

FFY2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program
Public Comments Received (as of 5/13/2026)

Date	Meeting (If Applicable)	Comment Type	Commenter	Comment	Response
3/11/2026	JTPG	Vote	JTPG Members	The members of the JTPG voted to recommend Scenario 1A as presented to the SMMPO.	
3/17/2026	SMMPO	Vote	SMMPO Members	The members of the SMMPO voted to select Scenario 2 (a slightly modified version of scenario 1a recommended by the JTPG, updated for new information) as presented.	
4/8/2026	JTPG	Vote	JTPG Members	The full draft FFY2027-2031 TIP was presented to JTPG members. The JTPG voted to recommend that the SMMPO release the draft FFY2027-2031 TIP to a public comment period.	
4/21/2026	SMMPO	Vote	SMMPO Members	The full draft FFY2027-2031 TIP was presented to SMMPO members. The SMMPO voted to release the draft FFY2027-2031 TIP to a 21-day public comment period.	
4/30/2026		Email	Sandra Medeiros, Dartmouth Pathways Committee, South Coast Bikeway Alliance President	Sandra requested details for the draft TIP, including three Dartmouth specific projects and possibly other projects that would be of interest along the South Coast. The following project specific comment was also provided in the email chain: the Dartmouth Street project had an issue with space for stacking vehicles at the Dartmouth Street terminus at the Prospect/Middle intersection. It is unfortunate that the overall project design places cyclists within the road with no separation from vehicle traffic. With two schools and a COA along the route, we should do better. Not to mention another large housing project soon to be completed. Was a protected path considered? School pickup and drop-off vehicles will likely occupy the lanes illegally. With proper planning, school traffic could be routed differently.	Staff replied by email and provided a link to the latest draft TIP. The following details were provided for Dartmouth projects: For the three Dartmouth projects included, the Route 6 Faunce Corner Road/Hathaway Road project was delayed by one year from 2026 to 2027 based on readiness, the Cross Road project was moved up a year (2030 to 2029) because it is already at 75% design and moving quickly, and the Dartmouth Street project was moved out a year because the design has moved back to an earlier stage.
4/30/2026		Phone Call	Member of the Public	A member of the public that lives on Hathaway Road called to express frustration with the movement of MassDOT Project ID 607871 Dartmouth Route 6 from Faunce Corner to Hathaway Road project from FY2026 to FY2027. They stated safety concerns with navigating the Route 6 at Hathway Road intersection and potential construction disruption in front of their house.	SMMPO Staff discussed reasoning for the project moving years and recommended that the resident contact the MassDOT District 5 office or the MassDOT project manager to discuss construction concerns.

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5/4/2026	TIP Public Meeting	Spoken	Attendees	<p>Meeting was held virtually and was attended by three people. The following comments were provided:</p> <p>607871 – Dartmouth Route 6 from Faunce Corner to Hathaway Road project – Please consider incorporating facilities for bicyclists on both sides of the road and bike boxes at intersections.</p> <p>610669 – Dartmouth Cross Road Corridor Improvements – safety concerns were expressed regarding the placement of shared use path on one side of the road, specifically related to bicyclists needing to cross traffic at the end of the project area at a dangerous location to do so. The commenter requested separated bicycle lanes be considered on both sides of the road.</p> <p>608586 – Dartmouth Street and Prospect Street Corridor Improvements – attendee expressed concern with the lack of adequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities included in the project, connections from the project to other streets, and requested that a roundabout be considered as part of the design.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding other potential sources of funding for these projects, the MassDOT design process, and the status of the 613927 Dartmouth Hawthorn Street Corridor project (unprogrammed, pre 25% design).</p>	<p>SMMPO staff explained that comments received at the meeting would be part of the public record tied to the TIP, but also recommended that the attendees contact the local DPW with concerns regarding design for projects 610669 and 608586. For project 607871 staff suggested the attendee reach out to MassDOT District 5 staff or the MassDOT project manager.</p>
5/6/2026		Email	MassDOT OTP	<p>Comments received from MassDOT included updating performance measures text and tables to reflect SMMPO vote in February, updating an MPO member’s title, updating financial tables to fix a typo, updating the Highway Project List (Appendix A) to account for shifting of statewide target projects, updating the Statewide Projects Lists (Appendix D) and add MassDOT Operation & Maintenance (Appendix J) Expenditures tables that were received after the public release date for the TIP.</p>	
5/13/2026	JTPG Meeting	Vote	JTPG Members	<p>Comments received and changes made to the draft TIP were presented to the JTPG. The JTPG voted to recommend that the SMMPO endorse the FFY2027-2031 TIP.</p>	