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SRPEDD Announces a 21-day Public Comment Period with a Virtual Public Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2026, at 4:00 pm to hear comments on proposed changes to Marion, Mansfield, Norton, Raynham and Taunton projects programmed on the FFY 2027-2031 TIP and FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program amendments.

October 20, 2026 – The Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO)'s **FFY2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** is being amended to program proposed changes to three transportation projects. They include:

- Changing the description of Project 612058 – Raynham-Taunton-Norton Resurfacing and Related Work on I-495 to include Bridgewater and updating the project cost from $16,583,368 to $13,809,022;
- Removing Project 607979 Marion Shared Use Path Construction (Phase 1), from the Marion-Mattapoisett T.L. To Point Road, from the FFY2027 program year because it was advertised for construction and went out to bid in FFY2026 under the previous TIP; and
- Changing the project cost of Project 613386 – Mansfield- Norton- Interstate Pavement Preservation and Related Work On I-495 from $24,472,000 to $18,700,381.

The SMMPO's **FFY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (**UPWP) is being amended to include a 7.26% funding increase to the Environmental Coordination task, reflecting an additional $13,000 in de-obligated funds awarded for the purchase of air quality and noise monitoring equipment, along with a minor contract reconciliation adjustment. The second change is for extending work on the Age-Friendly Mobility Plan, which was originally scheduled for completion under the FFY 2026 UPWP. This work will be supported by shifting $15,000 from the 3C planning task to Active Transportation. Additional feedback from regional transit authorities was recently received and is being incorporated into the draft plan.

More detailed information on 2027-31 TIP Proposed Amendment #1 and 2027 UPWP Amendment #1 can be found on SRPEDD's website **www.srpedd.org** at the following links: **FFY2027-2032 TIP Amendment #1 and FFY2027 UPWP Amendment #1**.

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 FFY2027-2031 TIP Amendment #1 and FFY2027 UPWP Amendment #1 will have a 21-day public comment period and will be endorsed by the SMMPO at its November 17th meeting. A public meeting to discuss these topics will be held **virtually** on **Monday, November 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_0Rl3-dv3Siya594qHfN4BQ

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;

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