

March 26, 2025
6:30 PM Regular Meeting
Remote SRPEDD Commission Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome
- Page 2 2. Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2025 * (*Vote requested*)
3. Reports
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 - Page 18 a FFY'26-30 Draft Transportation Improvement Highway Project List
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7. Old Business
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8. New Business
 - Page 32 a 2025-2026 Commissioner (Re-)Appointment Forms due May 19, 2025:
Mayor/Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, At-Large *
9. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest
10. Adjourn

Per MGL c. 30A § 18-25, all meetings posted at: <https://srpedd.org/about-srpedd/meetings/>

FUTURE MEETINGS: Apr. 23, 2025; May 28, 2025; Jun. 25, 2025; July 23, 2025;
No Aug. Mtg.; Sept. 24, 2025 (Annual Mtg.); Oct. 22, 2025

NOTE: An Exec. Cmte Meeting will be convened in the absence of a Commission quorum.

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes, # 2

 SRPEDD Commission Meeting – Draft Minutes
 February 26, 2025
 Remote Meeting via Zoom
Present:**Commissioners:**

V. Alfaro, Acushnet	T. Bott, Carver	C. Vitale, Dartmouth	D. Aguiar, Fall River
B. Roche, Mansfield	N. Hills, Marion	T. Burr, Marion	J. Robbins, Mattap.
M. Clarner, No. Attle.	C. Sullivan, Raynham	L. Ferreira, Rehoboth	N. McDonald, Somerset
R. Peirce, Somerset	G. Hovorka, Swansea	J. Pateakos, Taunton	J. Moran, Wareham
S. Quirk, Wareham	M. Soares, Westport	J. Whitin, Westport	G. Saddler, F.R A/L
A. Eaton, N.B. A/L	A. Slavin, N.B. A/L		

Guests/Staff:

D. Belknap, SRPEDD	L. Estrela-Pedro, SRPEDD	L. Gonzalez, SRPEDD	K. Ham, SRPEDD
G. King, SRPEDD	J. Monet, SRPEDD	A. Morabiro, N. Attle.	T. Perez, SRPEDD
K. Porter, SRPEDD	S. Royer, SRPEDD	J. Walker, SRPEDD	

Absent:

J. Kelley, Acushnet	G. Ayrassian, Attleboro	P. Fellini, Attleboro	S. Leary, Berkley
T. McCrohan, Berkley	B. Cullum, Carver	J. Carvalho, Dighton	R. Woods, Dighton
K. Estes, Dartmouth	A. Saunders, Fairh.	R. Trapilo, Fairhaven	J. Ferreira, Fall River
D. Pettey, Freetown	D. Lodge, Lakeville	L. Carboni, Lakeville	L. Bradley, Middleb.
T. Farley, Middleboro	J. Ponte, N.B.	M. Borg, No. Attleb	K. Snyder, Norton
S. Warchal, Norton	M. Mullen, Plainville	C. Desprez, Plainv.	A. Niccoli, Raynham
D. DeMaggio, Roch.	P. Ciaburri, Rochester	P. Dunn, Seekonk	S. Cadime, Seekonk
J. Hansen, Swansea	B. Fitzgerald, Taunton	C. McDermott, Attle. A/L	T. Lobo, Taunton A/L

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Chairwoman Clarner.
2. **Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2025:** A motion was made to approve the January 22, 2025, minutes. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Chair:** Chairwoman Clarner mentioned that SRPEDD is keeping an eye funding, and all should be paying attention to what funding is available, and to apply before it disappears.
 - b. **Executive Director:** Mr. Walker reported that SRPEDD will now be using the Zoom Webinar platform due to recent meeting interruptions. Mr. Walker reported on recently posted new House and Senate Committee assignments, ongoing outreach and consultation with members of our state delegation, including 5 new House and 1 new Senate member, and refiled state retirement board legislation which reached the third reading of the Public Services Committee last session on behalf of the state's 13 RPAs. Mr. Walker also reported the upcoming March 31 retirement of longtime SRPEDD CFO Ling Ling Chang, as she had announced at last week's Finance Committee meeting, with the position shortly to be advertised.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Contracts:** Chairwoman Clarner referred Commissioners to the contracts listed in the packet, reading each individually for the Board's consideration.

Be it resolved that the SRPEDD Commission authorizes the Chairman, Treasurer, Officers, and Executive Director, as appropriate, to negotiate and execute the following contracts:

1. With the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) to support the Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council's (SRAC) activities for FFY23 for an amount not to exceed \$232,999.15; and for FFY24 for an amount not to exceed \$225,524.17
2. With The Nature Conservancy to implement a riparian buffer restoration project on the Nemasket River for an amount not to exceed \$43,029.
3. With the Town of Rehoboth to provide Green Communities Competitive Grant technical assistance for an amount not to exceed \$3,500.
4. With the City of New Bedford Health Department Laboratory to provide bacteria testing services for SRPEDD to complete the water quality sampling work program associated with the "Compton's Corner Stormwater Management Planning to Protect Shellfishing Habitat" CZM grant-funded project with the Town of Swansea, for a cost of \$25 per sample.
5. With Fuss & O'Neill to provide Permeable Reactive Barrier Feasibility consulting services to SRPEDD to complete the work program associated with the FY 2023 Assawompset Ponds Complex – Long Pond Permeable Reactive Barriers DER Grant, for an amount not to exceed \$109,000.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the contracts listed above and as read. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Hills reported the Finance Committee met February 19, 2025, at SRPEDD and remotely via Zoom. The January 15, 2025, Finance meeting minutes were approved, Treasurer's Report for January 2025 received, and a warrant for expenses signed-off on in the amount of \$122,306.65. He mentioned the Committee reviewed January 2025 month-end General Journal entries and received a detailed briefing on the annual performance of the agency's OPEB trust account by Carl Begin of Bristol Wealth Group. Mr. Hills stated that they also reviewed straight overtime usage for as needed for late-breaking and time-sensitive projects and mapping/other initiatives where weekend and holiday staffing is required.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Finance Committee report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **Joint Transportation Planning Group/MPO:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro reported that the JTPG met on January 8th with meeting minutes included on page 9. She mentioned at this meeting there was a presentations on projects that are being considered for FFY26 through FFY30 of the Transportation Improvement Program for funding. Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned that the SMMPO met on January 21st with minutes on page 13. She mentioned that at the SMMPO the Members adopted the

Statewide Safety Performance Measures. At both of these meetings, the groups voted on projects to be included in the Statewide Resilience Plan. Ms. Estrela-Pedro entertained questions from the members.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Transportation report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Vote to approve Craig Dutra as a SMMPO member:** Ms. Estrela-Pedro mentioned that with Steve Ouellette's election and swearing in as a state representative on January 1st and resulting vacancy on the SMMPO, the town of Westport, per the bylaws, is entitled to name a candidate for Steve's replacement. She mentioned that Craig Dutra, whose resume can be found in the packet has been nominated for the position and asked the Commissioners for a vote to approve Mr. Dutra to the SMMPO.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Craig Dutra as a member of the SMMPO for the remaining term in replacement of Steve Ouellette. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Programs and Project Updates:

- 2025 Regional Resilience Plan:** Mr. King introduced Danica Belknap, Environmental Planning Manager, Lizeth Gonzalez, Director of Community and Economic Development and Taylor Perez, Director of Housing and Research, as project leads, responsible along with their teams, for development of the 2025 Regional Resilience Plan. Mr. King provided an overview of the project, which is 95-99% complete, funded by various sources including the US Economic Development Administration and MA Community Compact Cabinet. Ms. Perez's presentation outlined the structure of the report, which includes three volumes: economy, environment, and society, each with multiple chapters and sections. Ms. Gonzalez discussed the planning unit typology used in the report, which is based on impervious surface coverage and floor area ratio and provided examples of each section. Finally, Ms. Belknap outlined the next steps for the Regional Resilience Plan, including meeting with member communities, refining the work program, and finalizing an executive summary. She mentioned the goal is to develop a Resilience Improvement Program similar to the Transportation Improvement Program, which would prioritize resilience projects for funding going forward. Ms. Belknap emphasized the continuing importance of community feedback, participation in referenced work program refinement, and implementing best practices. In closing, Mr. King entertained questions from the Commissioners, encouraging that if any have follow up questions to please reach out to Ms. Belknap, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Perez, Mr. Walker or himself. Chairwoman Clarner and Mr. Walker thanked the staff for an excellent presentation.
- Environmental Subcommittee Report (inclusive of MEPA report):** Ms. Belknap mentioned that the Environmental Committee has not met recently but that she is working on scheduling a meeting soon. She referred Members to page 22 for the MEPA report and stated that these were previous projects that are under review for the region along with a few new projects.
- Regional Evacuation Route Plan:** Mr. Ham presented on the Regional Evacuation Route Plan initiative which has included draft routing for evacuating communities in the event of a category three hurricane or other major emergencies. He explained the effort has involved meetings with state partners, including MEMA, MassDOT concerning regional shelter and transportation provisions. Among other identified issues, Mr. Ham highlighted the need for high water rescue vehicles, mobile electronic sign boards, and interoperability between regional transit authorities. Mr. Ham stated that plan also includes exercises to test the evacuation routes and regional

sheltering preparedness. Upon conclusion, he entertained questions from the Members.

7. Old Business:

- a. Draft Resolution to Adopt Historic District Commission Appealing Filing Fee:** Mr. Walker introduced the Draft Resolution to Adopt the Historical District Commission appeal filing fee, which is proposed to be \$1,500. He explained that a few months back, SRPEDD had the first historic preservation commission appeal in some years, as provided for in the enabling legislation which created the RPAs that member community Historic Preservation Commissions with appeals of their decisions can reach out to SRPEDD as a neutral third party responsible for appointing a qualified arbiter, in this case an attorney or judge with experience and expertise in historic preservation issues and cases. Mr. Walker stated the proposed fee amount and resolution are based on research in conjunction with the referenced appeal and represents the going rate for such an arbiter, with the attorney often waiving a significant portion of their fee. Upon discussion, Chairwoman Clarner read the following:

Be it resolved that the Commission of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, acting under the provisions of MGL c. 40C, § 12, adopts the following policy:

If any person aggrieved by a determination of a city or town's Historic District Commission wishes to appeal said determination to SRPEDD, and the city or town's local bylaw or ordinance provides for such an appeal under the provisions of MGL c. 40C, § 12, a filing fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) shall be paid to SRPEDD, to be paid by the person(s) aggrieved. This fee must be submitted in the form of a cashier's check or money order. No hearing will be scheduled until payment has been received, nor will the request for hearing be deemed submitted until payment has been received, for purposes of any deadlines set forth in MGL c. 40C, § 12, and/or any local bylaws or ordinances.

A motion was made and seconded to approve to Adopt the Historical District Appeal Filing fee of \$1,500. VOTED APPROVED with two ABSTENTIONS.

- b. Technical Assistance:** Mr. King referred Commissioners to the monthly update on projects contained in the packet on page 24. His report also highlighted recent District Local Technical Assistance awards, a process, he noted, which was particularly busy this year with excellent proposals received across such categories as regionalization, housing, and other compact cabinet program best practices. Mr. King mentioned that he and fellow staff are available to discuss projects as needed by email or calling the office.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Technical Assistance report. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 8. New Business:** Ms. Robbins asked how much of SRPEDD funds are federally funded. Mr. Walker explained that although SRPEDD has a number of directly funded federal projects at present, such as the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) and Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) initiatives, the majority of the agency's programs and projects rely on mixed sources of state, local and other funding, and that thankfully at this time *all* projects, federal, state and local, are able to continue to move forward and appear to be safe. Mr. King added that staff are continually monitoring and attuned to evolving funding opportunities, and that under Mr. Walker's leadership have been preparing for possible reductions, and for years now working to diversify the work program and expand its range of funding sources, including private foundations and the Gaming Commission, among multiple others.

9. Roundtable: Opportunity for Commissioners to provide updates on local topics, projects or matters of regional interest: None

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, via Zoom at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Saddler, Secretary

Date: 3/26/2025

AGENDA ITEM: Contract Approvals, # 4.a.

Be it resolved that the SRPEDD Commission authorizes the Chairman, Treasurer, Officers, and Executive Director, as appropriate, to negotiate and execute the following contracts:

1. With Save the Bay to secure consultant services to design and install a riparian perennial planting in fulfillment of the work program associated with the Nemasket River Riparian Buffer Restoration TNC grant agreement, for an amount not to exceed \$4,172.
2. With Commonplace Landscape and Design to secure consultant services to design and install a living willow shoreline fence in fulfillment of the work program associated with the Nemasket River Riparian Buffer Restoration TNC grant agreement, for an amount not to exceed \$9,960.
3. With Horsley Witten to secure design and permitting support consultant services in fulfillment of the work program associated with FY 2025 Assawompset Ponds Complex – Nemasket River Sedimentation Mitigation, Water Supply Preservation, and Flood Management DER Grant, for an amount not to exceed \$143,000.

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Report # 5.a.

The Finance Committee met March 19, 2025, at SRPEDD. The February 19, 2025, Finance meeting minutes were approved. the Treasurer's Report for February 2025 was received, and a warrant for expenses signed-off on in the amount of \$128,274.63.

Cash & Funds: February 1, 2025	\$ 2,155,227.03
Cash Receipts: Feb 1 – 28, 2025	<u>\$ 349,824.15</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 2,505,051.18

Disbursements: Feb. 1 – 28, 2025	\$ 1,271,150.41
Cash & Funds: Feb. 28, 2025	<u>\$ 1,233,900.77</u>
Total Cash Accounted for:	\$ 2,505,051.18

The Committee reviewed the February 2025 month-end General Journal entries.

Prior to adjournment, Ms. Chang was presented with a cake in honor of her retirement and thanked for her many years of service. There will also be a luncheon held in her honor scheduled for Monday, March 31 at noon at SRPEDD with Commissioners, Committee members, past and present colleagues, and fellow staff all cordially invited to attend.

Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) Meeting

Minutes for the JTPG Meeting

Held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 2:00 PM

Held Hybrid via Zoom and SRPEDD Office in Accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law

The following members and alternates were in attendance:

Victoria Alfaro, Chair.....Town of Acushnet	William O'Rourke.....Town of Plainville
Michael Tyler.....City of Attleboro	David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
John Woods.....Town of Carver	William Anderson.....Town of Swansea
Tim Barber.....Town of Dartmouth	Katherine Nunes.....City of Taunton
Thomas Ferry.....Town of Dighton	Alan Slavin.....Town of Wareham
Ralph Vitacco.....Town of Dighton	James Hartnett.....Town of Westport
Joshua Crabb.....Town of Fairhaven	Michael Burris.....Town of Westport
Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River	Chris McDermott.....At-Large, City of Attleboro
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville	Gloria Saddler, Vice-Chair.....At-Large, City of Fall River
Kevin Dumas.....Town of Mansfield	Tanya Lobo.....At-Large, City of Taunton
Josh Reinke.....Town of Mansfield	Ashley Eaton.....At-Large, City of New Bedford
Norm Hills.....Town of Marion	
Janice Robbins.....Town of Mattapoisett	
Garrett Bauer.....Town Mattapoisett	
Justin Chicca.....City of New Bedford	
Adam Hart.....City of New Bedford	

The following members/alternates were NOT in attendance:

Town of Berkley	Town of Raynham
Town of Freetown	Town of Rehoboth
Town of Middleborough	Town of Rochester
Town of Norton	Town of Somerset

Also in Attendance:

Barbara Lachance.....MassDOT	Amy Archer.....Pare Corp.
Chris Klem.....MassDOT	Steve Findlen.....Howard Stein Hudson
Derek Shooster.....MassDOT	Nick Schonberger.....Mass Development
Diane Hayes.....MassDOT	Jim Fitzgerald.....Apex
Eric Gemperline.....FHWA	Sid Kashi.....GPI/Greenman-Pederson, Inc.
Shayne Trimbell.....SRTA	Katherine Patch.....Fuss & O'Neill
Mary Ellen DeFrias.....GATRA	George Klevorn.....Fuss & O'Neill
Bonnie Roalsen.....AECOM/MassDOT Safe Rtes	Lisa Estrela-Pedro.....SRPEDD
Colleen Pekurl.....AECOM/MassDOT Safe Rtes	Jeffery Walker.....SRPEDD
Gail Rodrigues.....SCBA	Andrea Duarte.....SRPEDD
Emma Yeh.....Pare Corp.	Stacy Royer.....SRPEDD
	Noah Soutier.....SRPEDD

Rebekah Rose.....SRPEDD
Jackie Jones.....SRPEDD
Jennifer Chaves.....SRPEDD

Sean Hilton.....SRPEDD
Jon Gray.....SRPEDD

Handouts:

JTPG Meeting Agenda for February 12, 2025
DRAFT January 08, 2025, JTPG Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chair Victoria Alfaro called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. Chair Alfaro made an announcement on how the meeting will be run using the Zoom webinar mode. Andrea Duarte asked all JTPG members to unmute themselves so she could call the complete roll call of JTPG members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call:

Victoria Alfaro, Chair.....Town of Acushnet
Michael Tyler.....City of Attleboro
Robert Araujo.....City of Attleboro
John Woods.....Town of Carver
Tim Barber.....Town Dartmouth
Thomas Ferry.....Town of Dighton
Ralph Vitacco.....Town of Dighton
Joshua Crabb.....Town Fairhaven
Dan Aguiar.....City of Fall River
Franklin Moniz.....Town of Lakeville
Kevin Dumas.....Town Mansfield
Josh Reinke.....Town Mansfield
Norm Hills.....Town of Marion
Janice Robbins.....Town Mattap.
Garrett Bauer.....Town of Mattap.
Justin Chicca.....City New Bedford
Adam Hart.....City New Bedford

William O'Rourke.....Town of Plainville
David Cabral.....Town of Seekonk
William Anderson.....Town of Swansea
Katherine Nunes.....City of Taunton
James Hartnett.....Town of Westport
Michael Burris.....Town of Westport
Chris McDermott.....At-Large, City of
Attleboro
Gloria Saddler, Vice-Chair.....At-Large, City of
Fall River
Tanya Lobo.....At-Large, City
Taunton
Ashley Eaton.....At-Large, City of
New Bedford
Alan Slavin.....At-Large, City of
New Bedford

2. Approval of Minutes – January 08, 2025 (Materials Attached & roll call vote needed)

Chair Alfaro called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 08, 2025, meeting. The motion was made by Janice Robbins and seconded by James Hartnett. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

Town of Acushnet.....Yes
City of Attleboro.....Yes
Town of Carver.....Yes
Town of DartmouthYes
Town of Dighton.....Yes
Town of Fairhaven.....Yes
City of Fall River.....Abstain
Town of Lakeville.....Abstain
Town of Mansfield.....Yes
Town of MarionYes
Town of Mattapoissett.....Yes

City of New Bedford.....Yes
Town of Plainville.....Yes
Town of Seekonk.....Abstain
Town of Swansea.....Abstain
City of Taunton.....Yes
Town of Westport.....Yes
At-Large, City of Attleboro.....Yes
At-Large, City of Fall River.....Yes
At-Large, City of New Bedford....Yes
At-Large, Town of Wareham.....Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH 4 ABSTENTIONS.

3. Public Comments – Opportunity for the Public to address the JTPG

There were no comments offered.

4. Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) Report - RTA Updates

Mary Ellen DeFrias informed the group that GATRA has gone out to bid for a new connecting service between Brockton, Fall River, and Taunton and is awaiting responses to move forward with implementation. Like other transit agencies, GATRA is facing uncertainty regarding the use of federal funding, particularly for TIP projects, leading to a temporary holding pattern. Due to funding uncertainties, the electric bus program may be put on hold to prioritize maintaining current service levels. Recent service changes made in December have been well received, including extended evening hours, with hopes of further expansion if additional resources become available. Adjustments are also being made to accommodate South Coast Rail, including changes to service in Middleboro and the new Taunton station, set to take effect next month.

Shayne Trimbell informed the group that SRTA is facing similar funding uncertainties, the agency remains committed to serving its community despite the challenges. Ridership surged through December, reflecting a strong year for transit services. Efforts are now focused on preparing for the South Coast Rail service. The agency contracted Via to provide micro transit service to the stations, initially expecting a later start in the spring. In an unexpected turn, MBTA is delivering the project ahead of schedule, requiring an accelerated adjustment to service plans. A kickoff meeting with Via is set for tomorrow, and while it will be a scramble, the goal is to have service operational in time for the launch of South Coast Rail. After attending the South Coast Rail meeting in Freetown on Monday, Ms. Duarte requested an update on SRTA's connections to the new rail service. Mr. Trimbell responded that SRTA is already serving the South Coast Rail stations through its fixed-route system, except for Freetown, which is in a more remote location. The original micro transit plan was designed around the initially proposed schedule, which focused on limited AM departures to Boston and PM arrivals. The train schedule has since expanded to include midday and weekend trips. The micro transit service will continue to operate as planned, primarily covering times outside the fixed-route service span, which would have been too costly to accommodate otherwise. For those traveling during the day, SRTA's fixed-route buses will provide connections to the stations.

5. Community of Practice Discussion - Opportunity for Members to Share Questions, Project Updates, Challenges, Success Stories, Lessons Learned

Gloria Saddler of Fall River raised a concern about the bus shelter at the local Walmart, which lacks glass or plastic panes, leaving riders exposed to the elements. She noted that constituents, often carrying bags of groceries, are not adequately protected while waiting for the bus. Observing the shelter firsthand, she found that it only provides minimal coverage, such as shade from the sun, and questioned the reasoning behind its current state. She requested insight into why the shelter lacks proper enclosures so she can better address her constituents' concerns. Mr. Trimbell responded that the issue with the Walmart bus shelter is that it is not owned or maintained by SRTA, as it is entirely on Walmart's property, including the shelter, bus pull-off, and location itself. This has been a long-standing challenge, as the shelter frequently falls into disrepair, and while Walmart does make occasional repairs, they are often slow and quickly undone by vandalism. SRTA regularly hears complaints from riders and the community about the poor condition of the shelter but has no authority to fix it directly. The only option available is to continue urging Walmart to take better care of the structure.

Josh Crabb inquired about the timeline for receiving paperwork after having his first project accepted by the Project Review Committee with MassDOT in mid-December. He asked how long it might typically take before he can proceed with the next steps. Barbara Lachance responded that letters have been sent out

and are currently awaiting signatures. There are about four or five letters in the queue, with key signatories. The expected timeframe to receive the paperwork is by the end of next week.

Katherine Nunes raised concerns about moving forward with city projects amid uncertainty surrounding federal funding. There are many projects in progress, but some lack a designated programming year. Despite receiving PRC approval and establishing a design contract, they are unsure whether to proceed as planned or if potential funding changes could impact their timelines. They are seeking feedback on whether continuing to meet milestones is advisable to secure a programmed funding year in the TIP or if there are broader implications due to the federal funding situation. Jackie Jones from SRPEDD stated that there is currently no guidance regarding potential changes to federal funding. Despite the uncertainty, TIP development is proceeding as usual, with set funding still in place. Her advice is to continue moving projects forward under the assumption that they will go through the normal TIP process and receive funding. As of now, there have been no indications of changes to highway funding. She also invited federal partners to provide input if they wished but acknowledged that definitive answers may not be available at this time. Discussion ensued with MassDOT on specific projects for Taunton.

6. Presentation on 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects

Jackie Jones explained that communities that have projects in the TIP are being asked to present updates to the JTPG. Communities with projects in the future element will also be asked to present their projects for consideration in the upcoming TIP. This is to ensure that JTPG members have adequate information when they vote on project prioritization.

Katherine Patch from Fuss & O'Neill presented updates on Swansea's Route 118 Swansea Mall Drive. This project was approved in the fall of 2022 and aims to implement a road diet to enhance safety, accommodate all roadway users, and support economic redevelopment in the area. The project spans from Wood Street to Milford Road, stopping just outside of a separate project on Route 6. The primary focus is on reducing high speeds, improving pedestrian and cyclist accessibility, and addressing safety concerns, particularly at the Wood Street intersection, where transitions between commercial and residential areas create traffic challenges. Existing conditions reveal high vehicle speeds, difficult driveway access, and inadequate pedestrian infrastructure. Plans include extending a shared-use path, improving sidewalks, and making the corridor more user-friendly. The project has completed data collection, conceptual alternatives, public workshops, and has passed the initial project initiation stage with MassDOT. A project scoping meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2025, to align all stakeholders and advance to the next phase.

Emma Yeh from Pare Engineering presented updates on Westport's River Rail Trail Extension. The project aims to extend the existing trail near the Fall River line to Route 6 at the Old Bedford Road intersection. Three alternatives were developed: one following the pond's southern edge, another closer to the roadway, and a third that includes a boardwalk option. The preferred route follows the pond, connecting to Route 6 near a bus stop that requires accessibility upgrades. A public meeting will be held to gather feedback before finalizing plans. The project is a small segment of the larger South Coast Bikeway, which is still under discussion among New Bedford, Dartmouth, and Westport. The extension aligns with broader regional plans, with future iterations set to continue the bikeway beyond this segment. Ms. Jones commented that the project may be small, but from a TIP perspective, smaller projects can be easier to integrate into available funding slots. Ms. Jones asked for clarification on what kind of signalized intersection will be implemented at Old Bedford Road and Route 6, an overhead crosswalk signal or a full signalized intersection. Ms. Yeh responded that a fully signalized intersection is planned. This aligns with the ongoing road diet project further east, which is expected to extend through the area. Currently, the road transitions from two lanes to one in each direction, and if the road diet continues, multiple traffic signal warrants would be met. Given the anticipated increase in pedestrian and cyclist activity due to the trail connection, a fully signalized intersection appears to be the safest solution to ensure protection for all

roadway users.

7. Draft 2026-2030 Highway TIP Project Programming Considerations.

Ms. Jones stated that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process is facing significant challenges due to rising project costs, fiscal constraints, and project readiness issues. Many projects are experiencing cost increases that make it difficult to keep them in their originally planned years, leading to a domino effect of shifting timelines. In 2027, all programmed projects are still in the pre-25% design phase, raising concerns about their feasibility within that year. Additionally, the 2030 funding cycle will have less available funding, further complicating project scheduling. While there is a strong desire to add new projects, limited funding and a lack of fully prepared proposals make integration difficult. The upcoming scenario development phase will be crucial in determining the best way to allocate resources while maintaining project timelines and addressing regional priorities. Nick Schonberger expressed interest in learning more about how transportation projects, particularly those focused on complete streets and public safety initiatives, could be supported in the downtown area. Noting SRPEDD's past collaboration with other TDI fellows, he highlighted opportunities for small but impactful improvements along North Main Street and Bedford Street that could enhance the area's overall safety and pedestrian experience. He also acknowledged the significant funding challenges but remain eager to explore potential solutions and appreciate the ongoing discussions.

8. FFY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Proposed Addition of Age and Dementia Friendly Plan.

Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that next week, a proposal will be presented to the MPO to amend the regional transportation plan to include an age-friendly plan. This initiative will build on previous work and collaborate with local partners, including the five communities in our region that have already developed their own age-friendly plans. If approved, the project will be programmed in the UPWP and carried out over two years, beginning in March, with a final document expected in 2026.

9. Other Business

Ms. Estrela-Pedro provided a brief update regarding remote meetings under the Open Meeting Law. The current provisions allowing remote meetings are set to expire on March 31. If they are not extended, in-person meetings may resume in April. Members were encouraged to share any additional updates as needed. Alan Slavin stated that the state legislation is looking to make the options for remote and hybrid meetings permanent, and more information should be available before the end of March.

10. Date and Time for Next Meeting

Date and Time for the next meeting is March 12, 2025, at 2:00 PM as a hybrid meeting, in which attendees can join at the SRPEDD office in Taunton or via Zoom.

11. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Alan Slavin and seconded by Norm Hills. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Draft Minutes of the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 1:00 PM - Held remotely via Zoom.

The following members were in attendance:

Derek Krevat-----Representing Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Acting MassDOT Secretary, *Chair*
Shaun Handy-----Representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Div. Administrator
Daniel Aguiar-----Representing Paul Coogan, Mayor of Fall River
Jamie Ponte-----Representing Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford
Andrew Saunders-----Town of Fairhaven

Sarah Hewins----- Town of Carver
Marie Clarner-----SRPEDD Commission Chair (Joined late)
Stacy Forte-----Representing Mary Ellen De Frias, GATRA Administrator

Ex-officio, non-voting members in attendance:

Victoria Alfaro-----Joint Transportation Planning Group Chair

The following were also in attendance:

Chris Klem-----MassDOT
Diane Hayes-----MassDOT
Alan Slavin-----Town of Wareham
Colleen Pekarul-----MassDOT Safe Routes to School
Bonnie Roalsen----- MassDOT Safe Routes to School
Pamela Haznar-----McClure
Lisa Estrela-Pedro-----SRPEDD
Jackie Jones-----SRPEDD
Andrea Duarte-----SRPEDD
Rebekah Rose-----SRPEDD
Noah Soutier-----SRPEDD
Dan Brogan-----SRPEDD

Handouts:

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SMMPO Draft Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025
FFY2025-2029 TIP Amendment 1
FFY2025-2029 TIP Amendment 2
FFY2025 UPWP Amendment 1

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call-

Chairman Derek Krevat called the SMMPO meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Ms. Andrea Duarte asked all MPO members and designees to please unmute themselves so she could call the roll for attendance. She then called the complete roll of MPO members, with the following being present at the time of the roll call:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	Town of Carver-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes	

2. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2025 (Materials Attached and Roll Call Vote Needed)

Chairman Krevat requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025, SMMPO meeting. The motion was made by Jamie Ponte and seconded by Andrew Saunders. Ms. Duarte then called the roll:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	Town of Carver-----Abstain
City of Fall River-----Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Abstain
City of New Bedford-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSENTIONS.

3. Public Comments

Chairman Krevat invited members of the public to make comments. There were no comments presented.

4. Regional Transit Authorities Report – RTA Updates

Stacy Forte informed the group that GATRA received proposals for the Taunton-Brockton-Fall River service last week and is reviewing them with hopes to start service in a couple of months. GATRA is also looking at service delivery options to the two new train stations in East Taunton and Middleborough.

5. Proposed Amendment #1 FFY2025-2029 TIP: Cost Increase to Project 608759 Swansea - Traffic Signal and Safety Improvements at Three Intersections on Route 6 & Addition of New Project S13168 New Bedford: New Bedford SS4A - Two demonstration projects Discretionary Grant (\$237,266) (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Endorse)

Lisa Estrela-Pedro reminded the group that at the last meeting, the SMMPO released FFY2025-2029 TIP Proposed Amendment #1 to public comment. It was for two projects, a New Bedford discretionary grant for two demonstration projects to be included in federal fiscal year 2025 and the other one was for a cost increase for a project in Swansea which is traffic signal and safety improvements at 3 intersections along Route 6. A public meeting was held on February 6 and no comments were received there. MassDOT provided comments during the comment period. The original cost increase for the Swansea project was roughly \$3 million, but the increase has now gone up to \$4.4 million. Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked the body for a vote to endorse the amendment today.

The Chair asked if there were any questions on the Amendment and seeing none asked for a motion to endorse Proposed FFY2025-2029 TIP Amendment #1 as presented. The motion was made by Dan Aguiar and seconded by Sarah Hewins. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes

Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
Town of Carver-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Proposed Amendment #2 FFY2025-2029 TIP: GATRA FFY25 Project Cost modifications due to readiness (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Release to 21-day Public Comment Period)

Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that the modifications in Proposed FFY25-29 TIP Amendment #2 are inclusive of four amendments and three adjustments for projects that are currently in federal fiscal year 2025. The main reason for these projects moving out or a modification to the cost is due to the Wareham East Maintenance Facility project being pushed out to FFY2026 with 5307 funds and a new bus purchase project that is being added to FFY2025. RTA cap is currently still programmed in FFY2025. She referred the group to the table on the screen that listed all of the project modifications being proposed as a result of these two projects. She welcomed Ms. Forte of GATRA to add any additional details to which there were none added. Ms. Estrela-Pedro asked the body to take a vote to release the Amendment to a 21-day public comment period.

The Chair asked if there were any questions on TIP Amendment #2 and seeing none asked for a motion to release Amendment #2 to a 21-day public comment period. The motion was made by Dan Aguiar and seconded by Jamie Ponte. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes
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MassDOT Administrator-----Yes

City of Fall River-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes
Town of Fairhaven-----Yes

Town of Carver-----Yes
SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Draft 2026-2030 Highway TIP Project Programming Considerations

Jackie Jones announced that SMMPO staff have been working closely with MassDOT District 5 staff to prepare for this year's TIP cycle. Staff participated in a TIP readiness day on February 3rd to get the most up to date information on the status and cost for TIP projects they have been evaluating. All the projects proposed for TIP funding use the SMMPO's evaluation criteria process, which assigns a ranking score to projects based on how well they align with regional priorities. Ms. Jones discussed each year of the TIP as currently programmed and explained the trends and issues staff are seeing as they move forward into scenario development. She emphasized that staff try to provide as much information as possible to SMMPO voting members as they work to develop the TIP and later vote on it. She shared a list of various components that go into the TIP in addition to the project list, including information that assists in project development, an equity analysis, financial planning, and explanations of how projects are programmed. She stated that SMMPO staff work with local regional transit authorities to make sure that their projects are programmed and that the SMMPO is also helping them with their priorities.

Two major factors that influence project placement are fiscal constraint—whether there is enough funding in a fiscal year to cover the cost of all the projects— and readiness—is the project ready to be programmed for construction in that year. TIP readiness days inform staff about the current cost and readiness of projects. She informed the group that 2025 projects do not go into this TIP in development, but projects that are currently programmed into 2025 are expected to stay there and will not need to be considered for programming into 2026-2030 TIP, which is very good news for fiscal year 2026. Ms. Jones stated that the region's TIP is currently over-programmed because all the projects in 2026 increased in cost. The budget was \$26 million, and the region is now programmed for \$3 million over that, which means that some projects will need to be moved to later years in order for the TIP to be fiscally constrained and within budget.

Ms. Jones stated that projects on the first year of the TIP should be at 75% or 100% design, and projects on the second year of the TIP should be at 25% design. None of the projects currently programmed for 2027 are currently considered to be in the 25% design phase. Therefore, two of them were recommended to stay in this year and one was recommended to be pushed out. 2029 projects are also likely to move due to shuffling of previous years' projects and cost increases as projects continue to further develop. She stated that several scenarios will be presented to the SMMPO next month, which will present 2-3 options to program \$33 million of projects. Staff are uncertain whether they will be able to add new projects to this TIP cycle due to the significant cost increases and project shuffling. She encouraged the group to contact staff with questions about project scoring and that they view project presentations presented to the JTPG which will be on the SRPEDD website before next month's vote. The SMMPO will take a vote on a preferred TIP scenario in March and will vote on the draft TIP in April.

8. FFY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Proposed Amendment #1 for Addition of Age and Dementia Friendly Plan Development Tasks (Materials Attached, Roll Call Vote Needed to Release to 21-day Public Comment Period)

Ms. Estrela-Pedro stated that SMMPO staff is looking to reallocate funds and change its scope of work under the active transportation planning task to begin data collection efforts for an age-friendly regional plan. This is in response to needs identified in the region's transportation plan and the trend of older adult population growth in the region. Staff is looking at taking some funds out of the 3C planning process and

transit planning and support process and placing those in the active transportation task to account for the work that would be done on the Age Friendly Plan. Staff is planning to do data collection in FFY2025 and continue that work through the FFY2026 UPWP to develop the plan over a year and a half. She asked the body for a vote to release the Amendment to a 21-day public comment period and that staff will be asking MassDOT to approve this change once the SMMPO has endorsed it.

The Chair asked if there were any questions on the proposed UPWP Amendment and seeing none asked for a motion to release the Amendment to a 21-day public comment period. The motion was made by Dan Aguiar and seconded by Sarah Hewins. The Chair asked Ms. Duarte to read the roll as follows:

MassDOT Chair-----Yes	Town of Fairhaven-----Yes
MassDOT Administrator-----Yes	Town of Carver-----Yes
City of Fall River-----Yes	SRPEDD Commission Chair-----Yes
City of New Bedford-----Yes	GATRA-----Yes

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Open Meeting Law Discussion

Ms. Estrela-Pedro reminded the group that the provisions in the Open Meeting Law that allow for remote meetings are set to expire on March 31st and we are waiting on the governor and legislature to extend those provisions. She stated that without extension of those provisions, there may be a need to hold an in-person meeting that would possibly be in April, but staff will keep the group informed of any updates. Mr. Krevat stated that the state's Municipal Empowerment Act currently in the legislature is proposing the permanent allowance of remote meetings.

10. Other Business

No comments were provided regarding other business.

11. Date and Time for Next Meeting

The Chair announced that the next SMMPO meeting will be on March 18, 2025 at 1:00 pm, held virtually.

12. Adjourn

The Chair asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Sarah Hewins made the motion and Dan Aguiar seconded. The Chair asked that all in favor say aye. All ayes were heard. The Chair thanked everyone, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 PM.



Draft FFY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
MassDOT's Statewide Funded Projects for Southeastern Massachusetts



FFY2026-2030 TIP Proposed Year	FFY2025-2029 TIP Previously Programmed Year	MassDOT Project ID	MassDOT Project Description	Total Programmed Funds	Notes
2026	2026	612056	ATTLEBORO- NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH- MANSFIELD- FOXBOROUGH- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON I-95	\$15,417,321	No Change in Programming Year
2026	2026	607979	MARION- SHARED USE PATH CONSTRUCTION (PHASE 1), FROM THE MARION-MATTAPOISETT T.L. TO POINT ROAD	\$5,924,179	No Change in Programming Year
2026	2026	612061	MATTAPOISETT- MARION- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON I-195	\$22,969,565	No Change in Programming Year
2026	2026	606352	WAREHAM- CULVERT AND DAM REPLACEMENT ON CRANBERRY HIGHWAY AT ROUTE 28 AND ROUTE 6, MILL POND DAM OVER AGAWAM RIVER	\$12,049,583	Programmed Over 4 Years (2025-2028)
2026	2026	612064	WESTPORT- DARTMOUTH- REURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON I-195	\$8,956,236	No Change in Programming Year
2026	2026	606527	NEW BEDFORD- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, N-06-020, I-195 (EB & WB), RAMP C & F OVER ST 18, COUNTY STREET, STATE STREET, MASS COASTAL RAILROAD, PURCHASE STREET, WELD STREET, INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO N-06-021, N-06-022, F-01-008	\$128,321,384	No Change in Programming Year
2026	2026	613636	DIGHTON- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, D-08-002 (3L9), PLEASANT STREET OVER MUDDY COVE	\$3,437,500	Earmark \$3,437,500 Total Cost \$5,409,100 - \$1,971,600 No Change in Programming Year, Cost Increase
2026	2026	613642	RAYNHAM- TAUNTON- BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION, R-02-003=T-01-004 (3M4), SOUTH STREET EAST OVER THE TAUNTON RIVER	\$6,250,000	Earmark \$6,250,000 Total Cost \$6,269,240 - \$19,240 No Change in Programming Year, Anticipated Cost Increase
2026	Not programmed	613871	TAUNTON- BRIDGE PRESERVATION, T-01-007, PLAIN STREET BRIDGE OVER THE TAUNTON RIVER	\$1,250,000	New Project
2026	Not programmed	613932	FREETOWN- BRIDGE PRESERVATION, F-09-002, SOUTH MAIN STREET OVER THE ASSONET RIVER	\$600,000	New Project



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2027	2026	609434	FALL RIVER- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, F-02-114 (COX), JEFFERSON STREET OVER SUCKER BROOK	\$6,263,089	Delayed One Year
2027	2026	606389	FREETOWN- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, F-09-017, CHACE ROAD OVER ROUTE 140	\$17,761,669	Delayed One Year
2027	2027	613359	FREETOWN- FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS)	\$1,449,939	No Change in Programming Year
2027	2027	606089	FREETOWN- SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT, F-09-010, N. MAIN STREET OVER ST 24	\$3,893,760	No Change in Programming Year
2027	2027	612263	NEW BEDFORD- BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN RAMP CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 6 (WB) TO MACARTHUR DRIVE	\$7,092,129	No Change in Programming Year
2027	2027	607348	NORTH ATTLEBORO- SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT & SUBSTRUCTURE REHABILITATION, N-16-004, MENDON ROAD OVER ABBOTT RUN RIVER	\$9,857,428	No Change in Programming Year
2027	2027	606352	WAREHAM- CULVERT AND DAM REPLACEMENT ON CRANBERRY HIGHWAY AT ROUTE 28 AND ROUTE 6, MILL POND DAM OVER AGAWAM RIVER	\$11,909,061	Programmed Over 4 Years (2025-2028)
2027	Not programmed	612058	RAYNHAM- TAUNTON- NORTON- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON I-495	\$20,501,976	New Project
2028	2027	611980	SOMERSET- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 6 AND LEES RIVER AVE	\$4,063,500	Delayed One Year
2028	2027	612101	FALL RIVER- MARY FONSECA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS)	\$909,349	Delayed One Year
2028	2028	612105	FALL RIVER- WESTPORT- INTERSTATE MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORK ON I-195	\$6,272,640	No Change in Programming Year
2028	2028	612077	LAKEVILLE- FREETOWN- TAUNTON- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 140	\$7,712,820	No Change in Programming Year
2028	2028	613094	TAUNTON- TAUNTON RIVER RAIL TRAIL CONSTRUCTION	\$18,915,417	No Change in Programming Year
2028	2028	606352	WAREHAM- CULVERT AND DAM REPLACEMENT ON CRANBERRY HIGHWAY AT ROUTE 28 AND ROUTE 6, MILL POND DAM OVER AGAWAM RIVER	\$6,000,000	Programmed Over 4 Years (2025-2028)



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2029	2029	613386	MANSFIELD- NORTON- INTERSTATE PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND RELATED WORK ON I-495	\$27,408,640	No Change in Programming Year
2030	2029	611991	NEW BEDFORD- FREETOWN- PAVEMENT PRESERVATION & RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 140	\$8,948,506	Delayed One Year
2030	2029	613596	MIDDLEBOROUGH- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 28 AT MERCHANT'S WAY AND WILLIAMS PLACE	\$12,064,087	Delayed One Year
2030	Not programmed	613384	FAIRHAVEN- NEW BEDFORD- INTERSTATE PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND RELATED WORK ON I-195	\$16,434,880	New Project



Draft FFY26-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Regional Target Preferred Scenario - Project Prioritization

Proposed FFY26-30 TIP Year	Current FFY25-29 TIP Year	Change	MassDOT Project ID	MassDOT Project Description	Approved Date	SRPEDD Evaluation Criteria Score	Status
2026	2026	Remains in Programmed Year	607871	DARTMOUTH- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6, FROM FAUNCE CORNER ROAD TO HATHAWAY ROAD *Proponent - Dartmouth/MassDOT	4/7/2014	71	75%
2026	2026	Remains in Programmed Year	610647	WAREHAM- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6 AT SWIFTS BEACH ROAD *Proponent - MassDOT	10/19/2019	69	100%
2027	2026	Moves to 2027	609193	NORTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST MAIN STREET (ROUTE 123), NORTH WORCESTER STREET AND SOUTH WORCESTER STREET	7/19/2018	51	100%
2027	2026	Moves to 2027	610927	WESTPORT- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 177 AND ROBERTS ROAD/TICKLE ROAD	9/24/2020	29	75%
2027	2027	Remains in Programmed Year	608750	PLAINVILLE- RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET (ROUTE 1A), FROM SHARLENE LANE TO EVERETT STREET AND RELATED WORK	3/23/2017	71	Pre 25%
2027	2027	Remains in Programmed Year	612268	MANSFIELD- CHAUNCY STREET (ROUTE 106) IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2)	6/24/2021	69	Pre 25%
2028	2027	Moves 2028	608530	MIDDLEBORO- RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON WAREHAM STREET AND WOOD STREET	7/20/2017	61	Pre 25%
2028	2027	Moves 2028	610798	NEW BEDFORD- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MOUNT PLEASANT STREET AND NASH ROAD	4/30/2020	58	Pre 25%
2028	2028	Remains in Programmed Year	612672	NEW BEDFORD- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON TARKILN HILL ROAD AND ASHLEY BOULEVARD	5/12/2022	57	Pre 25%
2029	2028	Moves to 2029	607440	MATTAPOISETT- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON MAIN STREET, WATER STREET, BEACON STREET AND MARION ROAD.	7/25/2013	38	Pre 25%
2029	2029	Remains in Programmed Year	613095	ATTLEBORO- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123, FROM LATHROP ROAD TO THATCHER STREET	12/20/2022	64	Pre 25%
2030	2029	Moves to 2030	610669	DARTMOUTH- CROSS ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS	12/19/2019	52	Pre 25%
2030	2029	Moves to 2030	612604	NEW BEDFORD- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON COUNTY STREET, FROM UNION STREET TO KEMPTON STREET	2/10/2022	52	Pre 25%
2030	2029	Moves to 2030	607825	WAREHAM- SHARED USE PATH CONSTRUCTION ADJACENT TO NARROWS ROAD AND MINOT AVENUE	6/16/2016	49	Pre 25%
2030	2029	Moves to 2030	608586	DARTMOUTH- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON DARTMOUTH STREET AND PROSPECT STREET	10/6/2016	34	Pre 25%
2030	Future Element	New Programmed Project	613257	TAUNTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WINTHROP STREET (ROUTE 44) AND HIGHLAND STREET	6/1/2023	45	Pre 25%

**Draft FFY26-30 Transportation Improvement Program TIP Regional Target
Preferred Scenario - Project Prioritization**



						2026 Regional Target \$26,162,323		2027 Regional Target \$31,828,004		2028 Regional Target \$33,094,525		2029 Regional Target \$32,847,926		2030 Regional Target \$33,373,236	
						2026 Total Balance		2027 Total Balance		2028 Total Balance		2029 Total Balance		2030 Total Balance	
						\$3,498,136		\$1,970,338		\$6,080,233		\$1,632,946		\$4,641,988	
Current FFY	Recommended FFY	Proposed FFY26-30 TIP Year	MassDOT Project ID	MassDOT Project Description	EC Score/Status	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030	
2026	2026	2026	610647	WAREHAM- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6 AT SWIFTS BEACH ROAD	69/100%	\$10,914,815	\$10,914,815	\$11,351,408		\$11,788,000		\$12,224,593		\$12,661,186	
2026	2026	2026	607871	DARTMOUTH- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 6, FROM FAUNCE CORNER ROAD TO HATHAWAY ROAD	71/75%	\$11,024,874	\$11,024,874	\$11,465,869		\$11,906,864		\$12,347,859		\$12,788,854	
2026	2026	2027	609193	NORTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST MAIN STREET (ROUTE 123), NORTH WORCESTER STREET AND SOUTH WORCESTER STREET	43/100%	\$3,455,335		\$3,593,549		\$3,593,549		\$3,731,762		\$3,869,976	
2026	2026	2027	610927	WESTPORT- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 177 AND ROBERTS ROAD/TICKLE ROAD	29/75%	\$4,520,435		\$4,701,253		\$4,701,253		\$4,882,070		\$5,062,888	
2025	AC'd 2025/2026	2026	606715	LAKEVILLE- RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON RHODE ISLAND ROAD (ROUTE 79), FROM THE TAUNTON CITY LINE TO CLEAR POND ROAD	100%	\$724,497	\$724,497								
Current FFY	Recommended FFY	Proposed FFY26-30 TIP Year	MassDOT Project ID	MassDOT Project Description	EC Score/Status	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030	
2027	2028	2027	612268	MANSFIELD- CHAUNCY STREET (ROUTE 106) IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2)	69/Pre 25%	\$9,002,550		\$9,362,652		\$9,362,652		\$9,722,754		\$10,082,856	
2027	2028	2027	608750	PLAINVILLE- RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET (ROUTE 1A), FROM SHARLENE LANE TO EVERETT STREET AND RELATED WORK	71/Pre 25%	\$11,730,973		\$12,200,212		\$12,200,212		\$12,669,451		\$13,138,690	
2027	2027	2028	610798	NEW BEDFORD- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MOUNT PLEASANT STREET AND NASH ROAD	58/Pre 25%	\$5,708,546		\$5,936,888		\$6,165,230		\$6,165,230		\$6,393,572	
2027	2027	2028	608530	MIDDLEBORO- RECONSTRUCTION AND RELATED WORK ON WAREHAM STREET AND WOOD STREET	61/Pre 25%	\$6,913,175		\$7,189,702		\$7,466,229		\$7,466,229		\$7,742,756	
Current FFY	Recommended FFY	Proposed FFY26-30 TIP Year	MassDOT Project ID	MassDOT Project Description	EC Score/Status	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030	
2028	2028	2029	607440	MATTAPOISETT- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK ON MAIN STREET, WATER STREET, BEACON STREET AND MARION ROAD.	38/Pre 25%	\$16,164,943		\$16,811,541		\$17,458,139		\$18,104,737		\$18,104,737	
2028	2028	2028	612672	NEW BEDFORD- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON TARKILN HILL ROAD AND ASHLEY BOULEVARD	57/Pre 25%	\$12,391,513		\$12,887,173		\$13,382,834		\$13,382,834		\$13,878,494	
Current FFY	Recommended FFY	Proposed FFY26-30 TIP Year	MassDOT Project ID	MassDOT Project Description	EC Score/Status	2026		2027		2028		2029		2030	
2029	2029	2030	607825	WAREHAM- SHARED USE PATH CONSTRUCTION ADJACENT TO NARROWS ROAD AND MINOT AVENUE	49/Pre 25%	\$6,379,204		\$6,634,372		\$6,889,541		\$7,144,709		\$7,399,877	
2029	2029	2030	608586	DARTMOUTH- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON DARTMOUTH STREET AND PROSPECT STREET	34/Pre 25%	\$4,168,046		\$4,334,768		\$4,501,490		\$4,668,212		\$4,834,934	
2029	2029	2030	612604	NEW BEDFORD - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON COUNTY STREET, FROM UNION STREET TO KEMPTON STREET	52/Pre 25%	\$6,209,400		\$6,457,776		\$6,706,152		\$6,954,528		\$7,202,904	
2029	2029	2029	613095	ATTLEBORO- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 123, FROM LATHROP ROAD TO THATCHER STREET	64/Pre 25%	\$11,705,574		\$12,173,797		\$12,642,020		\$13,110,243		\$13,110,243	
2029	2029	2030	610669	DARTMOUTH - CROSS ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS	52/Pre 25%	\$5,552,799		\$5,774,910		\$5,997,022		\$6,219,134		\$6,441,246	

Draft FFY26-30 TIP Regional Target Projects
Scenario 2 - Project Prioritization



2026 Regional Target \$26,162,323	2026 Total Balance	2027 Regional Target \$31,828,004	2027 Total Balance	2028 Regional Target \$33,094,525	2028 Total Balance	2029 Regional Target \$32,847,926	2029 Total Balance	2030 Regional Target \$33,373,236	2030 Total Balance
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Current FFY	Recommended FFY	Proposed FFY26-30 TIP Year	MassDOT Project ID	MassDOT Project Description	EC Score/Status	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
NP	2030		612979	SWANSEA- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 118, FROM MILFORD ROAD TO WOOD STREET	61/Pre 25%	\$9,245,861	\$9,615,695	\$9,985,530	\$10,355,364	\$10,725,199
NP	2030		612773	RAYNHAM- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTH MAIN STREET (ROUTE 104), PLEASANT STREET, SOUTH MAIN STREET (ROUTE 104) AND ORCHARD STREET	24/Pre 25%	\$4,074,705	\$4,237,693	\$4,400,681	\$4,563,670	\$4,726,658
2027 (Statewide)	2027		612263	NEW BEDFORD BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN RAMP CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 6 (WB) TO MACARTHUR DRIVE	Pre 25%	\$6,819,355	\$7,092,129	\$7,364,903	\$7,637,678	\$7,910,452
NP	2030	2030	613257	TAUNTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WINTHROP STREET (ROUTE 44) AND HIGHLAND STREET	45/Pre 25%	\$2,458,900	\$2,557,256	\$2,655,612	\$2,753,968	\$2,852,324 \$2,852,324
NP	2030		613647	TAUNTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WINTER STREET AND SCHOOL STREET	Pre 25%	\$3,073,900	\$3,196,856	\$3,319,812	\$3,442,768	\$3,565,724
NP	2030		613703	WESTPORT- SHARED USE PATH QUEQUECHAN RAIL TRAIL EXTENSION (ROUTE 6 NEAR FALL RIVER TOWN LINE)	Pre 25%	\$2,282,325	\$2,373,618	\$2,464,911	\$2,556,204	\$2,647,497
NP	2030		613927	DARTMOUTH- CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ON HAWTHORN	Pre 25%	\$8,171,488	\$8,498,347	\$8,825,207	\$9,152,066	\$9,478,926

MEPA ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR – PROJECTS IN REGION

Project	Type	Community	Comments Due	Site Visit Details (Indicate if Remote Meeting)
Myricks Street/Rhode Island Road (Route 79) Improvements	ENF	Lakeville, Taunton	3/27/25	Past (remote meeting held 3/20/25)
Plainville Water Treatment Plant	DEIR	Plainville	4/7/25	
Line 112 Extension Project	FEIR under review	Acushnet, Mattapoisett	past	
Middleborough Logistics Park	SDEIR under review	Middleborough	past	

AGENDA ITEM: Technical Assistance Report, # 7.a.

Community	Project Name	Status	Department	Project Leads	Funding
Acushnet	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Lizeth Gonzalez	CPG, DLTA, MA
Acushnet	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	New	Environmental, Comprehensive	Sara Singh, Joe Monet	CPA
Acushnet	Water Resource Management Plan	New	Environmental	Sara Singh	EEA
Berkley	Economic Development Plan	New	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Chris Welch	One Stop, DLTA
Carver	Economic Development Plan	New	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Chris Welch	One Stop, DLTA
Carver	Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	DLTA
Carver	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Michelle Tinger	local
Dartmouth	Hawthorn Street at Slocum Road Signal Warrants Analysis	Completed	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Dartmouth	Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	DLTA, Town
Dighton	Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	CCC, DLTA
Fairhaven	Green Communities Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	DOER
Fairhaven	MVP 2.0	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Audrey Matthews	MassEEA
Fairhaven	Open Space and Recreation Plan	Pending	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	DLTA
Fairhaven	Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update	Pending	Environmental, Comprehensive	Joe Monet, Sara Singh	FEMA
Fall River	Regional Water Supply Analysis	Ongoing	Environmental	Lauren Carpenter	EOEEA MVP
Fall River	Mother's Brook Sewer Upgrades (D&E, Permitting) Project Administration	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA

Fall River	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Lauren Carpenter	local
Freetown	Master Plan	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Grant King, Chris Welch	EOHLC, DLTA
Freetown	Municipal Digital Equity Plan	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Kaitlin Whalen	MBI
Lakeville	Planning Board Rules and Regulations	New	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	One Stop
Mansfield	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Lauren Carpenter	DLTA
Mansfield	Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Audrey Matthews	FEMA
Marion	Open Space and Recreation Plan Revisions	Ongoing	Environmental	Michelle Tinger/Danica Belknap	MA / DLTA
Mattapoissett	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	New	Environmental	Michelle Tinger/Lauren Lunetta/Cece Lagomarsino	DLTA / Local
Middleborough	Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Complete	Environmental	Lauren Carpenter	local
Middleborough	Master Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Grant King	One Stop, DLTA
Middleborough	Historic/General Use District Bylaw Amendments	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Robert Cabral	MassDOT, SCR
New Bedford	Solar Ordinance	Final Draft	Comprehensive, Environmental	Grant King, Michelle Tinger	DLTA
New Bedford	North Terminal Extension Phase II and Pier Fendering Project	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Jeff Walker, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	EDA
New Bedford	Marine Commerce Terminal	Pending	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
New Bedford	Quest Center, Armory District	Pending	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
North Attleborough	Green Communities Tech Assist.	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	DOER
Norton	Section 3A Technical Assistance Phase 2	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation, DLTA

Norton	Green Communities Designation Grant Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	DOER
Norton	Route 123 Speed Study	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Norton	Housing Production Plan (Tier 3, Phase 1)	Pending	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Plympton	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Raynham	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez, Robert Cabral	MHP, Barr Foundation
Regional	PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	Final Draft	Comprehensive	Grant King	MBTA, DLTA
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Water Quality Assessment, Snake River Culvert Evaluation and Nemasket River restoration	New	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Michelle Tinger	DER, TNC
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Long Pond PRB Feasibility Study	New	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Karen Pettinelli	DER
Regional	Taunton River Stewardship Council Website Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Karen Porter	TRSC
Regional	DLTA and DLTA-A	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Jeff Walker, Grant King, Danica Belknap, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	DLTA-A
Regional	MassTech Municipal Digital Equity Planning	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Amber Davis	MassTech/MBI
Regional	Rural Community Section 3A Compliance Efforts	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez	EOHLC
Regional	Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Asset Mapping and Digital Equity Planning Enrollment	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Amber Davis	MassTech/MBI
Regional	Assawompset Ponds Groundwater Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Michelle Tinger	DER

Regional	Assawompset Ponds Sedimentation, Invasive Removal, and Snipatuit Evaluation	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Michelle Tinger	ARPA
Regional	Rural Policy Advisory Council	Ongoing	Environmental	Karen Pettinelli, Danica Belknap	DLTA, sister RPAs
Regional	Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	DLTA
Regional	Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Regional	South Coast Administrators Committee	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	SRPEDD
Regional	Mass. Assn. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	Ongoing	Administrative	Jeff Walker	RPAs
Regional	Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Lizeth Gonzalez	EPA
Regional	SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	Implementation	Comprehensive, Environmental, Transportation	Danica Belknap, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	DLTA
Regional	Rural COA Partnership	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Amber Davis	AgeSpan, EOEa
Regional - MassDOT	Trails Mapping Year End Report	Completed	Transportation	Joe Osborne	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Regional Evacuation Route Study	Ongoing	Transportation	Kevin Ham, Sean Hilton	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Southcoast Bikeway Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jon Gray	MassDOT, DLTA
Regional - MassDOT	Pavement Management - Fed. Aid Road Network Data Collection & Analysis	Ongoing	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Taunton River Trail Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Transportation	Jon Gray	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Andrea Duarte, Jackie Jones	MassDOT

Regional - MassDOT	Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)	Ongoing	Transportation	Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Andrea Duarte	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Healthy Food Access Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Noah Soutier, Jon Gray	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Parking Lot Utilization Plan	Ongoing	Transportation	Jon Gray	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	FFY26-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	FFY25-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Mangement	Ongoing	Transportation	Jackie Jones, Lisa Estrela-Pedro	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Transit Coordination	Ongoing	Transportation	Dan Brogan	MassDOT
Regional - MassDOT	Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	On Hold	Transportation	Joseph Osborne	MassDOT
Regional - Green Communities	Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	Ongoing	Environmental	All Enviro Staff; Danica DOER Contract Management	EOEEA
Regional - MassDOT	South East Regional Coordinating Council on Transportation (SERCCOT)	Ongoing	Transportation	Dan Brogan	MassDOT
Regional - Providence-Warwick MSA	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	EPA
Regional - SNEP Network	SNEP Network Provider	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	USM/EPA
Regional - SRAC	Homeland Security Program and Project Management	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Kevin Ham, Grant King	MAPC
Regional - SRAC	Homeland Security Program and Project Management	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Homeland Security	Kevin Ham, Grant King	MAPC, EOPSS
Regional - SS4A Grant & MassDOT	Safety Action Plan Development	Ongoing	Transportation	Austin Horowitz, Jackie Jones, Andrea Duarte - Public Outreach	SS4A Grant/MassDOT

Regional & Dighton, Middleborough	Open Space Residential Design Regional Study	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap, Karen Pettinelli	EOEEA
Regional	Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Land Alternatives and Reuse Study	New	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	DLTA
Regional	Regional ADU Bylaw Technical Assistance	New	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Taylor Perez, Grant King	DLTA
Rehoboth	Green Communities Technical Assistance	New	Environmental	Audrey Matthews, Lauren Lunetta	DOER
Rochester	Master Plan	Final Draft	Environmental	Michelle Tinger	EOHLC, DLTA, local
Seekonk	Housing Production Plan (Tier 2, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA
Somerset	Slade's Ferry Zoning and Design Guidelines and Implementation	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Grant King, Lizeth Gonzalez, Rob Cabral, Maria Jones	Local, DLTA
Somerset	Route 103 Neighborhood Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral	EOHLC
Somerset	Riverwalk and Overlook Concept Design	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral	TRSC
Somerset, Swansea	Wastewater District Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Swansea	Route 103 Corridor Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral	EOHLC
Swansea	Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, and Housing Production Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive, Environmental	Robert Cabral, Taylor Perez, Danica Belknap	DLTA, Urban Agenda, local, MA
Swansea	Municipal Digital Equity Plan	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Maria Jones, Kaitlin Whalen	MBI
Swansea	Compton's Corner Stormwater Management Planning	Ongoing	Environmental	Audrey Matthews	CZM
Taunton	ASHE Training Exercise	New	Homeland Security	Kevin Ham	DLTA, local
Taunton	Lights On Festival Direct Economic Impacts	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Rob Cabral, Lizeth Gonzalez, Grant King	local

Taunton	Section 3A Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez, Rob Cabral	EOHLC, local
Taunton	MSIP V- Business Park	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez	EDA
Taunton	Washington Street All Way Stop Warrants Analysis	Complete	Transportation	Luis de Oliveira	MassDOT
Westport	Route 6 Neighborhood Plan	New	Comprehensive	Lizeth Gonzalez and Robert Cabral	One Stop
Westport	Open Space and Recreation Plan	New	Environmental	Karen Pettinelli	DLTA
Westport	MVP 2.0 Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Environmental	Danica Belknap	Local, MVP
Westport	Housing Production Plan (Tier 1, Phase 1)	Ongoing	Comprehensive	Taylor Perez	DLTA, local
Westport and Wood Hole Group	Beach Management Plan	New	Comprehensive	Kevin Ham	Woods Hole Group



2025-2026 SRPEDD Commission Member Appointment Form

The **Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)** was created by the Massachusetts Legislature, along with 12 other regional planning agencies across the state to undertake regional planning and deliver cost-effective planning-related technical assistance to the municipalities that they serve (in SRPEDD's case: four cities and 23 towns). The key to all such agencies' success and effectiveness in achieving those missions, is the **Regional Commission**, or body of **appointed representatives** from each member municipality. As one would expect, there is call and opportunity for such Commissioners to exercise leadership, share of their expertise, and help to advance their respective regions—be it through land use, transportation, economic development, environmental, or multiple other types of planning. Indeed, it is the Commissioners that define the agency, who through their commitment, dedication, and engagement in the following, help to ensure that the region is most effectively served:

1. ***Policy Setting*** - Through your participation in Committee and at Commission meetings, you will be asked to vote on important policy matters affecting the region:
 - Regional development policies – adoption of plans and goals.
 - Regional priorities –assessment and establishment of priorities that help to determine and apportion federal and state funding for transportation and economic development projects.
 - Work program direction – deliberation on whether to apply for particular funding, and/or pursue identified projects in conjunction with the annual work program.
2. ***Partnering with Member Municipalities*** - As a liaison and key point of contact between your municipality and SRPEDD:
 - Provide timely information and updates to your municipality in regards to ongoing planning initiatives, upcoming funding and other opportunities; also, to fellow Commissioners about key planning issues in your community.
 - Help to represent your city/town's perspective in discussion of regional issues.
 - Help to educate and promote awareness of regional planning in your community.
3. ***Agenda Setting*** – Based on your understanding and familiarity with local and regional needs, help to set the organization's agenda by encouraging focus on prioritized planning issues important and beneficial to the region.

4. **Commission Governance** – Finally, in conjunction with fellow Commissioners and possible service as a SRPEDD officer or committee member, help to provide key oversight on personnel, budget and other areas related to day-to-day operations.

2025-2026 SRPEDD COMMISSION MEMBER Appointment Form

Please be advised that Name: has been appointed to

represent the (*check one*) Mayor [], Bd. of Selectmen [] Planning Bd. [] for the

City/Town of Municipality:

on the SRPEDD Commission for the period:

June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026

Signature: _____
Mayor or Chair, Board of Selectmen/Planning Board

Date: _____

Please provide SRPEDD Commissioner Appointee contact information

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please return this form by: MAY 19, 2025

Via Email: ssousa@srpedd.org, Fax: (508) 823-1803 or U.S. Mail



CALL for AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS (2025-26)

TO: Mayors; Community Groups in the SRPEDD Region;
At-Large SRPEDD Delegates; SRPEDD Commissioners
FROM: Marie Clarner SRPEDD Chair
DATE: March 26, 2025
RE: NOMINATIONS FOR SRPEDD AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER(S)

We are seeking representatives of minority and low-income community groups to serve on the Commission of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). These appointments will take effect on May 28, 2025, and continue through May 28, 2026. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is a regional planning agency established by the Legislature to provide regional planning and related planning technical assistance in transportation, land use, economic development, housing, and environmental concerns to the 27 municipalities (4 cities and 23 towns) that SRPEDD serves.

The Commission is SRPEDD's governing body and consists of municipal and community representatives who oversee the activities of the agency and address regional issues. The Commission meets approximately eight to ten times per year on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at SRPEDD's office in Taunton and begin at 6:30 pm.

The position of At-Large Commissioner, per the agency's bylaws, is a unique opportunity for individuals who represent and understand the needs of historically disadvantaged and underrepresented minority and/or low-income populations in housing, economic development, and transportation planning processes and other important areas to speak for these needs on the SRPEDD Commission.

The opportunity is all the more significant because At-Large Commissioners are also official voting members of the [Joint Transportation Planning Group](#) (JTPG), the advisory group to the Southeastern Massachusetts [Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) (SMMPO) for all transportation related issues. The JTPG is the forum for public involvement in transportation planning, and usually meets the second Wednesday of each month, likewise at SRPEDD, beginning at 2:00 pm.

Commission bylaws provide for up to six At-Large delegates representing low income and minority group interests: **2** for the **New Bedford area**; **2** for the **Fall River area**; **1** for the **Taunton area**; and **1** for the **Attleboro area**.

The attached sheet outlines the eligibility criteria for At-Large Commissioner Appointees and the communities included in each subarea.

You or your organization may propose a person to sit on the Commission, who will be nominated by a member of the Commission and confirmed by the body as a whole.

If interested, kindly fill out the attached Qualification Statement, and forward your completed form to: Stacy Royer at ssousa@srpedd.org or 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780. Questions? Please call Stacy at (508) 824-1367

We hope to see a full complement of six At-Large Commissioners serving for the 2025-26 term so that low-income and minority community groups are well represented on the board. If you are aware of other qualified or interested community groups who may not have received this mailing, please notify us so we may contact them or pass along a copy to the appropriate party.

The **NOMINEE** must be a resident within one of the following subareas, as appropriate:

<u>Attleboro Subarea</u>	<u>Fall River Subarea (2)</u>	<u>New Bedford Subarea (2)</u>	<u>Taunton Subarea</u>
Attleboro	Fall River	New Bedford	Taunton
Mansfield	Freetown	Acushnet	Berkley
North Attleborough	Seekonk	Dartmouth	Carver
Norton	Somerset	Fairhaven	Dighton
Plainville	Swansea	Marion	Lakeville
Rehoboth	Westport	Mattapoisett	Middleborough
		Rochester	Raynham
		Wareham	

CURRENTLY SERVING AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS (2024-2025)

Attleboro Subarea: Christopher McDermott , City of Attleboro

Fall River Subarea: Gloria Saddler, Bristol Black Collective

New Bedford Subarea: Ashley Eaton, City of New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Dev.
Alan Slavin, Damien's Place

Taunton Subarea: Tanya Lobo, True Diversity

The NOMINEE must be certified as a representative of a qualified low-income or minority community group in writing.

COMMUNITY GROUPS are defined as one of the following:

- a legal non-profit corporation or association whose members are minority and/or low income; or
- the governing body or advisory board of a public agency whose goals are reflective of the needs of minority and low-income people.

MINORITIES are those defined by the Economic Development Administration as:

- Black or African American – American Indian and Alaska Native
- Hispanic - Mexican, Puerto Rican, Other Hispanic or Latino
- Native American - persons known by virtue of tribal associations
- Asian - Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Indian, Thai, Cambodian, Vietnamese
- Other Races including Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islanders

LOW-INCOME is defined according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' minimum standard of living.



SRPEDD
Southeastern Regional Planning
& Economic Development District

QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

TITLE OF ORGANIZATION (Community Group): _____

_____ Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Agency email: _____

Date Organized or Incorporated: _____ Approx. # of Members: _____

Purpose (Brief Description): _____

Minority or Low-Income Groups Represented: _____

Our organization would like to nominate the following individual(s) to sit on the **SRPEDD Commission (SRPEDD)** and **Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)**:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Telephone: _____

Submitted by:

Name: _____ Title _____

E-mail: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____

*Mass. General Laws: "The Commission may increase its membership by not more than six in order to provide representation to low income and minority groups."

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 19, 2025

Email the completed form to ssousa@srpedd.org
or forward via U.S. Mail to SRPEDD, 88 Broadway, Taunton, 02780