

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 FFY 2025 UPWP Amendment #2

Proposed 2025 – 2029 TIP Amendment #6

Draft 2026 – 2030 TIP

<u>What is the UPWP</u>? UPWP details the transportation planning work to be completed in the region over the next program year, associated funding, and anticipated work products. The Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2025 UPWP has been released for a 21-day public review and comment period. These changes are:

• Reduce budget for Element 2.5 Regional Housing and Transportation Plan. The new budget for this element in FFY 2025 UPWP is \$100,000. The remainder amount of \$150,000 will be moved to FFY 2026 UPWP.

<u>What is the TIP?</u> 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 #6 to the 2025-2029 TIP and the Draft 2026-2030 TIP have been released for a 21-day public review and comment period. Proposed Amendment #6 changes to the FFY 2025 highway project listing are:

 Cost increase of Project 613208 – Worcester – Bridge Preservation of 11 Structures on I-190 and Ramps in the amount of \$8,268,663. The new total project cost is now \$15,768,663.

The meeting agenda and summary materials pertaining to the above listed documents are available on the CMRPC website calendar at <u>https://cmrpc.org/event/cmmpo-draft-26-30-tip-</u>25-29-tip-amendment-6-ffy25-upwp-amendment-2-virtual-public-meeting/.

There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the Proposed Amendment #5, Draft 2026-2030 TIP, and Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2025 UPWP during the virtual ZOOM meeting **Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 5:00 PM.** The Zoom meeting connection details are included on the meeting agenda.

<u>All written comments can be sent to Kevin Krasnecky at kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org and all</u> <u>comments received before Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 4:30PM will be fully considered.</u> CMMPO meetings are conducted in accessible locations and materials can be provided in accessible formats free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, alternative material formats such as audio, Braille, and large print), as available. Interpreter and other translation requests must be made at least fourteen (14) business days before the meeting. Materials in alternative formats must be requested at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. For accommodations or language assistance, or to request information or file a complaint, contact the CMMPO Title VI Coordinator by phone at (508) 756-7717, by fax at (508) 792-6818, or by email at <u>TitleVICoordinator@cmrpc.org</u>.

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.

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