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Amendment #3 Highway & Transit Project Listings & Summary Materials

Proposed Amendment #3 to the 2024 to 2028 TIP Highway & Transit List

Highway (FFY 2024):

- Remove project **610535 Worcester - Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street** from FFY 2024.
- Decrease statewide funding for Project **602659 Charlton-Oxford – Reconstruction on Route 20, from Richardson’s Corner Easterly to Route 12, Includes Rehab of C-06-023 & Replacement of O-06-002** in FFY 2024.
 - Statewide CMAQ funding reduced to \$123,655
 - Statewide HSIP funding reduced to \$0
 - Statewide NHPP funding reduced to \$7,956,218
 - Statewide STBG funding reduced to \$0



Central Mass Region Program

STIP: 2024 - 2028 (D)

Year	MassDOT Project ID	MPO	Municipality	MassDOT Project Description	District	Funding Source	Total Programmed Funds	Federal Funds	Non-Federal Funds	Other Information
Federal Fiscal Year 2024							\$87,188,630	\$71,081,705	\$16,106,925	
Section 1A / Regionally Prioritized Projects							\$26,412,840	\$21,130,272	\$5,282,568	
Roadway Reconstruction							\$18,700,840	\$14,960,672	\$3,740,168	
2024	606517	Central Mass	West Brookfield	WEST BROOKFIELD- RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 9, FROM WARE T.L. TO 850' WEST OF WELCOME ROAD (1.1 MILES - PHASE I)	2	STBG	\$8,076,826	\$6,461,461	\$1,615,365	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$8,076,826, Design Status = 100%, PM Score = 10 out of 27
2024	608171	Central Mass	Uxbridge	UXBRIDGE- RECONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 122 (SOUTH MAIN STREET), FROM SUSAN PARKWAY TO ROUTE 16	3	STBG	\$10,124,014	\$8,099,211	\$2,024,803	Construction, STBG + TAP Total Project Cost = \$10,624,014, Design Status = 100%, PM Score = 11 out of 27
2024	608171	Central Mass	Uxbridge	UXBRIDGE- RECONSTRUCTION OF ROUTE 122 (SOUTH MAIN STREET), FROM SUSAN PARKWAY TO ROUTE 16	3	TAP	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000	Construction, STBG + TAP Total Project Cost = \$10,624,014, Design Status = 100%, PM Score = 11 out of 27
Intersection Improvements							\$7,617,000	\$6,093,600	\$1,523,400	
2024	608433	Central Mass	Webster	WEBSTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT I-395 RAMP (EXIT 2) AT ROUTE 16 (EAST MAIN STREET) AND SUTTON ROAD	3	CMAQ	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000	\$400,000	Construction, CMAQ + STBG + Statewide HSIP Total Project Cost = \$14,945,008, Design Status = 75%, PM Score 17 out of 27, State & Target funds being used
2024	608433	Central Mass	Webster	WEBSTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT I-395 RAMP (EXIT 2) AT ROUTE 16 (EAST MAIN STREET) AND SUTTON ROAD	3	STBG	\$5,617,000	\$4,493,600	\$1,123,400	Construction, CMAQ + STBG + Statewide HSIP Total Project Cost = \$14,945,008, Design Status = 75%, PM Score 17 out of 27, State & Target funds being used
Transit Grant Program							\$20,000	\$16,000	\$4,000	
2024	S12816	Central Mass	Southbridge	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MULTI-MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN		CMAQ	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$4,000	Total Project Cost = \$20,000, Project is part of Micro-Projects Program
Flex to FTA							\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000	
2024	S12815	Central Mass	Ware	TOWN OF WARE- PURCHASE OF HYBRID MINIVAN FOR QUABOAG VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (QVDC)		CMAQ	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000	Total Project Cost = \$75,000, New bus purchase by Town of Ware on behalf of the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (QVDC), Project is part of Micro-Projects Program. Local match will be provided by the Town of Ware/QVDC.
CMAQ Programmed							\$2,095,000	\$1,676,000	\$419,000	
STBG Programmed							\$23,817,840	\$19,054,272	\$4,763,568	
TAP Programmed							\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000	

*Only includes funds counting against obligation authority

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Total Programmed for Central Mass Region Projects*							\$26,412,840	\$21,130,272	\$5,282,568	
Program Target for Central Mass Region Projects							\$26,423,388	\$21,138,710	\$5,284,678	
Target Funds Available for Central Mass Region Projects							\$10,548	\$8,438	\$2,110	
Section 1B / Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects							\$10,625,891	\$8,500,713	\$2,125,178	
Bridge On-system Non-NHS NB							\$3,323,151	\$2,658,521	\$664,630	
2024	609179	Central Mass	Spencer	SPENCER- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, S-23-012, NORTH SPENCER ROAD (ROUTE 31) OVER THE SEVEN MILE RIVER	3	HIP-BR	\$3,323,151	\$2,658,521	\$664,630	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$3,323,151, Design Status = 75%
Earmark Discretionary							\$2,609,681	\$2,609,681	\$0	
2024	610535	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON PLEASANT STREET	3	CRRSAA	\$2,609,681	\$2,609,681	\$0	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$2,609,681, Design Status = Approved
Bridge Systematic Maintenance NB							\$7,302,740	\$5,842,192	\$1,460,548	
2024	612874	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- WORCESTER- BRIDGE MAINTENANCE, S-14-021=W-44-115 (1RA & 1RB), I-290 (EB AND WB) OVER COMBINATION OF LAKE QUINSIGMOND AND LAKE AVENUE NORTH	3	HIP-BR	\$1,302,740	\$1,042,192	\$260,548	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$1,302,740, Design Status = Approved
2024	613179	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- BRIDGE PRESERVATION, W-44-117 (1XC), ARARAT STREET OVER I-190	3	HIP-BR	\$3,600,000	\$2,880,000	\$720,000	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$3,600,000, Design Status = Approved
2024	613180	Central Mass	Northborough	NORTHBOROUGH- BRIDGE PRESERVATION, N-20-025 (1R8, 1R9), I-290 OVER MDC AQUEDUCT AND CSX RAILROAD	3	HIP-BR	\$2,400,000	\$1,920,000	\$480,000	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$2,400,000, Design Status = Approved
Section 2A / State Prioritized Reliability Projects							\$23,460,610	\$19,366,488	\$4,094,122	
Non-Interstate Pavement							\$5,100,000	\$4,080,000	\$1,020,000	
2024	612098	Central Mass	Multiple	UPTON- GRAFTON- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 140	3	NHPP	\$5,100,000	\$4,080,000	\$1,020,000	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$5,100,000, Design Status = Approved
Bridge Off-system							\$12,380,610	\$9,904,488	\$2,476,122	
2024	608640	Central Mass	Multiple	SUTTON- GRAFTON- BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION/REHABILITATION, S-33-004, DEPOT STREET OVER THE BLACKSTONE RIVER	3	STBG-BR-Off	\$12,380,610	\$9,904,488	\$2,476,122	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$12,380,610, Design Status = 75%
Interstate Pavement							\$5,980,000	\$5,382,000	\$598,000	
2024	612087	Central Mass	Multiple	AUBURN- OXFORD - RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON I-290 AND I-395	3	NHPP-I	\$5,980,000	\$5,382,000	\$598,000	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$5,980,000, Design Status = Approved

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Federal Fiscal Year 2024							\$87,188,630	\$71,081,705	\$16,106,925	
Section 2B / State Prioritized Modernization Projects							\$26,689,289	\$22,084,232	\$4,605,057	
Roadway Reconstruction							\$17,430,051	\$13,944,041	\$3,486,010	
2024	602659	Central Mass	Multiple	CHARLTON- OXFORD- RECONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 20, FROM RICHARDSON'S CORNER EASTERLY TO ROUTE 12, INCLUDES REHAB OF C-06-023 & REPLACEMENT OF O-06-002	3	CMAQ	1018243 \$123,655	814594 \$98,924	203648 \$24,731	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$78,222,752, CMAQ + NHPP + STBG Project is AC'd between 2022 and 2025, PM Score = 22 out of 27, Advertised on 4/23/22
2024	602659	Central Mass	Multiple	CHARLTON- OXFORD- RECONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 20, FROM RICHARDSON'S CORNER EASTERLY TO ROUTE 12, INCLUDES REHAB OF C-06-023 & REPLACEMENT OF O-06-002	3	HSIP	1308995 \$0	1178095 \$0	130899 \$0	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$78,222,752, CMAQ + NHPP + STBG Project is AC'd between 2022 and 2025, PM Score = 22 out of 27, Advertised on 4/23/22
2024	602659	Central Mass	Multiple	CHARLTON- OXFORD- RECONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 20, FROM RICHARDSON'S CORNER EASTERLY TO ROUTE 12, INCLUDES REHAB OF C-06-023 & REPLACEMENT OF O-06-002	3	NHPP	10895727 \$7,956,218	8716581 \$6,364,974	2179145 \$1,591,244	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$78,222,752, CMAQ + NHPP + STBG Project is AC'd between 2022 and 2025, PM Score = 22 out of 27, Advertised on 4/23/22
2024	602659	Central Mass	Multiple	CHARLTON- OXFORD- RECONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 20, FROM RICHARDSON'S CORNER EASTERLY TO ROUTE 12, INCLUDES REHAB OF C-06-023 & REPLACEMENT OF O-06-002	3	STBG	2283550 \$0	1826840 \$0	456710 \$0	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$78,222,752, CMAQ + NHPP + STBG Project is AC'd between 2022 and 2025, PM Score = 22 out of 27, Advertised on 4/23/22
2024	608814	Central Mass	Spencer	SPENCER- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 9	3	NHPP	\$9,350,178	\$7,480,142	\$1,870,036	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$9,350,178, Design Status = 75%
Intersection Improvements							\$7,328,008	\$6,595,207	\$732,801	
2024	608433	Central Mass	Webster	WEBSTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT I-395 RAMPS (EXIT 2) AT ROUTE 16 (EAST MAIN STREET) AND SUTTON ROAD	3	HSIP	\$7,328,008	\$6,595,207	\$732,801	Construction, CMAQ + STBG + Statewide HSIP Total Project Cost = \$14,945,008, Design Status = 75%, PM Score 17 out of 27, State & Target funds being used
Safe Routes to School							\$1,931,230	\$1,544,984	\$386,246	
2024	609528	Central Mass	Grafton	GRAFTON- MILLBURY STREET IMPROVEMENTS (SRTS)	3	TAP	\$1,931,230	\$1,544,984	\$386,246	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$1,931,230, Design Status = 100%

Transit (FFY 2024): Add Community Transit Grant Program Awards Projects

- Add project **WRTA011658 – Shrewsbury: Town of Shrewsbury – CTGP Shrewsbury Operating** to FFY 2024 for a total project cost of \$25,000.
- Add project **WRTA011661 – Holden: WRTA-Holden to Worcester Extended Service Hours** to FFY 2024 for a total project cost of \$20,000.
- Add project **WRTA011686 – Town of Rutland – Rutland Extended Transportation** to FFY 2024 for a total of \$75,477.
- Add project **WRTA011687 – WRTA – SCM Elderbus – READYBUS Service** to FFY 2024 for a total of \$70,000.
- Add project **WRTA011688 – WRTA – SCM Elderbus Midday Shuttle** to FFY 2024 for a total of \$34,000.



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Federal Fiscal Year 2024							\$40,748,057	\$27,057,282	\$12,542,790	\$1,147,985			
Worcester Regional Transit Authority							\$40,748,057	\$27,057,282	\$12,542,790	\$1,147,985			
2024	RTD0010854		Operating	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Operating Assistance - Fixed Route and Paratransit	5307	\$99,153,755	\$10,066,359	\$10,066,359				30.09.01	Operating Assistance to provide fixed-route and paratransit service throughout WRTA area.
2024	RTD0010854		Operating	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Operating Assistance - Fixed Route and Paratransit	SCA	\$99,153,755	\$10,066,359		\$10,066,359			30.09.01	Operating Assistance to provide fixed-route and paratransit service throughout WRTA area.
2024	RTD0010855		RTA Vehicle Replacement	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Buy Replacement 35 FT Bus	5307	\$27,473,630	\$8,189,019	\$8,189,019				11.12.02	Replacing 35' buses that have exceeded useful life. Replacing 7 buses in FY 2024, 6 buses in FY 2025, 7 buses in FY 2026, and 3 buses in FY 2027. In FY 2024, TDCs are being used as a soft match (20%) for Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 funds.
2024	RTD0010855		RTA Vehicle Replacement	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Buy Replacement 35 FT Bus	5339	\$27,473,630	\$530,981	\$530,981				11.12.02	Replacing 35' buses that have exceeded useful life. Replacing 7 buses in FY 2024, 6 buses in FY 2025, 7 buses in FY 2026, and 3 buses in FY 2027. In FY 2024, TDCs are being used as a soft match (20%) for Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 funds.
2024	RTD0010855		RTA Vehicle Replacement	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Buy Replacement 35 FT Bus	TDC	\$27,473,630	\$1,637,804		\$1,637,804			11.12.02	Replacing 35' buses that have exceeded useful life. Replacing 7 buses in FY 2024, 6 buses in FY 2025, 7 buses in FY 2026, and 3 buses in FY 2027. In FY 2024, TDCs are being used as a soft match (20%) for Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 funds.
2024	RTD0010856		RTA Vehicle Replacement	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Buy Replacement Support Vehicles	5307	\$365,000	\$120,000	\$120,000				11.42.11	Replacing support vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life. Replacing 2 vehicles in FY 2024, 2 vehicles in FY 2025, and 2 vehicles in FY 2026.
2024	RTD0010856		RTA Vehicle Replacement	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Buy Replacement Support Vehicles	RTACAP	\$365,000	\$30,000		\$30,000			11.42.11	Replacing support vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life. Replacing 2 vehicles in FY 2024, 2 vehicles in FY 2025, and 2 vehicles in FY 2026.



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Worcester Regional Transit Authority							\$40,748,057	\$27,057,282	\$12,542,790	\$1,147,985			
2024	RTD0010857		RTA Facility & System Modernization	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Purchase Support Equipment for Fixed Route and Demand Response	5307	\$2,893,148	\$520,813	\$520,813				11.42.20	
2024	RTD0010857		RTA Facility & System Modernization	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Purchase Support Equipment for Fixed Route and Demand Response	RTACAP	\$2,893,148	\$130,204		\$130,204			11.42.20	
2024	RTD0010858		RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Purchase Spare Parts for Revenue Rolling Stock	5307	\$4,335,803	\$436,848	\$436,848				11.12.40	
2024	RTD0010858		RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Purchase Spare Parts for Revenue Rolling Stock	RTACAP	\$4,335,803	\$109,212		\$109,212			11.12.40	
2024	RTD0010861		RTA Facility & System Modernization	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Purchase Fixed Route Bus Shelters	5307	\$328,079	\$28,044	\$28,044				11.92.02	
2024	RTD0010861		RTA Facility & System Modernization	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Purchase Fixed Route Bus Shelters	RTACAP	\$328,079	\$7,011		\$7,011			11.92.02	
2024	RTD0010863		RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Renovations and Maintenance to WRTA Hub	5307	\$30,250	\$8,000	\$8,000				11.34.01	
2024	RTD0010863		RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Renovations and Maintenance to WRTA Hub	RTACAP	\$30,250	\$2,000		\$2,000			11.34.01	
2024	RTD0010864	Worcester	RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	City of Worcester: Rehabilitation of Union Station	5337	\$28,947,826	\$4,539,941	\$4,539,941				11.34.03	Worcester Redevelopment Authority rehab/renovate of Worcester's Union Station. Sec. 5337 funding.
2024	RTD0010864	Worcester	RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	City of Worcester: Rehabilitation of Union Station	LF	\$28,947,826	\$1,134,985			\$1,134,985		11.34.03	Worcester Redevelopment Authority rehab/renovate of Worcester's Union Station. Sec. 5337 funding.
2024	RTD0010878		RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Renovations and Maintenance to WRTA Maintenance and Operations Facility	5307	\$387,979	\$40,000	\$40,000				11.44.02	
2024	RTD0010878		RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	Worcester Regional Transit Authority: Renovations and Maintenance to WRTA Maintenance and Operations Facility	RTACAP	\$387,979	\$10,000		\$10,000			11.44.02	
2024	T00042		RTA Vehicle Replacement	Worcester Regional Transit Authority - Purchase Replacement Vans	5307	\$3,549,150	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000				11.12.15	Replace vans that have exceeded their useful life. Replacing 10 vans in FY 2024, and 7 vans in FY 2026. In FY 2024, TDCs are being used as a 20% soft match.
2024	T00042		RTA Vehicle Replacement	Worcester Regional Transit Authority - Purchase Replacement Vans	TDC	\$3,549,150	\$360,000		\$360,000			11.12.15	Replace vans that have exceeded their useful life. Replacing 10 vans in FY 2024, and 7 vans in FY 2026. In FY 2024, TDCs are being used as a 20% soft match.



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Worcester Regional Transit Authority							\$40,748,057	\$27,057,282	\$12,542,790	\$1,147,985			
2024	WRTA011642		Operating	On-call (short-term) Planning Services.	5307	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$200,000				44.24.00	
2024	WRTA011642		Operating	On-call (short-term) Planning Services.	SCA	\$250,000	\$50,000		\$50,000			44.24.00	
2024	WRTA011643		RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance for WRTA Vehicles and Facilities	5307	\$506,000	\$404,800	\$404,800				11.7A.00	
2024	WRTA011643		RTA Facility & Vehicle Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance for WRTA Vehicles and Facilities	SCA	\$506,000	\$101,200		\$101,200			11.7A.00	
2024	WRTA011658	Shrewsbury	Mobility Assistance Program	Town of Shrewsbury - CTGP Shrewsbury Operating	5310	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000				30.09.01	5310 ARPA Carryover \$25,000
2024	WRTA011661	Holden	Mobility Assistance Program	WRTA - Holden to Worcester Extended Service Hours	5310	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000				30.09.01	5310 ARPA Carryover \$10,000, State Contract Assistance \$7,500, Local Funds (Municipal) \$2,500
2024	WRTA011661	Holden	Mobility Assistance Program	WRTA - Holden to Worcester Extended Service Hours	LF	\$20,000	\$2,500			\$2,500		30.09.01	5310 ARPA Carryover \$10,000, State Contract Assistance \$7,500, Local Funds (Municipal) \$2,500
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2024	WRTA011686		Mobility Assistance Program	Town of Rutland - Rutland Extended Transportation	5310	\$75,477	\$75,477	\$75,477				30.09.01	5310 ARPA X018 \$23,739, 5310 CRSSA X015 \$51,738
2024	WRTA011687		Mobility Assistance Program	WRTA - SCM Elderbus - READYBUS Service	5310	\$70,000	\$45,000	\$45,000				30.09.01	5310 Regular X019 \$25,000, 5310 ARPA X018 \$20,000, State Contract Assistance \$18,750, Local Funds (municipal) \$6,250
2024	WRTA011687		Mobility Assistance Program	WRTA - SCM Elderbus - READYBUS Service	LF	\$70,000	\$6,250			\$6,250		30.09.01	5310 Regular X019 \$25,000, 5310 ARPA X018 \$20,000, State Contract Assistance \$18,750, Local Funds (municipal) \$6,250
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2024	WRTA011688		Mobility Assistance Program	WRTA - SCM Elderbus Midday Shuttle	LF	\$34,000	\$4,250			\$4,250		30.09.01	5310 Regular X019 \$17,000, State Contract Assistance \$12,750, Local Funds (municipal) \$4,250
2024	WRTA011688		Mobility Assistance Program	WRTA - SCM Elderbus Midday Shuttle	SCA	\$34,000	\$12,750		\$12,750			30.09.01	5310 Regular X019 \$17,000, State Contract Assistance \$12,750, Local Funds (municipal) \$4,250

Amendment #3 Proactive Public Outreach Summary

**Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization
Proposed 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3 Available for Public Review & Comment**

For information purposes and in accordance with the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CMMPO) formal Public Participation Plan, in full compliance of Environmental Justice regulations, the transportation staff of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) announces the release of the Proposed 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3 for the 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 a listing of all transportation projects for highway, transit, and intermodal in the planning region programmed to receive federal-aid funding. Amendment #3 includes changes to both the highway & transit project listings. For transit, five Community Transit Grant Award projects will be added to FFY 2024. Highway changes include the removal of Project #610535 and a cost decrease of Project #602659 in FFY 2024.

All interested parties are welcome to attend a public meeting to discuss Proposed Amendment #3 on **Monday, February 5, 2024** at 5:00 PM using Zoom. The details to join the meeting can be found on the CMRPC website meeting calendar. The established deadline for public comment is 4:30 PM on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**. Summary materials pertaining to the proposed amendment and draft document is available at www.cmrpc.org. Printed summary materials are available upon request from 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 Public Meeting

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

Proposed 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3

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 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3 calls for changes to FFY 2024 of the highway & transit project listings. These changes are:

Highway

- Remove project **610535 Worcester - Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street** from FFY 2024.
- Decrease statewide funding for Project **602659 Charlton-Oxford – Reconstruction on Route 20, from Richardson’s Corner Easterly to Route 12, Includes Rehab of C-06-023 & Replacement of O-06-002** in FFY 2024.
 - Statewide CMAQ funding reduced to \$123,655
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Transit – Add Community Transit Grant Program Awards Projects

- Add project **WRTA011658 – Shrewsbury: Town of Shrewsbury – CTGP Shrewsbury Operating** to FFY 2024 for a total project cost of \$25,000.
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- Add project **WRTA011688 – WRTA – SCM Elderbus Midday Shuttle** to FFY 2024 for a total of \$34,000.

Summary materials pertaining to the above listed items are available at www.cmrpc.org or by request from the CMRPC Offices.

There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the Proposed 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3 during the virtual ZOOM meeting listed below:

Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82140372006?pwd=UFZ0VHNFeGZkaUd0SEg0cXVaS1FhUT09>

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All comments forwarded to Kevin Krasnecky at kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org and received before Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 4:30 PM will be fully considered.

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Virtual Public Meeting to Discuss the Proposed 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3

Date: Monday, February 5, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: This meeting will be held virtually through ZOOM. Connection details are available at the bottom of the agenda and on the CMRPC website calendar at <https://www.cmrpc.org/proposed-2024-2028-tip-amendment-3-public-meeting>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Around the Room Introductions
2. Proposed 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3
 - TIP Amendment #3 Overview
 - Acceptance of Public Comment & Input
3. Adjournment

Please Note: All comments on the Proposed 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3 should be forwarded to Kevin Krasnecky at kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org prior to the CMMPO-established deadline of 4:30 PM on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**.

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The minutes of the 2024-2028 Proposed Amendment #3 virtual public meeting held Monday, February 5, 2024 through ZOOM.

- **Guests:**

1. Ann Sullivan, MassDOT District #3
2. Sarah Bradbury, MassDOT District #3
3. Marc Frieden, West Boylston
4. Robert King, Oxford

- **CMRPC Staff Present:**

1. Kevin Krasnecky
2. Rich Rydant

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Call to Order & Around the Room Introductions

Kevin Krasnecky, CMRPC, called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and introduced the attendees.

Proposed Amendment #3 to the 2024-2028 TIP Highway & Transit Project Listings

Kevin Krasnecky reviewed this agenda item with the attendees. Mr. Krasnecky said that Amendment #3 includes the following changes to the Highway & Transit Project listings:

The changes to the Highway List are:

- Worcester #610535 – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street:
REMOVE PROJECT
- Charlton-Oxford #602659 – Reconstruction on Route 20, from Richardson’s Corner Easterly to Route 12, Includes Rehab of C-06-023 and Replacement of O-06-002: Reduce statewide CMAQ funding to \$123,655. Reduce statewide HSIP funding to \$0. Reduce statewide NHPP funding to \$7,956,218. Reduce statewide STBG funding to \$0.

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There were no questions or comments related to the Proposed 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #3.

Before Mr. Krasnecky closed the public meeting, he mentioned the deadline for public comments on the Proposed Amendment #3 is 4:30 PM on Wednesday, February 7th. With no additional comments or questions, the 2024-2028 Proposed Amendment #3 virtual public meeting closed at 5:09 PM.

CMMPO & CMMPO Advisory Committee Proceedings

- MPO January 17, 2024 – Initiate Amendment
- MPO February 21, 2024 – Endorse Amendment
- Advisory Committee January 24, 2024 – Recommend Approval of Amendment

MPO January 17, 2024 – Initiate Amendment



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date: Wednesday, **January 17, 2024**

Time: **4:00 PM**

Place: This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom Webinar. The Zoom Connection details are on the bottom of this agenda and in the meeting announcement email. Additional meeting materials can be found through the CMRPC web calendar: <https://www.cmrpc.org/cmm-po-meeting-123>

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Remote Meeting Protocols & Procedures
- Approval of December 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Transit List
 - **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #3 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway & Transit Lists for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period
 - FFY 2025 Micro-Projects Update
 - FFY 2029 Presentations by Project Proponents
 - Rutland #613655 – Intersection Improvements at Route 122 & Pleasantdale Rd
 - West Brookfield #612779 – Resurfacing & Related Work on Route 9 (Phase III)
 - Westborough #613242 – Roadway Improvements on Route 30 (East Main St)
 - Worcester #613648 – Intersection Improvements at Lake Ave & Bigelow Davis Pkwy
- Presentation on CY 2024 Safety Performance Measures (PM1)
- Staff Updates
 - Grants Funding
- New Business
- Next Meetings:
 - CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – January 24, 2024 at 3:00 PM
 - CMMPO meeting (virtual) – February 21, 2024 at 4:00 PM
- Adjournment

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The minutes of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) meeting held **Wednesday, January 17th, 2024**. This meeting was held virtually using Zoom Webinar.

- **CMMPO Members Present:**

1. Steve Woelfel – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, designee to MassDOT Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt
2. Ann Sullivan – MassDOT Highway Division District #3, designee to MassDOT Highway Division Administrator Jonathon Gulliver
3. Joshua Rickman – WRTA Administrator
4. Bob Hassinger – designee to CMRPC Commission Chair
5. Brian Pigeon – designee to City Manager Eric Batista
6. Shelby Marshall – Westborough, Northeast Subregion Representative
7. Jesse Limanek – Sutton, Southeast Subregion Representative
8. John Daniel – Southbridge, Southwest Subregion Representative
9. Stephanie Mulroy – Holden, North Subregion Representative

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

1. Chris Klem, MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

- **Guests:**

1. Daryl Amaral, MassDOT District #2
2. Sarah Bradbury, MassDOT District #3
3. Steven Tyler, Howard Stein Hudson
4. Todd Kirrane, Worcester
5. Betsy Goodrich, Worcester
6. Chris Payant, Westborough
7. Jeff Bridges, Spencer
8. John Morgan, CHA
9. Levente Mezo
10. Peg Dean, Southbridge
11. Chris Payant, Westborough

12. Monika Turek

- **CMRPC Staff**

1. Sujatha Krishnan, Deputy Director – Transportation
2. Kevin Krasnecky, Project Manager – Transportation
3. Zack Blais, Associate Planner – Transportation
4. Rich Rydant, Project Manager – Transportation
5. Rob Raymond, Project Manager – Transportation
6. Adam Wriggins, Assistant Planner – Transportation
7. Nathan Lewis, Public Outreach Coordinator – Transportation
8. Eric Gemperline, Associate Planner – 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 – Remote Meeting Protocols and Procedures

Sujatha Krishnan briefly reviewed updated remote meeting protocols and procedures following new changes, in which the meetings will be conducted in a Zoom Webinar format going forward.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of December 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the December 20, 2023, meeting of the CMMPO were considered for approval. Ann Sullivan motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Josh Rickman. A roll call vote was announced, and members voted to unanimously approve the minutes.

Steve Woelfel – Yes

Shelby Marshall – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Joshua Rickman – Yes

John Daniel – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Stephanie Mulroy – Yes

Brian Pigeon – Yes

Agenda Item #4 – Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Item #5 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Transit List

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #2 included three changes to FFY 2024 of the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Transit List. The changes are:

- RTD0010855 – WRTA Buy Replacement 35' Bus: COST INCREASE. 5307 funding would increase by \$1,010,000 for new total of \$8,189,019. TDC funding would increase by \$95,804 for new total of \$1,637,804.
- WRTA011642 – On-Call (short-term) Planning Services: ADD PROJECT. Total cost of \$250,000. \$200,000 will be 5307 funding and \$50,000 will be SCA funding.
- WRTA011643 – Preventative Maintenance for WRTA Vehicles and Facilities: ADD PROJECT. Total cost of \$506,000. \$404,800 will be 5307 funding and \$101,200 will be SCA funding.

Mr. Krasnecky noted that Proposed Amendment #2 was discussed with the CMMPO Advisory Committee and CMRPC's Transportation Committee and both recommended endorsement. A virtual public meeting to discuss the Amendment was also held on Tuesday, January 9th.

There were no comments or questions about the proposed changes.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Transit List. All members present voted unanimously to approve proposed Amendment #2.

Steve Woelfel – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Joshua Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Brian Pigeon – Yes

Shelby Marshall – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

John Daniel – Yes

Stephanie Mulroy – Yes

- **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #3 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway and Transit Lists for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

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Shelby Marshal made a motion and was seconded by Jesse Limanek to approve the release of the proposed Amendment #3 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway and Transit Lists for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period. All members present voted unanimously to approve the release of proposed Amendment #3 for 21-day public review and comment period.

Steve Woelfel – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Joshua Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Brian Pigeon – Yes

Shelby Marshall – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Stephanie Mulroy – Yes

John Daniel – Yes

- FFY 2025 Micro-Projects Update

Sujatha Krishnan provided updates on the FFY 2025 Micro-Projects Program.

Ms. Krishnan mentioned that for FFY 2024 projects, the Town of Southbridge submitted the scope of work and is in the contracting process with MassDOT for their grant. The Quaboag Connector has flexed their funds to Pioneer Valley Transit Authority and the Town of Ware to access the funds.

For FFY 2025, the deadline for the Micro-Project Application is February 21st, 2024. Interest has included the City of Worcester to purchase bicycle racks through an application. Ms. Krishnan announced that anyone interested should reach out to Yahaira Graxirena.

There were no comments or questions.

- FFY 2029 Presentations by Project Proponent

- Rutland #613655 – Intersection Improvements at Route 122 and Pleasantdale Road: Ann Sullivan presented this project. Existing issues at this intersection include speed, safety, and was a High Crash location from 2017-2019. Route 122 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 5,917 and the roadway also provides an important connection to Worcester. The scope of the project is to construct a roundabout at the intersection, but other alternatives will also be considered. Also included are improved bike accommodations and upgraded signage and pavement markings. The project is currently at pre-25% design stage and survey work is being done. Required environmental permits and ROW acquisitions or easements are being determined. Utility relocations will be required. The current cost estimate of the project is \$3,013,900. There were no comments or questions following the presentation.
- West Brookfield #612779 – Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9 (Phase 3): John Morgan, from CHA, presented this project for the town of West Brookfield. The entire Route 9 reconstruction project includes 4.3 miles. Phase 3 is 1.6 miles and includes resurfacing and related work. Roadway width varies between 24' to 26' and the 85% vehicle speeds are 45 MPH. Existing issues include safety for all users, pavement condition, and drainage issues. Safety concerns include snow and ice, shoulder width/visibility, truck traffic, speeding, signage/pavement markings, and bicycle and pedestrians. The proposed new roadway section includes two 12' travel lanes and two 5' shoulders to accommodate bicycle/pedestrians. There is also the Lamberton Brook culvert that would need to be improved. The project is currently at the pre-25% design stage and the 25% design is anticipated to be submitted in Fall 2024. Survey work and data collection is ongoing. The estimated project cost is \$14,000,000.

Shelby Marshall asked if this is the more complex Phase of the Route 9 project. Mr. Morgan said it is similar, but it does include a culvert which the other phases do not. There were no other comments or questions.

- Westborough #613242 – Roadway Improvements on Route 30 (East Main Street): Chris Payant, Westborough, and Steven Tyler, HSH, presented this project. The goals of the project are to improve traffic safety, improve bicycle/pedestrian safety, fill multimodal connectivity gaps, improve existing shared-use path crossing, improve congestion, and promote economic development through improved walkability and bikeability. Next steps for the project are to perform a topographic survey, conduct evaluation of Flanders Road intersection, conduct local community outreach, and complete the pre-25% design submission.

Shelby Marshall commented that this is a highly interested area of the community for needs of connectivity and bicycle and pedestrian improvements. There were no other comments or questions.

- Worcester #613648 – Intersection Improvements at Lake Avenue and Bigelow Davis Parkway: Betsy Goodrich and Todd Kirrane presented this project. The goal of the project is to improve traffic control at the intersection to reduce speeding, improve safety, and create better multi-modal access for all with a particular focus on vulnerable roadway users. Existing conditions include a significant amount daily traffic, stop sign controlled, non-compliant ADA ramps, and sidewalks. The intersection is a Top 5% HSIP Crash Cluster and has long pedestrian crossing distances. Other problems include speeding, inadequate bike/micro-mobility facilities, multiple conflict points, and lack of gaps & long queues for turning traffic. The project includes traffic control through a traffic signal or a roundabout; a reduced footprint intersection and shorter crosswalks; right sized travel lanes to manage speeds; separated/protected bicycle lanes; and widened sidewalks/improved streetscape. Project planning and design is expected to be completed by the city in 2024-2025.

Rich Rydant asked what the estimated project cost is. Mr. Kirrane said that it is \$6.7 million. There were no other comments or questions.

Agenda Item #6 – Presentation on CY 2024 Safety Performance Measures (PM1)

Eric Gemperline presented this item.

Each year MPO's are required to either set their own or adopt the State's safety performance targets and must be incorporated into Certification Documents. MassDOT's overarching goal is towards zero deaths. The performance measures are presented in 5-year rolling averages. Further, federal law prohibits States from using increasing targets.

The MassDOT safety targets for CY 2024 are:

- Total fatalities: 377
- Fatality rate per 100 million VMT: 0.61
- Total serious injuries: 2,708
- Serious injury rate: 4.36 per 100 million VMT
- Total combined non-motorist injuries + fatalities: 445

Mr. Gemperline then described MassDOT's methodologies in setting their safety targets for the above categories. Graphics were also displayed showing the historical data and projected targets for the 5-year rolling averages for both the State and CMMPO in each safety category.

Mr. Gemperline explained that while the goal is towards zero deaths and injuries, the State's targets are not "goals" but realistic targets considering the events of the last 3+ years. Mr. Gemperline also noted that the CMMPO must either set their own five quantifiable safety targets or adopt the MassDOT targets that were presented by February 29, 2024. These targets must be included in the FFY 2025 to FFY 2029 TIPs.

There were no comments or questions.

Agenda Item #7 – Staff Updates

- Grants Funding

Sujatha Krishnan updated the group that CMRPC staff was awarded Safe Streets for All Action Plan funding for Main Street in Worcester. Staff are waiting to hear back on results for Thriving Communities Grant and the Reconnecting Communities Program Grant. Staff will also be helping several communities with the RAISE Grant, which is due at the end of February. Shelby Marshall asked the difference between Thriving Communities and Reconnecting Communities Grant Programs. Ms. Krishnan explained that the Thriving Communities Grant is only for regional and state level planning studies. The project that staff applied for was a feasibility study for the Blackstone River Bikeway. The Reconnecting Communities Program Grant is for communities that were disadvantaged during the highway building era. The project staff submitted was for the Vernon Street bridge over I-290 area that connects Kelley Square and the Vernon Hill area.

Agenda Item #8 – New Business

Ms. Krishnan asked the group to share any input for ways staff could improve the new Zoom webinar process of CMMPO meetings.

Steve Woelfel reminded the group of the upcoming MassDOT Innovation Conference on April 30th to May 1st and that registration is now open.

Agenda Item #9 – Next Meetings

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – January 24, 2024, at 3:00PM
- CMMPO meeting (virtual) – February 21, 2024, at 4:00PM

Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment

Bob Hassinger made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ann Sullivan. The meeting concluded at 5:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Zachary Blais, Transportation Associate Planner

MPO February 21, 2024 – Endorse Amendment



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date: Wednesday, **February 21**, 2024

Time: **4:00 PM**

Place: This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom Webinar. The Zoom Connection details are on the bottom of this agenda and in the meeting announcement email. Additional meeting materials can be found through the CMRPC web calendar: <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmm-po-committee/>

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- TIP/UPWP Guidance Summary
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- Adjournment

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The minutes of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) meeting held **Wednesday, February 21st, 2024**. This meeting was held virtually using Zoom Webinar.

- **CMMPO Members Present:**

1. Derek Krevat – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, designee to MassDOT Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt
2. Ann Sullivan – MassDOT Highway Division District #3, designee to MassDOT Highway Division Administrator Jonathon Gulliver
3. Joshua Rickman – WRTA Administrator
4. Bob Hassinger – designee to CMRPC Commission Chair
5. Betsy Goodrich – designee to City Manager Eric Batista
6. Jesse Limanek – Sutton, Southeast Subregion Representative
7. Rich Eichacker – Warren, West Subregion Representative

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

1. Chris Klem, MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

- **Guests:**

1. Sarah Bradbury, MassDOT District #3
2. Peter Boria, Spencer
3. Ann Marie Foley, Grafton, Southeast Subregion Alternate
4. Amanda Bazinet, VHB
5. Derek Shooster, MassDOT OTP
6. Greg Russell, VHB
7. Keelan Boyle
8. Jared Grigg, Spencer, West Subregion Alternate
9. Isabel McCauley, MassDOT
10. Daryl Amaral, MassDOT District #2

- **CMRPC Staff**

1. Sujatha Krishnan, Deputy Director – Transportation
2. Kevin Krasnecky, Project Manager – Transportation
3. Zack Blais, Associate Planner – Transportation
4. Rich Rydant, Project Manager – Transportation
5. Rob Raymond, Project Manager – Transportation
6. Adam Wriggins, Assistant Planner – Transportation
7. Nathan Lewis, Public Outreach Coordinator – Transportation
8. Eric Gemperline, Associate Planner – Transportation
9. Yahaira Graxirena, Project Manager – Transportation
10. Tyler Distefano, Assistant Planner – Transportation

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Agenda Item #1 – Introductions

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

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 17, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the January 17, 2024, meeting of the CMMPO were considered for approval. Ann Sullivan motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Josh Rickman. A roll call vote was announced, and members voted to approve the minutes with one abstention.

Derek Krevat – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Joshua Rickman – Yes

Rich Eichacker – Abstain

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Agenda Item #3 – Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Item #4 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Amendment #3 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway and Transit List

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #3 includes two changes to FFY 2024 of the highway list. These changes are:

- Remove #610535 Worcester – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street
- Decrease statewide funding for #602659 Charlton-Oxford – Reconstruction on Route 20, from Richardson’s Corner Easterly to Route 12, Includes Rehab of C-06-023 and Replacement of O-06-002.
 - Statewide CMAQ funding was reduced to \$123,655.
 - Statewide HSIP reduced to \$0.
 - Statewide NHPP funding reduced to \$7,956,218.
 - Statewide STBG funding reduced to \$0.

Proposed Amendment #3 also includes five additional projects to FFY 2024 of the transit list. These new projects are:

- WRTA011658 – Shrewsbury: Town of Shrewsbury – CTGP Shrewsbury Operating
 - Total project cost: \$25,000
- WRTA011661 – Holden: WRTA-Holden to Worcester Extended Service Hours
 - Total project cost: \$20,000
- WRTA011686 – Town of Rutland: Rutland Extended Transportation
 - Total project cost: \$75,477
- WRTA011687 – WRTA: SCM Elderbus – READYBUS Service

- Total project cost: \$70,000
- WRTA011688 – WRTA: SCM Elderbus Midday Shuttle
 - Total project cost: \$34,000

Mr. Krasnecky also noted that a public meeting was held for this Amendment #3 and there were no comments. Additionally, Amendment #3 was presented to the CMMPO Advisory Committee and CMRPC's Transportation Committee and both recommended approval.

Chris Klem and Ann Sullivan both provided comments on the Worcester Bike/Pedestrian highway project. There were no other comments or questions.

Ann Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Jesse Limanek to approve the proposed Amendment #3 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway and Transit List. All members voted unanimously to approve proposed Amendment #3.

Derek Krevat – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Joshua Rickman – Yes

Rich Eichacker – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

- **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #4 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway List for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #4 included two changes to FFY 2024 of the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway List. These changes are:

- #612874 Shrewsbury-Worcester-Bridge Preservation, S-14-115 (1RA & 1RB), I-290 (EB & WB) Over Combination of Lake Quinsigamond and Lake Avenue North
 - Move project from FFY 2024 to FFY 2025
- Increase cost of #606517 West Brookfield – Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9, from Ware T.L. to 850' West of Welcome Road (Phase 1)
 - New Total Project Cost: \$9,661,739
 - Decrease STBG funding: \$638,190
 - Add TAP funding: \$648,738
 - Add Statewide TAP funding: \$1,574,365

There were no comments or questions.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Jesse Limanek. All members voted unanimously to approve the release of the proposed Amendment #4 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway List for 21-day Public Review and Comment Period.

Derek Krevat – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Rich Eichacker – Yes

Joshua Rickman – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

- FFY 2025 to FFY 2028 TIP Readiness Update

Kevin Krasnecky provided updates from TIP Readiness Day on February 6, 2024. Mr. Krasnecky discussed the status of numerous projects and their recommended programming year. The following updates were provided:

- **Uxbridge #608174 – Reconstruction of Route 122 (South Main St):** Still on track for 2024.
- **Shrewsbury/Worcester #612874 – Bridge Maintenance, I-290 over Lake Quinsigamond & Lake Ave North:** Recommended pushing back to 2025 because of scope change.
- **Worcester #608961 – Intersection Improvements on Chandler St & May St:** MassDOT waiting on WSU to review design. Recommended pushing back to 2026/2027. Staff looking to keep project in 2025 and will schedule meeting with the City of Worcester.
- **Southbridge #608862 – Bridge Replacement, Mill St over McKinstry Brook and Quinebaug River:** Design has been delayed and was recommended to push back to 2026.
- **Upton #608490 – Route 140 Resurfacing & Roundabout Construction:** Many Right of Way and utility concerns. Recommended pushing back to 2026.
- **Dudley #609186 – Bridge Replacement, Route 131 over Quinebaug River:** Need design and Right of Way submission. Recommended pushing back to 2026.
- **Worcester #612608 – Flood Relief on Route 20:** Could potentially move up to 2024, depending on design and Right of Way submissions.
- **Auburn #612192 – Bridge Replacement, US 20 WB over I-395:** Still need design and Right of Way submissions. Might need to push back to 2026.
- **Worcester #608990 & 612011 – Chandler St Improvements Phase I & II:** Large project and a lot of Right of Way. Phase I recommended pushing back to 2027. Phase II could potentially move back to 2028.
- **Northbridge #609441 – Intersection Improvements at Route 122 & School St:** Municipal Right of Way concerns need to be resolved. Recommended pushing back to 2027. Staff would like to keep in 2026 and will schedule a meeting with the town.
- **Charlton #612181 – Bridge Replacement, US 20 over Cady Brook:** 25% design due 3/9/24 and needs hydraulic study. Recommended pushing back to 2027.
- **Shrewsbury #607764 – Intersection Improvements at US 20 & Grafton St:** MassDOT to meet on this project to find best path forward. Need to be consistent with Route 20 Corridor Plan. Recommended pushing back to 2027.
- **Auburn #612191 – Bridge Replacement, Oxford St over Kettle Brook:** Need design and Right of Way submissions. Recommended pushing back to 2027.
- **Grafton #612510 – Bridge Replacement, Route 140 over Railroad:** 25% design due on 5/5/24. Potentially push back to 2027.
- **East Brookfield #612629 – Route 9 Resurfacing:** Project is being deactivated and this section of Route 9 will be resurfaced under Districtwide resurfacing contract.

- **Charlton/Sturbridge #611967 – Route 49 Intersection Improvements:** 25% design expected to be completed soon. Recommended to stay in 2027 but could potentially move up to 2026.
- **West Brookfield #613143 – Bridge Replacement, Long Hill Rd over Quaboag River:** Could potentially advance as soon as 2027.

There were no comments or questions.

- FFY 2025 Worcester Micro-Project Summary

Yahaira Graxirena presented a summary on the FFY 2025 Worcester Micro-Project. The project is to install multiple bicycle racks/bicycle parking locations throughout the city. The city is requesting \$35,000 for the project. This will help fund 10 four-hoop racks on rails and delineators; 42 new post and hitch racks; and 30 post and hitch meter retrofit racks. The goals of the project are to build on the Worcester's Complete Streets Policy, Green Worcester Plan, and Mobility Action Plan (MAP) Goals; encourage mode shift; support everyday trips for work, education, commercial, and recreational purposes; provide safe and secure places for people to park their bicycles; support Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes to Parks programs; and support business and economic development.

Derek Krevat asked if the city would be providing match funds. Ms. Graxirena answered yes. There were no other comments or questions.

- TIP Design Funding Discussion

Sujatha Krishnan presented TIP funding for design and engineering.

Some communities struggle to come up with design and engineering funds for projects due to lack of Chapter 90 funds. Therefore, MPOs have worked with MassDOT to create a process to make federal funding available for design and engineering usages for communities. Only new projects are available for this funding assistance and FHWA and MassDOT have provided guidance. The community would need to do a reimbursable contract with MassDOT and the local match (20%) would be the responsibility of the community. The construction project should be programmed on the TIP/STIP, there should be coordination with utility providers and rail operators, and there should be hiring of MassDOT prequalified A&E firms.

The project would need to be approved by MassDOT's Project Review Committee (PRC). This will begin in FFY 2025 if there are available funds and will have a max total design funding cap of \$1 million per year. The project will go through the same scoring criteria as any TIP construction project.

Next steps include setting aside design funding at the March TIP workshop, finalizing CMMPO Guidance in Summer 2024, and including that guidance in the application form in FFY 2026 TIP "call for projects" packet.

Ann Sullivan asked if the \$1 million design funding is set aside for each project or is the total funding amount per year. Sujatha answered that it would be a total of \$1 million of funding for that year, and funding could be increased depending on needs. Amanda Bazinet asked if design funds would be phased/available to communities for multiple years since design can typically take more than one year for some projects. Sujatha answered that this detail is still being worked on. Derek Krevat added that the

funding could be available for the programmed year, and after that it would be put into a contract where the funds could be spent however the terms of the contract are laid out.

Agenda Item #5 – TIP/UPWP Guidance Summary

Sujatha Krishnan presented this agenda item on TIP and UPWP guidance from MassDOT/FHWA.

As part of this guidance, the CMRPC have kept up with all federal certification review findings; public participation continues to be a primary focus of our work; staff are currently working on updating the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan; staff are working on ways to spend de-obligated Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds; staff are continuing to account for all earmarks or non-FHWA/discretionary grants; and staff are planning to set our own regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets or adopt the state targets.

There are several new focus areas, including housing coordination; TIP design funding; updating pedestrian and bicycle plan; CMMPO certification; and a possible update to the CMMPO Public Participation Plan.

There were no questions or comments.

Agenda Item #6 – CY 2024 Safety Performance Measures (PM1)

- **Potential Action:** Adopt State Safety Targets

Eric Gemperline presented this item. Mr. Gemperline summarized the safety targets for CY 2024 Safety Performance Measures (PM1) that was presented at last month's meeting, and this month staff are asking the CMMPO members to vote on whether they would adopt the State safety targets or to set their own regional targets. Mr. Gemperline noted that the CMMPO Advisory Committee and CMMPO Transportation Committee both voted in favor of adopting the State's safety targets.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Joshua Rickman to adopt the State's safety targets for CY 2024. All members voted unanimously to adopt the State's safety targets for CY 2024.

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| • Derek Krevat – Yes | • Jesse Limanek – Yes |
| • Ann Sullivan – Yes | • Rich Eichacker – Yes |
| • Joshua Rickman – Yes | • Bob Hassinger – Yes |
| • Betsy Goodrich – Yes | |

Agenda Item #7 – Community Transportation Data/Project Services Presentation

Rob Raymond presented on recent efforts CMRPC transportation have completed with data and project services. This included many types of data to help support MassDOT and MPO planning efforts, which include traffic counting, pavement management, pedestrian asset inventories (sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, obstructions), and bike rack inventories.

Mr. Raymond summarized numerous maps about where traffic counts are completed, where pedestrian assets have been assessed, and where bike racks have been inventoried in the region. Next, Eric Gemperline discussed the drone services the transportation staff offers and the work that has been completed with the drone.

Lastly, Mr. Raymond continued the discussion by focusing on specific projects the transportation staff have worked on. These have included the Auburn Local Sidewalk Prioritization Plan, Leicester Town Safety Concerns, Central Turnpike and Sutton Ave Corridor Profile, and others.

There were no comments or questions.

Agenda Item #8 – Staff Updates

- Safe Streets for All Grant

Sujatha Krishnan announced that staff were awarded the Safe Streets for All Grant and are currently working on completing the agreement.

- Other Federal Grants

Sujatha Krishnan announced that staff are still waiting to hear about the Thriving Communities Grant and Reconnecting Communities Program Grant. Staff have also assisted Southbridge and Worcester with the RAISE Grant.

Agenda Item #9– New Business

- MassDOT Innovation Conference

Sujatha Krishnan announced the MassDOT Innovation Conference is occurring on April 30 – May 1, 2024.

Agenda Item #10 – Next Meetings

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – February 28, 2024, at 3:00PM
- CMMPO meeting (virtual/in-person) – March 20, 2024, at 4:00PM

Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment

Bob Hassinger made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jesse Limanek. The meeting concluded at 5:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Zachary Blais, Transportation Associate Planner

**Advisory Committee January 24, 2024 – Recommend Approval
of Amendment**



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, **January 24**, 2024

Time: **3:00 PM**

Place: Zoom Webinar Virtual Meeting

Connection details are on the bottom of this agenda and in the meeting announcement email. Additional meeting materials can be found through the CMRPC web calendar:

<http://cmrpc.org/cmm-po-advisory-committee-meeting-27>

AGENDA

- Around the Room Introductions
- Approval of **January 3, 2024** Meeting Minutes
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #3 to the 2024-2028 TIP Highway & Transit Project Listing
 - FFY 2025 MicroProjects Updates
 - FFY 2029 TIP Candidate Project Presentations Summary
- Transportation Safety in the CMRPC Region
 - Presentation
- CY 2024 Safety Performance Measures (PM1)
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO adoption of the State's Safety Targets
- Advisory Committee Bylaws
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Adopt the new revised version of the Committee's Bylaws
- Staff Updates
 - Federal & State Funding Opportunities
- New Business
- Next Meetings:
 - CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 3:00 PM
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- Adjournment

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the CMMPO Advisory Committee held **January, 24, 2023**. This meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

CMMPO Advisory Committee Members Present:

- Adam Menard - Chair, Town of Auburn
- Chris Payant – Co-Chair, Town of Westborough
- Matt Benoit – Town of Douglas
- Connor McCormack – Town of Millbury
- Karin Valentine-Goins – WalkBike Massachusetts
- Collin Reuter – Green Hill Park Coalition
- Claudia Pavia – Latino Education Institute
- Caleigh McLaren – Blackstone Watershed Collaborative
- Benji Kemper – Center for Living and Working
- Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT District 3
- Daryl Amaral – MassDOT District 2
- Joann Clarke – AARP
- Ben Breger – MassDOT District 2 (Alt)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Chris Klem – MassDOT OTP

CMRPC Staff Present:

- Yahaira Graxirena
- Kevin Krasnecky
- Eric Gemperline
- Rich Rydant
- Rob Raymond
- Nathan Lewis

- Adam Wriggins

Guest:

- Betsy Goodrich – City of Worcester
- John Charbonneau – Town of Rutland

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Agenda Item #1 – Around the Room Introductions

Vice Chairperson Chris Payant opened the meeting at 3:10 PM. A roll call of CMMPO Advisory members was announced, followed by the rest of the attendees.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 3, 2023, meeting minutes

Minutes for January 3, 2023, CMMPO Advisory meeting were considered for approval. Mr. Payant entertains a motion to approve the November 29, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr. McCormack makes a motion to approve. The motion is seconded by Ms. Bradbury. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval. Mr. Benoit abstained.

Agenda Item #3 – Transportation Improvement Program

- **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #3 to the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway and Transit Lists for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #3 included several changes to FFY 2024 of the FFY 2024 to FFY 2028 TIP Highway and Transit Lists.

The changes to the Highway List are:

- Worcester #610535 – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street:
REMOVE PROJECT
- Charlton-Oxford #602659 – Reconstruction on Route 20, from Richardson’s Corner Easterly to Route 12, Includes Rehab of C-06-023 and Replacement of O-06-002: Reduce statewide CMAQ funding to \$123,655. Reduce statewide HSIP funding to \$0. Reduce statewide NHPP funding to \$7,956,218. Reduce statewide STBG funding to \$0.

The changes to the Transit List are:

- WRTA011658 – Shrewsbury: Town of Shrewsbury – CTGP Shrewsbury Operating: ADD PROJECT. Total cost of \$25,000.
- WRTA011661 – Holden: WRTA-Holden to Worcester Extended Service: ADD PROJECT. Total cost of \$20,000.
- WRTA011686 – Town of Rutland – Rutland Extended Transportation: ADD PROJECT. Total cost of \$75,477.
- WRTA011687 – WRTA – SCM Elderbus – READYBUS Service: ADD PROJECT. \$70,000.
- WRTA011688 – WRTA – SCM Elderbus Midday Shuttle: ADD PROJECT. Total cost of \$34,000.

Ms. Valentine-Goins asks about funding sources for the Pleasant Street project. Mr. Klem provides answers regarding the funding. Mr. Benoit makes the motion to recommend. The motion is seconded by Mr. McCormack. The motion passed unanimously.

FFY 2025 Micro-Projects Update

Yahaira Graxirena provided updates on the FFY 2025 Micro-Projects Program Update

City of Worcester Bike Parking Microproject Request – Presented by Betsy Goodrich of the City of Worcester. The city is looking to purchase bike racks using microproject funds. CMRPC and the City collaborated in 2023 on an inventory of the publicly available bike racks in the city. It was found that Worcester had 96 publicly owned racks that provided 430 parking spaces.

The city is requesting \$35,000 for 10 Four-hoop racks on rails and delineators, 42 new post and hitch racks, and 30 post and hitch meter retrofit racks. These racks would be in line with the City's Complete Streets policy, Green Worcester Plan, among others.

Ms. Valentine-Goins mentions knowing where racks at schools are and will talk offline with Ms. Goodrich. Ms. Clarke asks about bike racks at grocery stores and Ms. Goodrich responds that bike racks in front of drugstores was a popular response, but it is up to those private businesses to provide the racks. Ms. Goodrich also adds that this request is limited to federal-aid eligible roads and on public property. Ms. Graxirena adds that microproject applications are still open and this is an example of a project that can be done.

FY 2029 Presentations by Kevin Krasnecky

- Rutland #613655 – Intersection Improvements at Route 122 and Pleasantdale Road: Existing issues at this intersection include speed, safety, and was a High Crash location from 2017-2019. Route 122 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is 5,917 and the roadway also provides an important connection to Worcester. The scope of the project is to construct a roundabout at the intersection, but other alternatives will also be considered. Also included are improved bike accommodation and upgraded signage and pavement markings. The project is currently at pre-25% design stage and survey work is being done. Required environmental permits and ROW acquisitions or easements are being determined. Utility relocations will be required. The current cost estimate of the project is \$3,013,900. There were no comments or questions following the presentation.
- West Brookfield #612779 – Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9 (Phase 3): The entire Route 9 reconstruction project includes 4.3 miles. Phase 3 is 1.6 miles and includes resurfacing and related work. Roadway width varies between 24' to 26' and the 85% vehicle speeds are 45 MPH. Existing issues include safety for all users, pavement condition, and drainage issues. Safety concerns include snow and ice, shoulder width/visibility, truck traffic, speeding, signage/pavement markings, and bicycle and pedestrians. The proposed new roadway section includes two 12' travel lanes and two 5' shoulders to accommodate bicycle/pedestrians. There is also the Lamberton Brook culvert that would need to be improved. The project is currently at the pre-25% design stage and the 25% design is anticipated to be submitted in Fall 2024. Survey work and data collection is ongoing. The estimated project cost is \$14,000,000.

- Westborough #613242 – Roadway Improvements on Route 30 (East Main Street): The goals of the project are to improve traffic safety, improve bicycle/pedestrian safety, fill multimodal connectivity gaps, improve existing shared-use path crossing, improve congestion, and promote economic development through improved walkability and bikeability. Next steps for the project are to perform a topographic survey, conduct evaluation of Flanders Road intersection, conduct local community outreach, and complete the pre-25% design submission.
- Worcester #613648 – Intersection Improvements at Lake Avenue and Bigelow Davis Parkway: The goal of the project is to improve traffic control at the intersection to reduce speeding, improve safety, and create better multi-modal access for all with a particular focus on vulnerable roadway users. Existing conditions include a significant amount daily traffic, stop sign controlled, non-compliant ADA ramps, and sidewalks. The intersection is a Top 5% HSIP Crash Cluster and has long pedestrian crossing distances. Other problems include speeding, inadequate bike/micro-mobility facilities, multiple conflict points, and lack of gaps & long queues for turning traffic. The project includes traffic control through a traffic signal or a roundabout; a reduced footprint intersection and shorter crosswalks; right sized travel lanes to manage speeds; separated/protected bicycle lanes; and widened sidewalks/improved streetscape. Project planning and design is expected to be completed by the city in 2024-2025.

There were no further questions.

Agenda Item #4 – Transportation Safety in the CMRPC Region

Eric Gemperline presented this item.

An overview of transportation safety in the CMRPC Region was provided. CMRPC follows regulatory measures in reporting to have access to SHSP and HSIP funds. With these funds, the goal is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries in the region to zero.

Services provided by CMRPC rely on the MassDOT IMPACT portal to aggregate, analyze, and report crash data as well as conduct road safety audits, neighborhood walk audits and the facilitation of communication between member communities and MassDOT. CMRPC produces a safety report in support of the LRTP. The report includes an overview of crashes in the region. There were no questions.

Agenda Item #5 – Presentation on CY 2024 Safety Performance Measures (PM1)

Eric Gemperline presented this item.

Each year MPO's are required to either set their own or adopt the State's safety performance targets and must be incorporated into Certification Documents. MassDOT's overarching goal is towards zero

deaths. The performance measures are presented in 5-year rolling averages. Further, federal law prohibits States from using increasing targets.

The MassDOT safety targets for CY 2024 are:

- Total fatalities: 377
- Fatality rate per 100 million VMT: 0.61
- Total serious injuries: 2,708
- Serious injury rate: 4.36 per 100 million VMT
- Total combined non-motorist injuries + fatalities: 445

Mr. Gemperline then described MassDOT's methodologies in setting their safety targets for the above categories. Graphics were also displayed showing the historical data and projected targets for the 5-year rolling averages for both the State and CMMPO in each safety category.

Mr. Gemperline explained that while the goal is towards zero deaths and injuries, the State's targets are not "goals" but realistic targets considering the events of the last 3+ years. Mr. Gemperline also noted that the CMMPO must either set their own five quantifiable safety targets or adopt the MassDOT targets that were presented by February 29, 2024. These targets must be included in the FFY 2025 to FFY 2029 TIPs.

Ms. Valentine-Goins raises questions regarding the increase in fatalities and asks what would happen if CMRPC adopted their own numbers. Mr. Klem responds that CMRPC would have to develop their own targets and justify them. If targets were not met more money would need to be spent on HSIP locations in the region. Vicechair Payant asks for a motion, in which is made by Mr. McCormack and seconded by Ms. Valentine-Goins. The motion is unanimously approved to recommend going with the state numbers.

Agenda Item #6 – Advisory Committee Bylaws

Yahira Graxirena presented this item.

The CMMPO recently updated their memorandum of understanding which in turn triggered an update to the CMMPO Advisory Committee bylaws. The CMRPC transportation staff, which is permanently assigned to assist the CMMPO Advisory Committee, has undertaken a revision and refinement for the new bylaws.

Ms. Graxirena went over the revised bylaws as of January 3, 2024, highlighting changes noted in red in the document. Changes involved updating of archaic language and streamlining of the bylaws.

Vicechair Payant asks for a motion to recommend the changes to the bylaws. Mr. McCormack makes the motion, and it is seconded by Mr. Reuter. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 – Staff Updates – Federal and State Funding Opportunities

Yahira Graxirena presented this item.

Available grants include RAISE discretionary grants which the Town of Southbridge and City of Worcester are interested in applying for as well as the City of Gardner from outside the region. The deadline for the RAISE grant is 2/28/2024. Staff is working on an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG).

Agenda Item #8 – New Business

Yahaira Graxirena presented this item.

John Charboneau of the Town of Rutland will be joining the CMMPO Advisory Board. Additionally, the Innovation Conference will take place at the DCU Center on April 30th and May 1st.

Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting

February 28, 2024, at 3:00 PM

Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment

At 4:16 PM Vicechair Payant entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. McCormack made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Benoit. The group voted unanimously to adjourn.

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