

PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SRPEDD Announces a 21-day Public Comment Period and Virtual Public Meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 4:00 pm to hear comments on the release of Proposed Amendment #4 of the FFY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes a cost increase and change in program year for a Wareham project and inclusion of an additional transit project.

June 17, 2025 – The [FFY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP) for Southeastern Massachusetts is being amended in federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2025 and 2026 to program a change in program year and cost increase for Wareham's Project 606352 Culvert and Dam Replacement on Cranberry Highway at Route 28 and Route 6, Mill Pond Dam Over Agawam River and program inclusion of Project S13319 Airport Bus Service from the Mansfield MBTA Station to Logan Airport in FFY 2025. The year of advertisement for construction of Wareham's culvert and dam replacement project is being moved from FFY 2025 to FFY 2026 and increased in cost from \$8,637,988 to \$16,653,073 because its Right of Way process was paused earlier this year and will require an additional 6 to 9 months to complete. It is being funded with statewide Highway Resiliency Improvement Program funds. The total cost for this project is now \$38.5 million which will be programmed over 4 years from 2026 to 2029. The 2025 – 2029 TIP will also program operating costs of year 3 of the Mansfield Blue Apple Bus Service to Logan Airport in year 2025. \$660,000 will be programmed in FFY 2025 for this service continuation. Funds for the continuation have been flexed from the statewide Office of Transportation Planning funding source to the Federal Transit Administration funding source.

The TIP is the programming document listing all federally funded road and bridge projects in the region and all transit projects for both GATRA and the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) over five years. Each year, the [Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization \(SMMPO\)](#) decides how to allocate about \$30 million in federal funding for the region, which supplements state and local transportation infrastructure investments in Southeastern Massachusetts. The SMMPO conducts the federally required metropolitan transportation planning process for 27 Southeastern Massachusetts communities and is one of Massachusetts' thirteen Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

A **virtual** public meeting on this amendment will be held **remotely** on **Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 4:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend, ask questions and offer comments, but attendance is not necessary to offer input or comment. More options to offer comments can be found below.

The meeting will be conducted through ZOOM. 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 public meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84396210312?pwd=BB6dmUw8BidrpaliK2oaLOV9lVES3r.1>

Meeting ID: 843 9621 0312

Meeting Password: 796423

FFY25-29 TIP Amendment #4 will have a 21-day public comment period and will be endorsed on July 9th on the condition that there are no adverse comments received. More detailed information on FFY25-29 TIP Amendment #4 can be found on SRPEDD's website www.srpedd.org at the following links: [FFY2025-2029 TIP Amendment #4](#).

Comments are encouraged and may be offered by a variety of methods including: via e-mail at lestrela@srpedd.org; our website at <https://srpedd.org/contact-us/>; our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SRPEDD/>; or Twitter @SRPEDD_NEWS at https://twitter.com/SRPEDD_NEWS

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