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SRPEDD Announces a 21-day Public Comment Period with a Virtual Public Meeting on December 4, 2025, at 4:00 pm to hear comments on the release of Proposed Amendment #2 of the FFY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes cost changes for various GATRA and SRTA Regional Transit Authority items.

November 20, 2025 – The [Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization \(SMMPO\)](#)'s [FFY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) is being amended to program cost changes for various Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) and Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) expenses. The Amendment includes one GATRA item and several SRTA items. GATRA's Wareham East Maintenance Facility previously had \$3.9 million in 5307 funds in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026, but this has been reduced to \$0 due to shifting construction timelines. Approximately \$5.6 million in RTA capital funds remains committed to this project, which recently broke ground. For SRTA, the replacement of two vans is being shifted from FFY 2026 to 2027 because the match source has changed from RTA capital funds to statewide toll credits. Other SRTA items involve large cost variances related to the planned Fall River maintenance facility. These changes are primarily caused by delays associated with securing and obtaining approval for an environmentally resilient site that will support growing ridership driven by South Coast Rail, the Gateway Link, and fare-free bus service. The new facility is needed to serve Fall River and surrounding communities and to accommodate SRTA's continued system growth.

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 #2 will be held **virtually** on **Thursday, December 4th, 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/j/87524982447?pwd=tfclbKbSnzmN00xU5hss1kbbZbAMtb.1>

FFY2026-2030 TIP Amendment #2 will have a 21-day public comment period and will be endorsed at the next SMMPO meeting on December 16th. More detailed information on the document can be found on SRPEDD's website www.srpedd.org at the following link: [FFY2026-2030 TIP Amendment #2](#).

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

- Sending an e-mail to transportation@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 December 10. 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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