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SRPEDD Announces a 21-day Public Comment Period with a Virtual Public Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 4:00 pm to hear comments on addition of Rehoboth bridge project and Steamship Authority projects and earlier construction year for Norton intersection project on the region's 2026-2030 TIP.

March 17, 2026 – The [Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization \(SMMPO\)](#)'s [FFY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) is being amended to program two additional projects and move up one project's construction year. These proposed changes are being released for a 21-day public comment period and are not yet being endorsed, allowing time for review and feedback before any final decisions are made. FFY2026-2030 TIP Amendment #4 proposes the following changes:

- [Project 613106, A deck replacement on Rehoboth bridge project on I-195 over the Palmer River](#), is a new project that will be added to TIP year 2026 based on project readiness and available funding. The project cost is currently \$10,497,707.
- **Project S13419, A Steamship Authority project in Fairhaven** will be added to TIP year 2026 due to available Ferry Boat Program funding. This project includes the construction of two new vehicle transfer bridges, gallows, counterweights, and related equipment for the Steamship Authority's Fairhaven Vessel Maintenance Facility. The project cost is currently \$2,200,000.
- [Norton's Project 609193– Intersection Improvements at West Main Street \(Route 123\), North Worcester Street and South Worcester Street](#) will be moved from TIP year FFY2027 to TIP year FFY2026. The proposed change is due to the project's design plans being ahead of schedule. Moving this project to FFY2026 will leave more federal funds available to the region in the FFY2027 year. The project cost is currently \$3,593,548.

More detailed information on the amendment can be found on SRPEDD's website www.srpedd.org at the following link: [FFY2026-2030 TIP Amendment #4](#). The TIP is the programming document listing all federally funded road and bridge projects in the region and all transit projects for both the Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) and the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) over five years. Each year, the [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.

Proposed FFY2026-2030 TIP Amendment #4 will have a 21-day public comment period and will be endorsed at the next SMMPO meeting on April 21st. A public meeting to discuss these topics will be held **virtually** on **Thursday, April 2, 2026, 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_cPnCC9hSjyC-HkOsQQtRQ

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 January 14. For meeting information 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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