



## **PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **SRPEDD Announces a 21-day Public Comment Period and a Virtual Public Meeting to hear comments for amendments to the FFY2021 UPWP, and to the FFY 2021-25 TIP.**

November 17, 2020 – The FFY2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is being amended to adjust work tasks with the addition of a safety corridor study of Route 6 in Westport, and continuing into Dartmouth to Cross Road. This amendment reflects a change in the scope of work for Task 3.2 - Management Systems, but does not change the overall contract budget or allocation of funds in FFY2021. These efforts will be split between the FFY2021 and FFY2022 Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP). The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment concerns the Taunton-Interchange Improvements at Routes 24 & 140, as well as grants to GATRA and the addition of operating funds to SRTA.

The UPWP identifies, in a single document, all of the annual transportation planning activities that are to be undertaken in the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Area which is also the SRPEDD region, from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The TIP lists all highway and transit projects in the 27 SRPEDD communities to be funded through the year 2025.

A public meeting to hear comments and concerns on these amendments will be held **remotely** on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 from 5-6 PM **due to the state of emergency in Massachusetts**. Everyone is welcome to attend, ask questions and offer comments. **The meeting will be conducted through the Microsoft ZOOM App. This link provides the information to allow participants to connect to the meeting through a computer, smart phone or regular telephone.** <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697> . The direct link to the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83400293646?pwd=Mks0bDR2VzI1TVI1NERWN1F0cEo4Zz09>

These amendments will become final on **December 9, 2020** at the next SMMPO meeting. The UPWP, TIP, and proposed amendments can be found on SRPEDD's website at [www.srpedd.org](http://www.srpedd.org) for review. Comments are encouraged and if attendance at the above-mentioned public meeting is not possible, may be offered by a variety of methods including:

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