CMRPC – Mobility2040 Public Outreach Video Transcript

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  - Welcome to Mobility2040, the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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  - The United States Department of Transportation requires the development of a Long-Range Transportation Plan, also known as an LRTP, which covers a minimum 20-year timeframe. Mobility 2040 will act as a blueprint that helps guide the prioritization and funding of transportation investments for the Central Massachusetts region. Updated every four years, the LRTP is developed collaboratively with member communities, agencies, businesses, and you the public.

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  - Mobility 2040 seeks to balance the multimodal transportation needs of the region through various projects, initiatives, and policies. Mobility 2040 will provide strategies and actions that enable and ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the region. Your participation in Mobility 2040 will help to address the diverse challenges facing Central Massachusetts.

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  - The Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization, or CMMPO, is responsible for the allocation of Federal transportation funding in the region. The CMMPO is composed of state officials, the transit authority, the regional planning agency, and locally elected officials.

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  - All of our larger regional projects and studies have been the result of previous LRTP efforts. Examples of projects and initiatives included in previous plans are: The Ken Burns Bridge, also known as the Lake Quinsigamond Bridge, the Worcester Regional Transit Authority Hub located adjacent to Union Station, and the Blackstone River Bikeway.

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  - Over the next twenty five years, our region will have up to approximately eight hundred million dollars allocated for transportation projects. That works out to about sixty four dollars per person, per year, for Central Massachusetts residents.

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  - Transportation funding can be used to address a variety of needs. We are all affected by transportation infrastructure, we need good roads and bridges to travel on, reliable buses to ride on, and increased ways to walk and bike to local amenities. Some funding can only go to specific needs, such as projects that improve air quality, but the majority of funding can be used on the types of projects shown here. Public input plays an
essential role in the development of a long range transportation plan, what do you think is important for the region?

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  o Costs are increasing faster than available funding. As project costs increase, fewer can be programmed into the region’s transportation plan. This chart shows the wide range of typical project costs. Mobility2040 will try to balance the needs of the region with available funding, while striving to improve the performance of the system as a whole. Projects that address multiple needs will likely be viewed more favorably than projects that do not.

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  o Your views and opinions are needed to help shape Mobility2040. Please take a few minutes to fill out our survey at cmrpc.org/mobility2040. While there, check out our public meeting and event schedule on our calendar. Be sure to check back often to stay up to date.
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