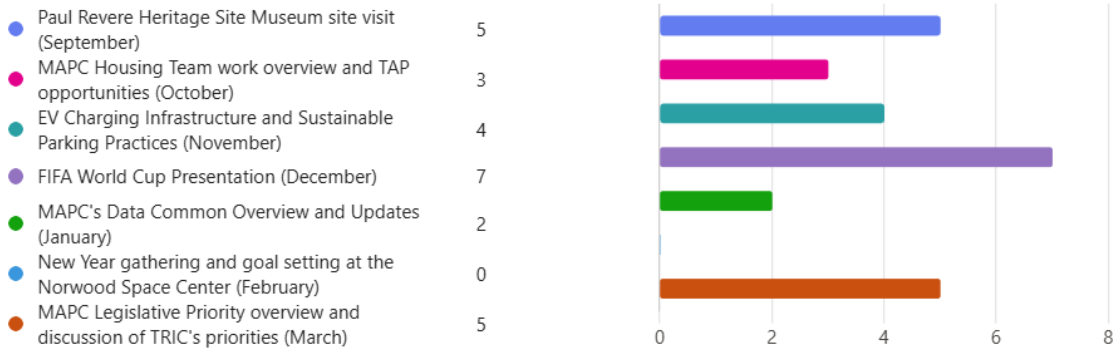
May 18, 2027	***Language Access*** • Inclusivity and accessibility best practices • Community engagement best practices Legislative Update Community Exchange	• Overview of language access best practices • Help muni's and organizations be accessible to all
June 15, 2027 (In Person)	***FM Global Campus Site Visit*** • Tour the training facilities: State-of-the-art training facilities • Discuss Risk Management • Stormwater management + green infrastructure training	• Tour exciting new training facility in Norwood • Discuss risk management for municipalities • Close out the FY together in person!

Alternative Topic Ideas	Objective
Winsmith Mill and Mill Forge Maker Space Site Visit and Arts and Culture Discussion • Tour Winsmith Mill Winsmith Mill Market | Norwood, MA • Tour Mill Forge Makerspace Mill Forge Makerspace: Innovative Maker Community – Way better than welding in your storage unit ○ Arts and culture team joins?	• Tour new makerspace in Norwood • Learn about how makerspaces can contribute to arts communities
Clean Energy Infrastructure and Codes Updates • New local permitting guidelines from DOER (Jeremy) • Mounted solar facilities • Anything from the August 2026 legislative session MPO Update Community Exchange	• Gain a better understanding of new DOER guidelines, and implementation of mounted solar facilities (and other clean energy tools)

Workplan Survey Results (As of 4/16/2026)

1. Which TRIC Meetings this year were most valuable to you? (Select up to 3)



2. What topics would you like to cover in future TRIC meetings?

5 Responses

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1	anonymous	Economic Development
2	anonymous	The new consolidated local permitting guidelines from DOER; zoning for ground mounted solar facilities overall; updates to legislative changes to require training for land use board members, adding Site Plan Review to State Zoning Law, and any other changes that impact Chapter 40A (public hearing notice changes, etc.).
3	anonymous	Language access resources. Still learning about this and if there are shared resources out there that are utilized by more than one TRIC community, that could be nice to learn more about.
4	anonymous	I like the legislative updates! They're incredibly helpful.
5	anonymous	Continue with World Cup until it's over Economic development projects Transportation issues

3. What is the biggest challenge you are currently facing in your work? Is there any way that TRIC could support you in working through this challenge?

8 Responses

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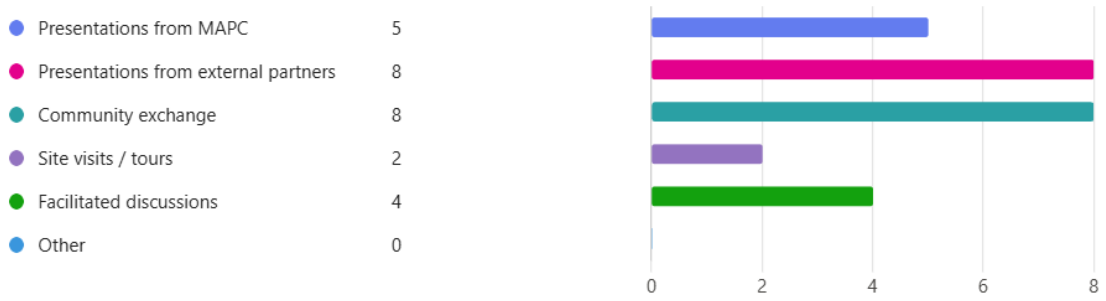
1	anonymous	Finding implementation grants
2	anonymous	Making the meetings - maybe they could be at different times?
3	anonymous	We find ourselves in constant litigation due to the personal opinions of Board members towards applications, rather than understanding the law, their duties, or listening to staff and counsel. I am very much in favor of a change from the State level to mandate yearly or biannual training. This is probably the biggest issue I have is putting out the fires.
4	anonymous	As an early career planner who is in their first town planner role, understanding the local legal landscape of town zoning bylaws and processes, such as the differences between special permit, variance, site plan review, etc. Just having planners from other MA towns share their efforts and challenges and what works for them has been helpful and put things in context.
5	anonymous	Catalyst grants, managing difficult public interactions (at board meetings and beyond), improving inclusive community engagement with limited resources
6	anonymous	Staff capacity

4. Which elements of the TRIC meetings are most important and help to you? (Select up to 3)