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CMMPO Endorsed Amendment #7 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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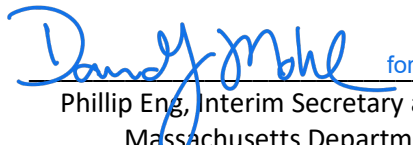
**Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Endorsement of Amendment #7
to the FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Listing**

The Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) has completed its review of Amendment #7 of the FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with 23 CFR Part 450 Section 324 (Transportation Improvement Program: General) of the October 28, 1993 Final Rules for Statewide and Metropolitan Planning.

This Amendment to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP is financially constrained and conforms to the Central Massachusetts 2024 Regional Transportation Plan. Based on the results of the review and analyses, the Central Massachusetts 2024 Regional Transportation Plan and FFY 2026-2030 TIP are consistent with the air quality goals of, and in conformity with, the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan. This Amendment and TIP do not add or delete any regionally significant, non-exempt projects, nor reprogram and existing regionally significant, non-exempt projects across analysis years.

Therefore, the Committee of Signatories representing the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) by a majority vote hereby endorses Amendment #7 to the Central Massachusetts Region FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This endorsement is signed by the MassDOT Secretary and CEO, or their appointed designee, on behalf of the entire Central Massachusetts MPO. This action is taken after an official vote of the MPO.

 for

Phillip Eng, Interim Secretary and Chief Executive Officer
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
Chair, Central Massachusetts MPO

June 17, 2026

Date

Amendment #7 Highway Project Listing & Summary Materials

Proposed Amendment #7 to the 2026 - 2030 TIP Highway Listing

Highway Project List Changes:

- Remove **Project #612195 – Worcester – Superstructure Replacement, W-44-091, I-290 over East Central Street** from FFY 2026. This project will be programmed in FFY 2027 of the new 2027-2031 TIP.
- Add **Project #614241 – District 2 & District 3 – VRU Crosswalk Installation at State Signals at Multiple Locations** to FFY 2026. The Total Project Cost is \$622,383.



Central Mass Region Program

STIP: 2026 - 2030 (D)

Year	MassDOT Project ID	MPO	Municipality	MassDOT Project Description	District	Funding Source	Total Programmed Funds	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Funds	Proponent	Other Information
Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$70,118,450	\$49,279,023	\$20,839,427		
Section 1A / Regionally Prioritized Projects							\$22,978,050	\$18,482,440	\$4,495,610		
Roadway Improvements							\$2,554,355	\$2,043,484	\$510,871		
2026	608456	Central Mass	Upton	UPTON- CULVERT REPLACEMENT, MILFORD STREET (ROUTE 140) OVER UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO CENTER BROOK	3	STBG	\$2,554,355	\$2,043,484	\$510,871	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$2,554,355, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 9 out of 27
Intersection Improvements							\$9,031,709	\$7,325,367	\$1,706,342		
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	CMAQ	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000	\$400,000	Worcester	Construction, CMAQ + HSIP + STGB Total Project Cost = \$8,475,278, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 15 out of 27 \$354,855 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA202) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	HSIP	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$100,000	Worcester	Construction, CMAQ + HSIP + STGB Total Project Cost = \$8,475,278, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 15 out of 27 \$354,855 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA202) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	STBG	\$5,031,709	\$4,025,367	\$1,006,342	Worcester	Construction, CMAQ + HSIP + STGB Total Project Cost = \$8,475,278, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 15 out of 27 \$354,855 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA202) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.
2026	S13281	Central Mass		CMMPO PROJECT DESIGN FUNDING PROGRAM		STBG	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$200,000		Set aside for Project Design Funding Program.
Bicycle and Pedestrian							\$2,870,141	\$2,296,113	\$574,028		
2026	610535	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON PLEASANT STREET	3	STBG	\$2,870,141	\$2,296,113	\$574,028	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$6,008,842, Design Status = Approved, PM Score = 11 out of 27 \$847,711 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA006) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.



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Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$70,118,450	\$49,279,023	\$20,839,427		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$8,500,000	\$6,800,000	\$1,700,000		
2026	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	NHPP	\$8,500,000	\$6,800,000	\$1,700,000	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100% \$359,840 in old re-purposed earmark funding is being applied to this project as part of the FY2025 earmark repurposing process. Additionally, an FY2026 federal earmark (Demo ID TBD at time of programming) totaling \$1,062,500 is being applied to this project.
Transit Grant Program							\$21,845	\$17,476	\$4,369		
2026	S13282	Central Mass	Millbury	MILLBURY - TRANSIT ACCESS ENHANCEMENTS AT MAIN STREET AND ELM STREET.		CMAQ	\$6,150	\$4,920	\$1,230	Millbury	Total Project Cost = 6,150, Project is part of Micro-Projects Program, Local Match will be provided by the town of Millbury.
2026	S13283	Central Mass	Westborough	WESTBOROUGH - PURCHASE OF NEW BICYCLE RACKS.		CMAQ	\$15,695	\$12,556	\$3,139	Westborough	Total Project Cost = \$8,207, Project is part of Micro-Projects Program, the town of Westborough will provide a supplemental match to the required 20%.
							CMAQ Programmed	\$2,021,845	\$1,617,476	\$404,369	
							HSIP Programmed	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$100,000	
							NHPP Programmed	\$8,500,000	\$6,800,000	\$1,700,000	
							STBG Programmed	\$11,456,205	\$9,164,964	\$2,291,241	
							Total Programmed for Central Mass Region Projects*	\$22,978,050	\$18,482,440	\$4,495,610	
							Program Target for Central Mass Region Projects	\$25,339,043	\$20,271,234	\$5,067,809	
							Target Funds Available for Central Mass Region Projects	\$2,360,993	\$1,788,794	\$572,199	
Section 1B / Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects							\$7,701,843	\$6,161,474	\$1,540,369		
Earmark Discretionary							\$7,701,843	\$6,161,474	\$1,540,369		
2026	S13348	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- SS4A ACTION PLAN AND WORCESTER MAIN STREET SOUTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT	3	SS4A	\$600,000	\$480,000	\$120,000	MassDOT	FFY 23 SS4A Plan/Supp/Demonstration Grant, \$480k federal award (\$120k state match)
2026	610535	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON PLEASANT STREET	3	HPP	\$1,615,550	\$1,292,440	\$323,110	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$6,008,842, Design Status = Approved, PM Score = 11 out of 27 \$847,711 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA006) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.



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Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$70,118,450	\$49,279,023	\$20,839,427		
2026	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	HPP	\$1,422,340	\$1,137,872	\$284,468	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100% \$359,840 in old re-purposed earmark funding is being applied to this project as part of the FY2025 earmark repurposing process. Additionally, an FY2026 federal earmark (Demo ID TBD at time of programming) totaling \$1,062,500 is being applied to this project.
2026	S13376	Central Mass	Southbridge	SOUTHBRIDGE - HAMILTON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (FY 2024 BUILD GRANT) - DESIGN ONLY	3	HPP	\$1,120,384	\$896,307	\$224,077	Southbridge	FY 2024 BUILD/RAISE grant. No match required since area is considered disadvantaged. Total grant amount is \$7,888,000. The amount programmed in this project is just for design and is expected to be obligated in FFY 2026 upon grant execution. The remainder will be programmed seperately for construction.
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	HPP	\$443,569	\$354,855	\$88,714	Worcester	Construction, CMAQ + HSIP + STGB Total Project Cost = \$8,475,278, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 15 out of 27 \$354,855 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA202) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.
2026	S13417	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER - MILL STREET PLANNING AND DESIGN (FEDERAL EARMARK FOR DESIGN - MA296)	3	HPP	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	Worcester	Federal Earmark for Design (MA296). \$2M federal, \$500k local match required from City of Worcester.



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Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$70,118,450	\$49,279,023	\$20,839,427		
Section 2A / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Reliability Projects							\$12,854,456	\$10,445,803	\$2,408,653		
Bridge Off-system							\$11,232,073	\$8,985,658	\$2,246,415		
2026	608862	Central Mass	Southbridge	SOUTHBRIDGE- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, S-21-009, MILL STREET OVER MCKINSTRY BROOK & S-21-003, MILL STREET OVER THE QUINEBAUG RIVER	3	STBG-BR-Off	\$11,232,073	\$8,985,658	\$2,246,415	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$9,992,903, Design Status = 100%
Bridge On-system NHS							\$35,738,187	\$28,590,550	\$7,147,637		
2026	612195	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- SUPERSTRUCTURE- REPLACEMENT, W-44-091, I-290 OVER EAST CENTRAL STREET	3	NHPP-PEN	\$23,041,525	\$18,433,220	\$2,747,326	MassDOT	Construction, Project AC'd between 2026 & 2027, Total Project Cost = \$30,929,761, Design Status = 25%
2026	612195	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- SUPERSTRUCTURE- REPLACEMENT, W-44-091, I-290 OVER EAST CENTRAL STREET	3	NHPP	\$12,696,662	\$10,157,330	\$2,539,332	MassDOT	Construction, Project AC'd between 2026 & 2027, Total Project Cost = \$30,929,761, Design Status = 25%
Safety Improvements							\$1,622,383	\$1,460,145	\$162,238		
2026	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	VUS	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$100,000	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100% \$359,840 in old re-purposed earmark funding is being applied to this project as part of the FY2025 earmark repurposing process. Additionally, an FY2026 federal earmark (Demo ID TBD at time of programming) totaling \$1,062,500 is being applied to this project.
2026	614241	Multiple		DISTRICT 2- DISTRICT 3- VRU CROSSWALK INSTALLATION AT STATE SIGNALS AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS	2	VUS	\$622,383	\$560,145	\$62,238		Crosswalk improvements being made in Chicopee and Worcester.



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Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$70,118,450	\$49,279,023	\$20,839,427		
Section 2B / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Modernization Projects							\$17,736,632	\$14,189,306	\$3,547,326		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$17,736,632	\$14,189,306	\$3,547,326		
2026	608491	Central Mass	Mendon	MENDON- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 16	3	NHPP	\$13,736,632	\$10,989,306	\$2,747,326	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2025 & 2026, Total Project Cost = \$25,413,227, Design Status = Final Design
2026	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	NHPP	\$4,000,000	\$3,200,000	\$800,000	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100% \$359,840 in old re-purposed earmark funding is being applied to this project as part of the FY2025 earmark repurposing process. Additionally, an FY2026 federal earmark (Demo ID TBD at time of programming) totaling \$1,062,500 is being applied to this project.
Section 3B / Non-Federal Aid Funded							\$8,847,469	\$0	\$8,847,469		
Bridge On-system Non-NHS							\$8,847,469	\$0	\$8,847,469		
2026	612190	Central Mass	Holden	HOLDEN- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, H-18-004, SALISBURY STREET OVER G&W RAILROAD	3	NGBP	\$8,847,469	\$0	\$8,847,469	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$6,897,436, Design Status = 25%

Amendment #7 Proactive Public Outreach Summary

Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization
Proposed Amendment #7 to the 2026-2030 TIP & Draft FFY 2027 UPWP Available for Public Review & Comment

For information purposes and in accordance with the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CMMPO) formal Public Participation Plan, the transportation staff of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) announces the release of the Proposed Amendment #7 to the CMMPO Endorsed 2026-2030 TIP highway project listing and the Draft FFY 2027 UPWP for the federally required 21-day public review and comment period, now underway.

The Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 (c) grant applicant, a member of the CMMPO, states that the public involvement process adopted for the development of the TIP satisfies the public hearing requirements that pertain to the development of the Program of Projects for regular Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program, grant applications including the provision for public notice and the time established for public review and comment.

The TIP is the listing of all transportation projects-highway, transit, intermodal-in the planning region programmed to receive federal-aid funding. Proposed TIP Amendment #7 includes two (2) changes in FFY 2026: Removal of 612195 – Worcester Superstructure Replacement on I-290 and the addition of 614241 – District 2 & 3 VRU Crosswalk Installation at State Signals at Multiple Locations. The UPWP details the transportation planning work to be completed in the CMRPC region over the next program year, associated funding, and anticipated work products.

All interested parties are welcome to attend a virtual public meeting to discuss Proposed Amendment #7 and the Draft UPWP on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**, at 5:00 PM using ZOOM. The details to join the public meeting can be found on the CMRPC website meeting calendar. The established deadline for public comments on the Proposed Amendment and Draft UPWP is 4:30 PM on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**. Summary materials pertaining to the proposed amendment are available at www.cmrpc.org. Printed summary materials are available upon request at the CMRPC office. CMMPO meetings are conducted in accessible locations and close to public transit. Materials can be provided free of charge in accessible formats and languages other than English. If you would like special accommodations, such as an interpreter, please contact the Title VI Coordinator, (508) 459-3313, or TitleVICoordinator@cmrpc.org at least 14 days prior to the meeting.



Notice of Virtual Public Meeting

A notice is hereby given regarding the availability of the following documents/materials for public review and comments by decision makers, stakeholders, and the public:

Proposed 2026 – 2030 TIP Amendment #7

Draft FFY 2027 UPWP

What is the TIP? The CMMPO TIP lists the highway and transit projects in the CMMPO region that are programmed to receive federal funds during these fiscal years. The Proposed Amendment #7 to the 2026-2030 TIP has been released for a 21-day public review and comment period. Proposed Amendment #7 changes to the highway project listing are:

- Remove **Project #612195 – Worcester – Superstructure Replacement, W-44-091, I-290 over East Central Street** from FFY 2026. This project will be programmed in FFY 2027 of the new 2027-2031 TIP.
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The meeting agenda and summary materials pertaining to the above listed documents are available on the CMRPC website calendar at <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmm-po-draft-2027-upwp-tip-amendment-7-virtual-public-meeting/>.

There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the Proposed TIP Amendment #7 and Draft UPWP during the virtual ZOOM meeting **Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:00 PM**. The Zoom meeting connection details are included on the meeting agenda.

All written comments can be sent to Kevin Krasnecky at kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org and all comments received before Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 4:30PM will be fully considered.

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Virtual Public Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Amendment #7 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing & Draft FFY 2027 UPWP

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: This meeting will be held virtually through ZOOM. Connection details are included on this agenda and meeting materials are available on the CMRPC website calendar at <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmm-po-draft-2027-upwp-tip-amendment-7-virtual-public-meeting/>.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Proposed 2026-2030 TIP Amendment #7
 - TIP Amendment #7 Overview
 - Acceptance of Public Comment & Input
3. Draft FFY 2027 UPWP
 - Draft UPWP Overview
 - Acceptance of Public Comment & Input
4. Adjournment

Please Note: All comments on the Proposed Amendment #7 to the 2026-2030 TIP and Draft UPWP should be forwarded to Kevin Krasnecky at kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org prior to the CMMPO-established 4:30 PM deadline on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**.

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Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Link:

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CMMPO & CMMPO Advisory Committee Proceedings

- CMMPO May 20, 2026 – Initiate Amendment
- CMMPO June 17, 2026 – Endorse Amendment
- Advisory Committee May 27, 2026 – Recommend Approval of Amendment

CMMPO May 20, 2026 – Initiate Amendment



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date: Wednesday, **May 20**, 2026

Time: **4:00 PM**

Place: This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom Webinar (use link below). Additional meeting materials can be found through the CMRPC web calendar: <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmm-po-committee-24/>

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89100802057?pwd=2d3fudQRGqXxT5b4VJTWmc96Kla0qU.1>

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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Approval of April 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Adjustment #6 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing
 - **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #7 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period
 - **Potential Action:** Approval of FFY 2027-2031 TIP
- FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - **Potential Action:** Release Draft FFY 2027 UPWP for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period
- Public Participation Plan (PPP) Updates Presentation
- Housing and Transportation Study Presentation
- Staff Updates
 - SS4A
 - Bay State Bike Month
- New Business
- Next Meetings:
 - CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – May 27, 2026, at 3:00 PM
 - CMMPO meeting (virtual) – June 17, 2026, at 4:00 PM

- Adjournment

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CMMPO)

The minutes of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) meeting, on **Wednesday, May 20th, 2026**. This meeting was held virtually using Zoom Webinar.

- **CMMPO Members Present:**

1. Steve Woelfel – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, designee to MassDOT Interim Secretary Phillip Eng
2. Ann Sullivan – MassDOT Highway Division District #3, designee to MassDOT Highway Division Administrator Jonathon Gulliver
3. Josh Rickman – WRTA Administrator
4. Bob Hassinger – designee to CMRPC Commission Chair
5. Betsy Goodrich – designee to City Manager Eric Batista
6. Michelle Conlin – Shrewsbury, Northeast Subregion Representative
7. Jesse Limanek – Sutton, Southeast Subregion Representative
8. Jared Grigg – Spencer, West Subregion Representative
9. Leah Whiteman – Rutland, North Subregion Alternate

- **CMMPO Ex-Officio Members Present:**

1. Miranda Briseno – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

- **Guests:**

1. Daryl Amaral – MassDOT D2
2. Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT D3
3. Peg Dean – Southbridge

- **CMRPC Staff**

1. Sujatha Krishnan, Deputy Director – Transportation
2. Kevin Krasnecky, Manager, Transportation Improvement Program – Transportation

3. Rich Rydant, Director, MPO Activities – Transportation
4. Yahaira Graxirena, Director, Access and Mobility – Transportation
5. Nate Lewis, Associate Planner, Public Outreach Coordinator – Transportation
6. Jordan Hollinger, Planning and Transportation Researcher – Transportation
7. Connie Mellis, Manager, Transit Planning – Transportation

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Agenda Item #1 – Introductions

CMMPO Chair Steve Woelfel opened the meeting at 4:00 PM. A roll call of CMMPO members was announced.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of April 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Jesse Limanek to approve April 15, 2026, meeting minutes. The members present voted to approve of the April 15, 2026, meeting minutes.

Steve Woelfel – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Agenda Item #3 – Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of the Proposed Adjustment #6 Changes to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Adjustment #6 includes the following changes:

- *610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough – Rehabilitation & Box Widening on Route 20, from Route 9 to South Street:* In FFY 2026, \$1,000,000 will be added to VUS funding and NHPP funding would be reduced from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000. The Total Project Cost is still \$49,235,394.

There were no comments or questions.

Ann Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Betsy Goodrich to approve Proposed Adjustment #6 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. Jared Grigg abstained and all other members voted to approve the Proposed Adjustment #6.

Steve Woelfel – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Jared Grigg – Abstain

Josh Rickman – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

- **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #7 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #7 includes the following changes:

- *612195 – Worcester – Superstructure Replacement, W-44-091, I-290 over East Central Street* will be removed from FFY 2026. This project will be programmed in FFY 2027 of the new 2027-2031 TIP.
- *614241 – District 2 & District 3 – VRU Crosswalk Installation at State Signals at Multiple Locations* will be added to FFY 2026. The Total Project Cost is \$622,383.

There were no comments or questions regarding these changes.

Jared Grigg made a motion and was seconded by Bob Hassinger to release the Proposed Amendment #7 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for a 21-day public review and comment period. All members voted unanimously to release the Proposed Amendment #7 for public comment.

Steve Woelfel – Yes
Ann Sullivan – Yes
Josh Rickman – Yes
Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes
Jesse Limanek – Yes
Jared Grigg – Yes

- **Potential Action:** Approval of the FFY 2027-2031 TIP

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. The Draft 2027-2031 TIP was reviewed with the CMMPO Advisory Committee and the CMRPC Transportation Committee and both recommended approval. A virtual public meeting was held on 5/4/26 and there were no comments from the attendees. MassDOT OTP reviewed the Draft TIP document and provided a few comments. The 495/MetroWest Partnership also provided a comment letter noting their support for the programmed projects within their region and concern for a few projects that were pushed back to later years.

Mr. Krasnecky then reviewed the three endorsements sheets included in the TIP document in which the CMMPO Chair would sign upon approval. The three endorsements sheets were the approval of the TIP, the Certification of the CMMPO Transportation Planning Process, and the compliance with the Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements for Transportation.

There were no comments or questions.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the 2027-2031 TIP. All members voted unanimously to approve the 2027-2031 TIP.

Steve Woelfel – Yes
Ann Sullivan – Yes
Josh Rickman – Yes
Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes
Michelle Conlin – Yes
Jesse Limanek – Yes
Leah Whitemand – Yes

Agenda Item #5 – FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **Potential Action:** Release Draft FFY 2027 UPWP for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Sujatha Krishnan presented this item. Ms. Krishnan reviewed the table of contents and the budget table from the document. Also, a virtual public meeting to comment on the Draft UPWP will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at 5:00 PM.

There were no comments or questions.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Leah Whiteman to release the Draft FFY 2027 UPWP for a 21-day public review and comment period. All members voted unanimously to release the Draft FFY 2027 UPWP for public comment.

Steve Woelfel – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes
Bob Hassinger – Yes
Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Michelle Conlin – Yes
Jesse Limanek – Yes
Jared Grigg – Yes

Agenda Item #6 – Public Participation Plan (PPP) Updates Presentation

Nate Lewis presented this item. Mr. Lewis provided an overview of changes, new sections, and staff review items for the FY 2026 update. Staff are updating the PPP to reflect new federal guidance, changing technology, and best practices. There are four entirely new sections or appendices, over nine sections updated or expanded, and over 15 items flagged and reviewed.

For Section 2 (Background), the regulatory tables have been updated, and additional law and regulation citations have been added. In Section 4 (Goals), a new 9th goal has been added. The new goal is to provide opportunities to build trust and compromise. In Section 5 (Self-Evaluation & Plan Modification), staff formalized the CMMPO's commitment to reviewing and improving its public participation practices. In Section 6 (Tools), new tools were added and the previous tools were reviewed and removed, if needed. In Section 7 (Methods), three new formal engagement methods were added and they were one-on-one interactions, Public Involvement Plan (PIP), and scenario planning exercises. Staff also reviewed the current committee and platform information. Additionally, a new Section 10 (Using Artificial Intelligence for Community Engagement) was added to the document.

Under the appendices, a new Appendix A (Planning Document Public Participation Guidelines) was added to show minimum public participation standards for every planning document type. A new Appendix B (Staff Guide to Planning Public Engagement) was also added that shows a 7-step internal protocol for meeting Title VI and ADA requirements in all public outreach activities. The new Appendices C & D (Public-Facing Guides) was added that contain frequently asked questions and how to access virtual meetings. Lastly, a new Appendix E (Municipality Demographic Data) was added to help the CMMPO understand their communities better before starting a project.

The next steps will be to review the Draft PPP with the CMMPO Advisory Committee and then release the FY 2026 Draft PPP at the June CMMPO meeting for its 45-day public review and comment period. The FFY 2026 PPP would likely be endorsed by the CMMPO at their August or September meeting.

There were no comments or questions.

Agenda Item #7 – Housing and Transportation Study Presentation

Jordan Hollinger presented this item. Mr. Hollinger mentioned the purpose and objectives of the study and then gave a brief overview of the key findings that were presented at a previous meeting.

Next, Mr. Hollinger discussed the household profiles from the study. Hypothetical households were used to look at where people could live affordably in the region. The profiles were based on housing at the right price, housing of the right type, and housing in the right locations. The study also looked at rentals within the region, households in an area with walkable destinations, and households that get by with one car, hoping to walk or take transit some of the time.

Next, the suitability analysis was discussed. The suitability analysis is intended as a tool to facilitate conversations about where to prioritize regulatory change, investments, and other strategies to unlock opportunities for housing diversity across all CMRPC communities. The goals were:

- Establish physical barriers to development.
- Identify neighborhoods and corridors most supportive of housing-diverse development given existing infrastructure, transportation diversity, and access to amenities.
- Illustrate the kinds of development these areas can support, given their relative degree of transportation diversity and access to amenities. Highlight regulatory barriers to housing-diverse development.
- Illustrate how areas that are highly suitable for residential development compare to existing patterns of interest: overall demographics, equity focus areas, development, etc. Compare with areas of relative market risk and opportunity.
- Outline how targeted policy and investment interventions shift neighborhood suitability.

The suitability results were shown in four categories; high, somewhat high, somewhat limited, and limited.

The study and data have been turned into two online tools, an online data dashboard and mapping systems. Both tools were shown during the meeting. Lastly, the strategies overview was discussed. The strategies are primarily oriented toward public entities like cities, towns, and regional planning agencies, but many of the approaches are transferable to other stakeholders and local and regional housing partners.

There were no comments or questions.

Agenda Item #8 – Staff Updates

- *SS4A*: Sujatha Krishnan updated the group about recent SS4A project updates. The online survey will close soon, and staff have received over 700 responses. All community meetings have been completed. A draft Action Plan is anticipated in the fall and approval in January. The demonstration project is still being reviewed by MEPA.
- *Bay State Bike Month*: Nate Lewis provided this update. In May, staff held a bicycle breakfast with MassBike and there was great participation. A bike part was planned in Westborough, but it will likely be postponed due to the town planner leaving.

Agenda Item #9 – New Business

Sujatha Krishnan mentioned that the MassDOT Capital Investment Plan (CIP) virtual public meeting will be held on June 1st at 6:00 PM for the Central Massachusetts region. Jared Grigg asked about discussing the CMMPO Advisory Committee bylaws and potentially having it on the agenda for a future CMMPO meeting.

Agenda Item # 10 – Next Meetings

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – May 27, 2026 at 3:00 PM

- CMMPO Committee meeting (virtual) – June 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Agenda Item #11 – Adjournment

Bob Hassinger made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Michelle Conlin. The meeting concluded at 5:05 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Kevin Krasnecky, TIP Manager

CMMPO June 17, 2026 – Endorse Amendment



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date: Wednesday, **June 17**, 2026

Time: **4:00 PM**

Place: This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom Webinar (use link below). Additional meeting materials can be found through the CMRPC web calendar: <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmm-po-committee-25/>

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89100802057?pwd=2d3fudQRGqXxT5b4VJTWmc96Kla0qU.1>

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AGENDA

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- Approval of May 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Amendment #7 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing
 - **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Adjustment #8 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing
 - **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #9 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period
- FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - **Potential Action:** Approval of FFY 2027 UPWP
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)
 - **Potential Action:** Release Draft FY 2026 Public Participation Plan (PPP) for 45-Day Public Review and Comment Period
- Vernon Connected Presentation
- Staff Updates
 - Grant Applications
 - Charles River Headwater Greenway Project
- New Business

- Next Meetings:
 - CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – June 24, 2026, at 3:00 PM
 - CMMPO meeting (virtual) – July 15, 2026, at 4:00 PM
- Adjournment

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- **CMMPO Members Present:**

1. Derek Shooster – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, designee to MassDOT Interim Secretary Phillip Eng
2. Ann Sullivan – MassDOT Highway Division District #3, designee to MassDOT Highway Division Administrator Jonathon Gulliver
3. Josh Rickman – WRTA Administrator
4. Bob Hassinger – designee to CMRPC Commission Chair
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9. John Daniel – Southbridge, Southwest Subregion Representative

- **CMMPO Ex-Officio Members Present:**

1. Miranda Briseno – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

- **Guests:**

1. Daryl Amaral – MassDOT D2
2. Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT D3
3. Jim Proia
4. Doug
5. Adrian Buteyn
6. Whitney Burdge – Stantec

7. Jason Schreiber - Stantec

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Agenda Item #1 – Introductions

CMMPO Chair Derek Shooster opened the meeting at 4:00 PM. A roll call of CMMPO members was announced.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of May 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Jesse Limanek to approve May 20, 2026, meeting minutes. With one member abstaining, all other members present voted to approve of the April 15, 2026, meeting minutes.

Derek Shooster – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

John Daniel – Abstain

Jared Grigg – Yes

Leah Whiteman - Yes

Agenda Item #3 – Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of the Proposed Amendment #7 Changes to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #7 includes the following changes:

- **612195 – Worcester – Superstructure Replacement, W-44-091, I-290 over East Central Street** will be removed from FFY 2026. This project will be programmed in FFY 2027 of the new 2027-2031 TIP.
- **614241 – District 2 & District 3 – VRU Crosswalk Installation at State Signals at Multiple Locations** will be added to FFY 2026. The Total Project Cost is \$622,383.

Jared Grigg asked why the Worcester bridge project moved back to FFY 2027. Ann Sullivan said it was due to another nearby bridge project in Worcester in which the detour routes for these projects would impact on each other and the timing of the construction for East Central Street could be more spaced out.

Ann Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Josh Rickman to approve Proposed Amendment #7 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted to approve the Proposed Amendment #7.

Derek Shooster – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Jared Grigg – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

John Daniel – Yes

Leah Whiteman - Yes

- **Potential Action:** Approval of the Proposed Adjustment #8 Changes to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Adjustment #8 includes the following changes:

- **Project #610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough – Rehabilitation & Box Widening on Route 20, from Route 9 to South Street.**
 - In FFY 2026, add \$7,129,141 in PROTECT (PRCT) funding under Section 2A (Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Reliability Projects).
 - In FFY 2028, reduce the NHPP funding from \$17,060,095 to \$15,027,401, which is a decrease of \$2,032,694.
 - In FFY 2029, removed entire amount (\$5,096,447) of NHPP funding.

There were no comments or questions.

Jared Grigg made a motion and was seconded by Betsy Goodrich to approve Proposed Adjustment #8 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted to approve the Proposed Adjustment #8.

Derek Shooster – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Jared Grigg – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

John Daniel – Yes

Leah Whiteman - Yes

- **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #9 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #9 includes the following changes:

- Cost increase for target **Project #608961 – Worcester – Intersection Improvements on Chandler Street and May Street** in FFY 2026. The cost has increased in the amount of \$1,645,731 for a new Total Project Cost of \$10,121,005. The changes are:
 - Add Carbon Reduction (CRP) funding in the amount of \$4,171,534.
 - STBG funding decreased from \$5,031,709 to \$1,750,053, a total decrease of \$3,281,656.
 - CMAQ funding increased from \$2,000,000 to \$2,040,014, a total increase of \$40,014.
 - HSIP funding increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,715,835, a total increase of \$715,835
- Move **Project #605323 – Oxford – Bridge Replacement, O-06-030, (ST 56) Leicester Road over the French River** from FFY 2027 to FFY 2026. The updated Total Project Cost is \$4,594,106.

Jared Grigg asked what the reason was for the cost increase of the Chandler Street/May Street project. Mr. Krasnecky said that since the 75% design submission, the bid items have increased, mainly the utility estimates.

Derek Shooster asked the members if they would like to conditionally approve the changes included in this amendment so the CMMPO would not have to meet in July. If staff does receive any major comments during the public comment period, then the CMMPO would meet in July.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Jared Grigg to conditionally approve Proposed Amendment #9 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing while also releasing for a 21-day public review and comment period. All members voted unanimously to conditionally approve and release the Proposed Amendment #9 for public comment.

Derek Shooster – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Jared Grigg – Yes

John Daniel – Yes

Leah Whiteman - Yes

Agenda Item #5 – FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of FFY 2027

Sujatha Krishnan presented this item. Ms. Krishnan reviewed the table of contents and summary of public comments. Ms. Krishnan said that a virtual public meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9th at 5:00 PM and only one person attended, with no comments received. MassDOT Office of Transportation also reviewed the document and provided a couple of comments. They were:

- The De-Obligated PL funds of \$250,000 were approved by MassDOT for the Vernon Connected Economic Impact Study and staff added the funding information to Task 4.4 as well as the budget tables.
- An accessibility issue with the Draft document was noted and staff will work to fix the issue for the CMMPO Endorsed document.

There were no comments or questions.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Ann Sullivan to approved FFY 2027 UPWP. All members voted unanimously to approve of the FFY 2027 UPWP.

Derek Shooster – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

John Daniel – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Jared Grigg – Yes

Leah Whiteman - Yes

Agenda Item #6 – Public Participation Plan (PPP)

- **Potential Action:** Release Draft FY 2026 Public Participation Plan (PPP) for 45-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Nate Lewis presented this item. Mr. Lewis said that staff have completed the Draft FY 2026 PPP as summarized in the presentation that was given at the May CMMPO meeting. For the Draft PPP there is a 45-day public review and comment period. Two virtual public meetings will be held at 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM on July 21st.

Derek Shooster asked if there was a submission deadline for the PPP. Sujatha Krishnan said there is no deadline and staff will likely bring the PPP back to the CMMPO for approval at their September meeting.

Jesse Limanek made a motion and was seconded by Bob Hassinger to release the Draft FFY 2026 PPP for a 45-day public review and comment period. All members voted unanimously to release the Draft FFY 2026 PPP for public comment.

Derek Shooster – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

John Daniel – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Jared Grigg – Yes

Leah Whiteman - Yes

Agenda Item #7 – Vernon Connected Presentation

Jason Schreiber, Stantec, presented this item. Mr. Schreiber provided an overview of the public engagement activities for the Vernon Connected Study. There were 16 Community Pop-Up/Table Sessions, 250+ survey responses, 3 Public Workshops, 1 Special Public Event with Jeff Speck, many targeted stakeholder discussions, 5 Advisory Committee meetings, and 7 Steering Committee meetings. The Jeff Speck event was held on March 19, 2026, and had over 160 attendees. There was a public workshop held on March 24, 2026, and it had over 50 attendees. There was also an Oral History Event held on April 16, 2026, which was to share the history of the study area.

When thinking about changes in the corridor and how important it is to include those features the top 5 results for each category were shown. The top choices from each category were:

- Green Space Features: Trees
- Active Space Features: Playgrounds
- Programming Features: Public Art
- Building Features: Public Restroom
- Transportation Features: Multi-Use Path
- Connections Features: Pedestrian Bridge

Next, Mr. Schreiber summarized the project goals and showed and reviewed all the project ideas by types, such as Roadway, Pedestrian and Bicycle, Green and Open Space, and Development and Programming. Three scenarios were also shown and discussed. Scenario 1 was for neighborhood connections, Scenario 2 had a nodal focus, and Scenario 3 had a major park focus. A few park examples were shown from other states.

Lastly, Stantec will analyze metrics for a preferred scenario. There is also a final survey out for the public to take before July 6th.

Jared Grigg asked if emergency vehicles were considered. Mr. Scheiber said not specifically and not for operations. Bob Hassinger asked about the cost of the improvements. Mr. Schreiber said the cost and funding sources are not being considered at this time.

Agenda Item #8 – Staff Updates

- **Grant Applications:** Sujatha Krishnan said that CMRPC applied for a regional trails project through the Community One Stop program and staff also assisted multiple towns applying for a Strap Grant. For the grants through MassDOT's Grant Central, staff assisted multiple towns for the first round and are awaiting the results while the second round is now open.
- **Charles River Headwater Greenway Project:** Nate Lewis said that CMRPC applied for and were awarded a Mass Trails grant for a feasibility study, partnering with MAPC. The grant amount was \$100,000. The length of the study area is about 8 miles and the project started in March. Bowman was selected as the consultant for the study. Staff recently completed a site visit to the area, and the study is expected to be completed by next June.

Agenda Item #9 – New Business

There was no new business.

Agenda Item # 10 – Next Meetings

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – June 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Committee meeting (virtual) – July 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Agenda Item #11 – Adjournment

Jared Grigg made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bob Hassinger. The meeting concluded at 5:03 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Kevin Krasnecky, TIP Manager

Advisory Committee May 27, 2026 – Recommend Approval of Amendment



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, **May 27**, 2026

Time: **3:00 PM**

Place: Zoom Webinar Virtual Meeting

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AGENDA

- Around the Room Introductions
- Approval of **April 22, 2026** Meeting Minutes
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #7 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Seeking recommendation to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of FFY 2027 Draft UPWP
- Public Participation Plan
 - Presentation
- Housing & Transportation Study
 - Presentation
- Staff Updates
 - Safe Streets for All
 - Bay State Bike Month
- New Business
- Next Meetings:
 - CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – June 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM
 - CMMPO Meeting (virtual) – Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM
- Adjournment

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting held **May 27th, 2026**. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

CMMPO Advisory Committee Members Present:

- Adam Menard – Town of Oxford
- Chris Payant – Town of Westborough
- Alex Salcedo - MassBike
- Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT District 3
- Liz Myska – Visions Consulting L3C
- Alysha Irisari Malo – Town of Douglas
- Thomas Driscoll – 495 Partnership
- Nick Burnham – WRTA
- Daryl Amaral – MassDOT District 2

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- N/A

CMRPC Staff Present:

- Nathan Lewis
- Jordan Hollinger
- Kevin Krasnecky
- Sujatha Krishnan
- Yahaira Graxirena
- Richard Rydant
- Robert Raymond

Agenda Item #1 – Around the Room Introductions

Chair Adam Menard opened the meeting at 3:02 PM. A roll call of the CMMPO Advisory members was announced, followed by the roll call of the remaining attendees.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of April 22nd, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Minutes for April 22nd, 2026, CMMPO Advisory meeting were considered for approval. Chair Menard entertains a motion to approve the April 22nd, 2026, meeting minutes. Nick Burnham makes a motion to approve. The motion is seconded by Liz Myska. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

Agenda Item #3 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Potential Action: Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #7 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #7 includes the following changes:

- 612195 – Worcester – Superstructure Replacement, W-44-091, I-290 over East Central Street will be removed from FFY 2026. This project will be programmed in FFY 2027 of the new 2027-2031 TIP.
- 614241 – District 2 & District 3 – VRU Crosswalk Installation at State Signals at Multiple Locations will be added to FFY 2026. The Total Project Cost is \$622,383.

There were no comments or questions regarding these changes.

Chris Payant made a motion and was seconded by Nick Burnham concerning endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #7 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.

Potential Action: Seeking recommendation to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of FFY 2027 Draft UPWP.

Sujatha Krishnan presented this item. Ms. Krishnan reviewed the table of contents and the budget table from the document. Also, a virtual public meeting to comment on the Draft UPWP will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at 5:00 PM.

There were no further questions or comments.

Nick Burnham made a motion and was seconded by Chris Payant to recommend to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of FFY 2027 Draft UPWP.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Participation Plan

Nate Lewis presented this item. Mr. Lewis provided an overview of changes, new sections, and staff review items for the FY 2026 update. The Public Participation Plan update will reflect new federal guidance, changing technology, and best practices. There are four entirely new sections or appendices, over nine sections updated or expanded, and over 15 items flagged and reviewed.

The next step will be to release the FY 2026 Draft PPP at the June CMMPO meeting, beginning its 45-day public review and comment period.

There were no further questions or comments.

Agenda Item #5 – Housing and Transportation Study

Jordan Hollinger presented this item. Mr. Hollinger outlined the study's purpose and objectives, then provided a brief overview of the key findings presented at a previous meeting.

Next, Mr. Hollinger discussed the household profiles from the study. Hypothetical households were used to look at where people could live affordably in the region. The study also examined rentals within the region, households in areas with walkable destinations, and households with one car available. Briefly discussed the objectives and results of the suitability analysis. This analysis is intended as a tool to facilitate conversations about where to prioritize regulatory change, investments, and other strategies to unlock opportunities for housing diversity across all CMRPC communities.

Two online tools have been developed. Those include an online data dashboard and a regional mapping tool. Lastly, the overview of strategies was discussed. The strategies are primarily oriented toward public entities like cities, towns, and regional planning agencies, but many of the approaches are transferable to other stakeholders and local and regional housing partners.

There were no comments or questions.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Updates

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A): Robert Raymond updated the group about recent SS4A project updates. The online survey will close soon, and staff have received over 1,000 responses. All community meetings have been completed. A draft Action Plan is anticipated in the fall and approval in January. The demonstration project is still being reviewed by NEPA.

- Bay State Bike Month: Nate Lewis provided this update. In May, staff held a bicycle breakfast with MassBike, and there was great participation. A bike event was planned in Westborough, but it will likely be postponed due to the town planner's leaving.

Agenda Item #7 – New Business

Sujatha Krishnan mentioned that the MassDOT Capital Investment Plan (CIP) virtual public meeting for the Central Massachusetts region will be held on June 1st at 6:00 PM.

Jared Grigg asked to discuss the CMMPO Advisory Committee bylaws and potentially add them to the agenda for a future CMMPO meeting.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meetings

Chair Menard announced the schedule for the next meeting:

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – June 24th, 2026, at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Meeting (virtual) – Wednesday, June 17th, 2026, at 4:00 PM

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

At 4:07 PM Chair Menard called for a motion to adjourn. Chris Payant made the motion, which Alex Salcedo seconded. The group voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting minutes prepared: Nathan Lewis, Public Outreach Coordinator

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