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SRPEDD Announces a 21-day Public Comment Period with a Virtual Public Meeting on November 6, 2025, at 4:00 pm to hear comments on the release of Proposed Amendment #1 of the FFY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes cost increases and funding category changes for a New Bedford Project and funding for Blue Apple Bus Service continuation.

October 22, 2025 – The [Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization \(SMMPO\)](#)'s [FFY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) is being amended in federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2026 and 2028 to program a cost change and funding reallocation for two projects. \$660,000 of Federal Highway Administration funds are being reallocated to Federal Transit Administration in FFY2026 to program year four of funding for the Mansfield to Logan Shuttle (Blue Apple Bus) service. In FFY2028, New Bedford's Project 610798 Intersection Improvements at Mount Pleasant Street and Nash Road is increasing in cost from \$6,165,230 to \$7,062,276. The project's funding source is also changing from Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to include \$1,214,132 in statewide earmark discretionary funds.

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.

All of this work helps support the region's 27 communities toward building a safer, and more accessible, connected, reliable, and resilient transportation system for all mode users.

The public meeting for FFY26-30 TIP Amendment #1 will be held **virtually** on **Thursday November 6, 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 meetings 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>.

Register in advance for the virtual meeting at this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NEnz0frJSFCYISq6p2f7Fw

The FFY2026-2030 TIP Amendment will have a 21-day public comment period and will be endorsed at the next SMMPO meeting on November 18th. More detailed information on the document can be found on SRPEDD's website www.srpedd.org at the following link: [FFY2026-2030 TIP Amendment #1](#).

Comments are encouraged and may be offered by a variety of methods including:

- Sending an e-mail to lestrela@srpedd.org;
- Our general website form at <https://srpedd.org/contact-us/>;
- Our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SRPEDD/>; Instagram @SRPEDD
<https://www.instagram.com/srpedd/>;
- By phone call to 508-824-1367;
- Attending the monthly Joint Transportation Planning Group meeting on November 12. For more info visit: srpedd.org/transportation/jtpg.

The SMMPO, through SRPEDD, provides reasonable accommodations, including language assistance and/or auxiliary aids and services free of charge, upon request and as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact SRPEDD's Title VI Coordinator by phone (508 824-1367), dial 711 to use MassRelay, or by email at aduarte@srpedd.org. Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

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