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## CMMPO Endorsed Amendment #2 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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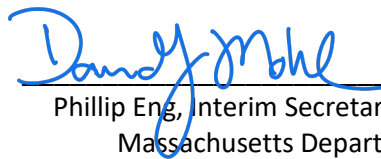
**Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Endorsement of Amendment #2  
to the FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Listing**

The Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) has completed its review of Amendment #2 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 #2 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.

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

January 21, 2026

Date

# Amendment #2 Highway Project Listing & Summary Materials

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## Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2026 - 2030 TIP Highway Listing

### Highway Project List Changes:

- **610535 – Worcester – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street:** In FFY 2026, STBG target funding will be reduced by \$3,466,213 and earmark funding (HPP) will be added under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects) in the amount of \$1,615,550. The updated total project cost is now \$4,158,179.
  - **MassDOT Comments:** The 75/100% submission was received during the public comment period and the updated total project cost is \$4,485,691, which is \$327,512 more than what was released. The \$327,512 will be added back into the target STBG funding.
- **S13376 – Southbridge – Hamilton Street Reconstruction Project (FY 2024 BUILD Grant) – Design Only:** This Discretionary Grant will be added to FFY 2026 with earmark funding (HPP) in the amount of \$1,120,384 under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects).
- **608862 – Southbridge – Bridge Replacement, S-21-009, Mill Street over McKinstry Brook and S-21-003, Mill Street over the Quinebaug River:** In FFY 2026, a cost increase of \$1,239,170 will be added to this project and the updated total project cost is \$11,232,073.
- **612195 – Worcester – Superstructure Replacement, W-44-0091, I-290 over East Central Street:** Currently programmed in FFY 2026 & 2027. Funding in 2027 is being removed and additional funding will be added to 2026. The funding source for this project is now NHPP (\$12,696,662) & NHPP-PEN (\$23,041,525). The updated total project cost is now \$35,738,187, which is an increase of \$4,808,426.
- **612092 – Uxbridge – Bridge Replacement, U-02-051, Homeward Avenue over Providence Railroad:** This project will be added to FFY 2027 in Section 2A (Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Reliability Projects) and funded with STBG-BR-OFF in the amount of \$3,741,988.
- **612191 – Auburn – Bridge Replacement, A-17-003, Oxford Street over Kettle Brook:** This project is being moved from FFY 2027 to FFY 2029 with an updated total project cost of \$19,577,600.
- **613367 – Westborough – Fisher Street Improvements (SRTS):** This project is being moved from FFY 2028 to FFY 2029 with an updated total project cost of \$3,278,903.



### 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							\$108,142,509	\$84,623,155	\$23,519,354		
Section 1A / Regionally Prioritized Projects							\$14,566,764	\$11,753,411	\$2,813,353		
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							\$9,120,423	\$7,396,338	\$1,724,085		
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	\$5,120,423	\$4,096,338	\$1,024,085	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	<del>6008842</del> <del>\$2,542,629</del> \$2,870,141	<del>4807074</del> <del>\$2,034,103</del> \$2,296,113	<del>1201768</del> <del>\$508,526</del> \$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							\$108,142,509	\$84,623,155	\$23,519,354		
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	
							STBG Programmed	\$11,544,919	\$9,235,935	\$2,308,984	
Total Programmed for Central Mass Region Projects*							\$14,566,764	\$11,753,411	\$2,813,353		
Program Target for Central Mass Region Projects							\$25,339,043	\$20,271,234	\$5,067,809		
Target Funds Available for Central Mass Region Projects							\$10,772,279	\$8,517,823	\$2,254,456		
Section 1B / Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects							\$20,971,417	\$20,304,230	\$667,187		
Earmark Discretionary							\$3,690,789	\$3,023,602	\$667,187		
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.
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.



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Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$108,142,509	\$84,623,155	\$23,519,354		
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	HPP	\$354,855	\$354,855	\$0	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.
Bridge Off-system Local NB							\$17,280,628	\$17,280,628	\$0		
2026	610769	Central Mass	Sutton	SUTTON- SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT, S-33-002, MANCHAUG ROAD OVER MUMFORD RIVER	3	BROFF	\$17,280,628	\$17,280,628	\$0	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$17,280,628, Design Status = 25%
Section 2A / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Reliability Projects							\$46,970,260	\$37,576,208	\$9,394,052		
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	<del>9992903</del> \$11,232,073	<del>7994322</del> \$8,985,658	<del>1998581</del> \$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	<del>11354200</del> \$23,041,525	<del>9083360</del> \$18,433,220	<del>2270840</del> \$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%
Section 2B / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Modernization Projects							\$18,736,632	\$14,989,306	\$3,747,326		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$18,736,632	\$14,989,306	\$3,747,326		
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	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100%
Section 3B / Non-Federal Aid Funded							\$6,897,436	\$0	\$6,897,436		
Bridge On-system Non-NHS							\$6,897,436	\$0	\$6,897,436		
2026	612190	Central Mass	Holden	HOLDEN- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, H-18-004, SALISBURY STREET OVER G&W RAILROAD	3	NGBP	\$6,897,436	\$0	\$6,897,436	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$6,897,436, Design Status = 25%



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Federal Fiscal Year 2027							\$128,927,619	\$73,901,857	\$55,025,762		
Section 1A / Regionally Prioritized Projects							\$29,710,934	\$24,257,342	\$5,453,592		
Intersection Improvements							\$5,885,952	\$5,197,357	\$688,595		
2027	609441	Central Mass	Northbridge	NORTHBRIDGE- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 122 (PROVIDENCE ROAD), SCHOOL STREET, SUTTON STREET, AND UPTON STREET	3	HSIP	\$4,885,952	\$4,397,357	\$488,595	Northbridge	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$4,885,922, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%, PM Score = 17 out of 27
2027	S13285	Central Mass		CMMPO PROJECT DESIGN FUNDING PROGRAM		STBG	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$200,000		Set aside for Project Design Funding Program.
Roadway Reconstruction							\$23,424,982	\$18,739,986	\$4,684,996		
2027	610931	Central Mass	Uxbridge	UXBRIDGE- REHABILITATION OF ROUTE 16 (DOUGLAS STREET), FROM TAFT HILL ROAD TO 200 FT WEST OF MAIN STREET	3	STBG	\$15,357,807	\$12,286,246	\$3,071,561	Uxbridge	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$15,357,807, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 4%, PM Score = 13 out of 27
2027	611933	Central Mass	Sturbridge	STURBRIDGE- ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 20 AND ROUTE 131	3	STBG	\$8,067,175	\$6,453,740	\$1,613,435	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$8,067,175, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%, PM Score = 15 out of 27
Transit Grant Program							\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000		
2027	S13284	Central Mass		CMMPO LRTP MICRO-PROJECT PROGRAM		TAP	\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000		Set aside for LRTP Micro-Projects Program
							HSIP Programmed	\$4,885,952	\$4,397,357	\$488,595	
							STBG Programmed	\$24,424,982	\$19,539,986	\$4,884,996	
							TAP Programmed	\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000	
Total Programmed for Central Mass Region Projects*							\$29,710,934	\$24,257,343	\$5,453,591		
Program Target for Central Mass Region Projects							\$30,868,911	\$24,695,129	\$6,173,782		
Target Funds Available for Central Mass Region Projects							\$1,157,977	\$437,786	\$720,191		
Section 1B / Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects							\$10,482,174	\$10,482,174	\$0		
Bridge Off-system Local NB							\$10,482,174	\$10,482,174	\$0		
2027	612084	Central Mass	Barre	BARRE- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, B-02-004, OLD COLDBROOK ROAD OVER PRINCE RIVER	2	BROFF	\$5,926,038	\$5,926,038	\$0	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$5,926,038, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%
2027	613143	Central Mass	West Brookfield	WEST BROOKFIELD- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, W-19-002 (187), LONG HILL ROAD OVER QUABOAG RIVER	2	BROFF	\$4,556,136	\$4,556,136	\$0	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$6,173,622, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%



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Federal Fiscal Year 2027							\$128,927,619	\$73,901,857	\$55,025,762		
Section 2A / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Reliability Projects							\$36,738,305	\$29,437,131	\$7,301,174		
Bridge On-system NHS							\$25,635,083	\$20,508,066	\$5,127,017		
2027	609186	Central Mass	Dudley	DUDLEY- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, D-12-026, STATE ROUTE 131 OVER THE QUINEBAUG RIVER	3	NHPP-PEN	\$20,882,222	\$16,705,778	\$4,176,444	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$20,882,222, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%
2027	612181	Central Mass	Charlton	CHARLTON- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, C-06-019, US 20 STURBRIDGE ROAD OVER CADY BROOK	3	NHPP-PEN	\$4,752,861	\$3,802,289	\$950,572	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$4,752,861, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%
2027	612195	Central Mass	Worcester	<del>WORCESTER- SUPERSTRUCTURE- REPLACEMENT, W-44-091, I-290 OVER EAST-CENTRAL STREET</del>	3	<del>NHPP-PEN</del>	<del>\$19,575,561</del>	<del>\$15,660,449</del>	<del>\$3,915,112</del>	MassDOT	<del>Construction, Project AC'd between 2026 &amp; 2027, Total Project Cost = \$30,929,761, Design Status = 25%</del>
Non-Interstate Pavement							\$6,896,354	\$5,517,083	\$1,379,271		
2027	612089	Central Mass	Southbridge	DUDLEY- SOUTHBRIDGE- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 131	3	NHPP	\$6,896,354	\$5,517,083	\$1,379,271	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$6,896,354, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%
Bridge Off-System							\$3,741,988	\$2,993,590	\$748,398		
2027	612092	Central Mass	Uxbridge	<del>UXBRIDGE - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, U-02-051, HOMEWARD AVENUE OVER PROVIDENCE WORCESTER RAILROAD</del>	3	<del>STBG-BR-OFF</del>	<del>\$3,741,988</del>	<del>\$2,993,590</del>	<del>\$748,398</del>		
Safety Improvements							\$464,880	\$418,392	\$46,488		
2027	612648	Central Mass	Multiple	WEBSTER- OXFORD- AUBURN- GUIDE AND TRAFFIC SIGN REPLACEMENT ON I-395	3	HSIP	\$464,880	\$418,392	\$46,488	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$464,880, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%
Section 2B / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Modernization Projects							\$12,156,512	\$9,725,210	\$2,431,302		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$12,156,512	\$9,725,210	\$2,431,302		
2027	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	NHPP	\$12,156,512	\$9,725,210	\$2,431,302	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100%
Section 3B / Non-Federal Aid Funded							\$39,839,694	\$0	\$39,839,694		
Bridge On-system Non-NHS							\$14,267,519	\$0	\$14,267,519		
2027	605323	Central Mass	Oxford	OXFORD- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, O-06-030, (ST 56) LEICESTER ROAD OVER THE FRENCH RIVER	3	NGBP	\$3,917,100	\$0	\$3,917,100	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$3,917,100, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 4%
2027	612191	Central Mass	Auburn	<del>AUBURN- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, A-17-003, OXFORD STREET OVER KETTLE BROOK</del>	3	<del>NGBP</del>	<del>\$18,179,200</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$18,179,200</del>	MassDOT	<del>Construction, Total Project Cost = \$18,179,200, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%</del>
2027	612510	Central Mass	Grafton	GRAFTON- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, G-08-020, (SR 140) SHREWSBURY STREET OVER MBTA/CSX RAILROAD	3	NGBP	\$10,350,419	\$0	\$10,350,419	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$10,350,419, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 4%



### 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 2027							\$128,927,619	\$73,901,857	\$55,025,762		
Bridge On-system NHS							\$25,572,175	\$0	\$25,572,175		
2027	612192	Central Mass	Auburn	AUBURN- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, A-17-038, US 20 (WB) WASHINGTON STREET OVER I-395	3	NGBP	\$25,572,175	\$0	\$25,572,175	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$29,315,207, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 4%



### 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 2028							\$75,276,908	\$63,201,795	\$12,075,113		
Section 1A / Regionally Prioritized Projects							\$32,075,986	\$26,060,789	\$6,015,197		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$15,451,758	\$12,761,406	\$2,690,352		
2028	608990	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RESURFACING ON CHANDLER STREET, FROM MAIN STREET TO PARK AVENUE	3	HSIP	\$4,000,000	\$3,600,000	\$400,000	Worcester	Construction, Project AC'd between 2028 & 2029, HSIP + STBG Total Project Cost = \$23,245,964, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%, PM Score = 19 out of 27
2028	608990	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RESURFACING ON CHANDLER STREET, FROM MAIN STREET TO PARK AVENUE	3	STBG	\$5,951,758	\$4,761,406	\$1,190,352	Worcester	Construction, Project AC'd between 2028 & 2029, HSIP + STBG Total Project Cost = \$23,245,964, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%, PM Score = 19 out of 27
2028	611988	Central Mass	Oxford	OXFORD- ROADWAY REHABILITATION ON ROUTE 12 (MAIN STREET)	3	STBG	\$5,500,000	\$4,400,000	\$1,100,000	Oxford	Construction, Project AC'd between 2028 & 2029, Total Project Cost = \$22,553,159, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 8%, PM Score = 15 out of 27
Intersection Improvements							\$16,549,228	\$13,239,382	\$3,309,846		
2028	613097	Central Mass	Multiple	SPENCER- EAST BROOKFIELD- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 9 AND ROUTE 49	3	STBG	\$13,294,216	\$10,635,373	\$2,658,843	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$13,294,216, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 8%, PM Score = 15 out of 27
2028	613655	Central Mass	Rutland	RUTLAND- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 122 AND PLEASANTDALE ROAD	3	STBG	\$3,255,012	\$2,604,010	\$651,002	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$3,255,012, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%, PM Score = 8 out of 27
Transit Grant Program							\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000		
2028	S13286	Central Mass		CMMPO LRTP MICRO-PROJECTS PROGRAM		TAP	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000		Set aside for LRTP Micro-Projects Program.
HSIP Programmed							\$4,000,000	\$3,600,000	\$400,000		
STBG Programmed							\$28,000,986	\$22,400,789	\$5,600,197		
TAP Programmed							\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000		
Total Programmed for Central Mass Region Projects*							\$32,075,986	\$26,060,789	\$6,015,197		
Program Target for Central Mass Region Projects							\$32,097,268	\$25,677,814	\$6,419,454		
Target Funds Available for Central Mass Region Projects							\$21,282	-\$382,975	\$404,257		



### 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 2028							\$75,276,908	\$63,201,795	\$12,075,113		
Section 1B / Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects							\$8,021,533	\$8,021,533	\$0		
Bridge Off-system Local NB							\$8,021,533	\$8,021,533	\$0		
2028	613126	Central Mass	East Brookfield	EAST BROOKFIELD- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, E-02-005, COVE STREET OVER SEVEN MILE RIVER	3	BROFF	\$8,021,533	\$8,021,533	\$0	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$8,021,533, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%
Section 2A / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Reliability Projects							\$9,759,620	\$8,783,658	\$975,962		
Safety Improvements							\$9,759,620	\$8,783,658	\$975,962		
2028	611967	Central Mass	Multiple	STURBRIDGE- CHARLTON- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 49 AT PUTNAM ROAD, WALKER POND ROAD & ROUTE 20	3	HSIP	\$9,759,620	\$8,783,658	\$975,962	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$9,759,620, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%
Section 2B / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Modernization Projects							\$25,419,769	\$20,335,815	\$5,083,954		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$25,419,769	\$20,335,815	\$5,083,954		
2028	608490	Central Mass	Upton	UPTON- RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 140 AND ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION AT ROUTE 140, CHURCH STREET AND GROVE STREET	3	NHPP	\$8,359,674	\$6,687,739	\$1,671,935	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$8,359,674, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 8%
2028	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	NHPP	\$17,060,095	\$13,648,076	\$3,412,019	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100%
Safe Routes to School							\$3,161,799	\$2,529,439	\$632,360		
2028	613367	Central Mass	Westborough	WESTBOROUGH- FISHER STREET- IMPROVEMENTS (SRTS)	3	TAP	\$3,161,799	\$2,529,439	\$632,360	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$3,161,799, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%



### 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 2029							\$76,069,034	\$47,884,288	\$28,184,746		
Section 1A / Regionally Prioritized Projects							\$31,247,365	\$25,493,833	\$5,753,532		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$30,347,365	\$24,773,833	\$5,573,532		
2029	608990	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RESURFACING ON CHANDLER STREET, FROM MAIN STREET TO PARK AVENUE	3	HSIP	\$4,959,408	\$4,463,467	\$495,941	Worcester	Construction, Project AC'd between 2028 & 2029, HSIP + STBG Total Project Cost = \$23,245,964, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%, PM Score = 19 out of 27
2029	608990	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND RESURFACING ON CHANDLER STREET, FROM MAIN STREET TO PARK AVENUE	3	STBG	\$8,334,798	\$6,667,838	\$1,666,960	Worcester	Construction, Project AC'd between 2028 & 2029, HSIP + STBG Total Project Cost = \$23,245,964, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%, PM Score = 19 out of 27
2029	611988	Central Mass	Oxford	OXFORD- ROADWAY REHABILITATION ON ROUTE 12 (MAIN STREET)	3	STBG	\$17,053,159	\$13,642,527	\$3,410,632	Oxford	Construction, Project AC'd between 2028 & 2029, Total Project Cost = \$22,553,159, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 8%, PM Score = 15 out of 27
Transit Grant Program							\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000		
2029	S13287	Central Mass		CMMPO LRTP MICRO-PROJECTS PROGRAM		TAP	\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000		Set aside for LRTP Micro-Projects Program.
Intersection Improvements							\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000		
2029	S13288	Central Mass		CMMPO PROJECT DESIGN FUNDING PROGRAM		STBG	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000		Set aside for Project Design Funding Program.
HSIP Programmed							\$4,959,408	\$4,463,467	\$495,941		
STBG Programmed							\$25,887,957	\$20,710,366	\$5,177,591		
TAP Programmed							\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000		
Total Programmed for Central Mass Region Projects*							\$31,247,365	\$25,493,833	\$5,753,532		
Program Target for Central Mass Region Projects							\$31,858,100	\$25,486,480	\$6,371,620		
Target Funds Available for Central Mass Region Projects							\$610,735	-\$7,353	\$618,088		



### 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 2029							\$76,069,034	\$47,884,288	\$28,184,746		
Section 1B / Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects							\$10,976,000	\$10,976,000	\$0		
Bridge Off-system Local NB							\$10,976,000	\$10,976,000	\$0		
2029	613293	Central Mass	New Braintree	NEW BRAINTREE- BRIDGE REHABILITATION, N-07-004 (185), BARR ROAD OVER MEADOW BROOK	2	BROFF	\$10,976,000	\$10,976,000	\$0	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$10,976,000, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 12%
Section 2B / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Modernization Projects							\$14,268,069	\$11,414,455	\$2,853,614		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$9,729,166	\$7,783,333	\$1,945,833		
2029	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	NHPP	\$9,729,166	\$7,783,333	\$1,945,833	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100%
Safe Routes to School							\$4,538,903	\$3,631,122	\$907,781		
2029	612893	Central Mass	Sturbridge	STURBRIDGE- IMPROVEMENTS AT BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SRTS)	3	TAP	\$1,260,000	\$1,008,000	\$252,000	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$1,260,000, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 12%
2029	613367	Central Mass	Westborough	WESTBOROUGH- FISHER STREET IMPROVEMENTS (SRTS)	3	TAP	\$3,278,903	\$2,623,122	\$655,781	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$3,161,799, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 8%
Section 3B / Non-Federal Aid Funded							\$19,577,600	\$0	\$19,577,600		
Bridge On-System Non-NHS							\$19,577,600	\$0	\$19,577,600		
2029	612191	Central Mass	Auburn	AUBURN- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, A-17-003, OXFORD STREET OVER KETTLE BROOK	3	NGBP	\$19,577,600	\$0	\$19,577,600	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$18,179,200, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 4%

# Amendment #2 Proactive Public Outreach Summary

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**Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 TIP and Proposed New Critical Rural & Urban Freight  
Corridors 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 #2 to the CMMPO Endorsed 2026-2030 TIP highway project listing and the Proposed new Critical Rural & Urban Freight Corridors 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 #2 includes changes to seven (7) projects. For the Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors, additional corridors have been proposed in the CMMPO region. These corridors are public roads which provide access and connection to Interstates, public transportation facilities, or other intermodal transportation facilities.

All interested parties are welcome to attend a virtual public meeting to discuss Proposed Amendment #2 and the new Proposed Critical Rural & Urban Freight Corridors on **Tuesday, January 6, 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 new Freight Corridors is 4:30 PM on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**. Summary materials pertaining to the proposed amendment and new Freight Corridors are available at [www.cmrpc.org](http://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](mailto:TitleVICoordinator@cmrpc.org) at least 14 days prior to the meeting.



# Notice of Virtual Public Meeting

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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 #2

### Proposed New Critical Rural & Urban Freight Corridors

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 #2 to the 2026-2030 TIP has been released for a 21-day public review and comment period. Proposed Amendment #2 changes to the highway project listing are:

- **610535 – Worcester – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street:** In FFY 2026, STBG target funding will be reduced by \$3,466,213 and earmark funding (HPP) will be added under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects) in the amount of \$1,615,550. The updated total project cost is now \$4,158,179.
- **S13376 – Southbridge – Hamilton Street Reconstruction Project (FY 2024 BUILD Grant) – Design Only:** This Discretionary Grant will be added to FFY 2026 with earmark funding (HPP) in the amount of \$1,120,384 under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects).
- **608862 – Southbridge – Bridge Replacement, S-21-009, Mill Street over McKinstry Brook and S-21-003, Mill Street over the Quinebaug River:** In FFY 2026, a cost increase of \$1,239,170 will be added to this project and the updated total project cost is \$11,232,073.
- **612195 – Worcester – Superstructure Replacement, W-44-0091, I-290 over East Central Street:** Currently programmed in FFY 2026 & 2027. Funding in 2027 is being removed and additional funding will be added to 2026. The funding source for this project is now NHPP (\$12,696,662) & NHPP-PEN (\$23,041,525). The updated total project cost is now \$35,738,187, which is an increase of \$4,808,426.
- **612092 – Uxbridge – Bridge Replacement, U-02-051, Homeward Avenue over Providence Railroad:** This project will be added to FFY 2027 in Section 2A (Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Reliability Projects) and funded with STBG-BR-OFF in the amount of \$3,741,988.
- **612191 – Auburn – Bridge Replacement, A-17-003, Oxford Street over Kettle Brook:** This project is being moved from FFY 2027 to FFY 2029 with an updated total project cost of \$19,577,600.
- **613367 – Westborough – Fisher Street Improvements (SRTS):** This project is being moved from FFY 2028 to FFY 2029 with an updated total project cost of \$3,278,903.

Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors are corridors that are public roads which provide access and connection to Interstates, public transportation facilities, or other intermodal transportation facilities.

The meeting agenda and summary materials pertaining to the above listed documents are available on the CMRPC website calendar at <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmmmpo-2026-2030-tip-amendment-2-and-proposed-critical-freight-routes-virtual-public-meeting/>.

There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the Proposed TIP Amendment #2 and new Proposed Freight Corridors during the virtual ZOOM meeting **Tuesday, January 6, 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](mailto:kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org) and all comments received before Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 4:30PM will be fully considered.

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## Virtual Public Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing & Proposed New Rural & Urban Freight Corridors

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**Date:** Tuesday, January 6, 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-2026-2030-tip-amendment-2-and-proposed-critical-freight-routes-virtual-public-meeting/>.

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Proposed 2026-2030 TIP Amendment #2
  - TIP Amendment #2 Overview
  - Acceptance of Public Comment & Input
3. Proposed New Rural & Urban Critical Freight Corridors
  - Critical Freight Corridors Overview
  - Acceptance of Public Comment & Input
4. Adjournment

**Please Note:** All comments on the Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 TIP and Proposed New Critical Freight Corridors should be forwarded to Kevin Krasnecky at [kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org](mailto:kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org) prior to the CMMPO-established 4:30 PM deadline on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**.

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**Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Public Comments Received

### John Daniel – Town of Southbridge & CMMPO Southwest Subregion Representative

- John Daniel provided comments at the virtual public meeting. Mr. Daniel provided a brief overview of the two Southbridge projects included in the Amendment and his support of both Southbridge projects.

### MassDOT

- During the comment period, MassDOT received the 75%/100% submission for project **610535 – Worcester – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street**. The updated total project cost was \$4,485,691 instead of the \$4,158,179 cost at the time of the release of the Amendment. The additional \$327,512 in funding will be added back into the target STBG funding for this project.

# CMMPO & CMMPO Advisory Committee Proceedings

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- CMMPO December 17, 2025 – Initiate Amendment
- CMMPO January 21, 2026 – Endorse Amendment
- Advisory Committee January 7, 2025 – Recommend Approval of Amendment

**CMMPO December 17, 2025 – Initiate Amendment**



## Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**Date:** Wednesday, **December 17**, 2025

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## **CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CMMPO)**

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3. Joshua 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

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

1. Miranda Briseno – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

- **Guests:**

1. Sarah Bradbury, MassDOT D3
2. Daryl Amaral – MassDOT D2
3. Jason Schreiber – Stantec
4. Whitney Burdge – Stantec
5. Makaela Niles, MassDOT
6. J Proias

- **CMRPC Staff**

1. Sujatha Krishnan, Deputy Director – Transportation

2. Kevin Krasnecky, Manager, Transportation Improvement Program – Transportation
3. Zack Blais, Principal Planner, Environmental Planning – Transportation
4. Rich Rydant, Director, MPO Activities – Transportation
5. Rob Raymond, Director, Data Services – Transportation
6. Nathan Lewis, Associate Planner, Public Outreach Coordinator – Transportation
7. Adam Wriggins, Associate Planner, Transportation Data – Transportation
8. Yahaira Graxirena, Director of Access and Mobility - Transportation

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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 October 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the October 15, 2025 meeting minutes. The members present voted to approve of the October 15, 2025 meeting minutes.

Derek Shooster – Yes	Betsy Goodrich – Yes
Ann Sullivan – Yes	Michelle Conlin – Yes
Joshua Rickman – Abstain	Jesse Limanek – 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:** Release Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for 21-day Public Review and Comment Period

CMRPC staff, Kevin Krasnecky, presented this item. The Proposed Amendment #2 included multiple changes to the highway project listing, including:

- **#610535 – Worcester – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street**
  - STBG target funding reduced by \$3,466,213 in FFY 2026
  - Earmark funding (HPP) will be added under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects) in the amount of \$1,615,550
  - Updated Total Project Cost: \$4,158,179
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  - Project is being moved from FFY 2027 to FFY 2029
  - Updated Total Project Cost: \$19,577,600
- **#613367 – Westborough – Fisher Street Improvements (SRTS)**
  - Project is being moved from FFY 2028 to FFY 2029
  - Updated Total Project Cost: \$3,278,903

Derek Shooster commented on the proposed changes and that projects were moved based on a more realistic timeline of the projects. The maintenance of the STIP was done in preparation for the upcoming TIP Readiness Days in early February.

There were no other comments or questions regarding the Proposed Amendment #2.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Jesse Limanek to release the Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2026-2023 TIP for public review. All members voted unanimously to release the Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

Derek Shooster – Yes  
 Ann Sullivan – Yes  
 Joshua Rickman – Yes  
 Bob Hassinger – Yes

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

- Potential FFY 2031 TIP Candidate Projects

CMRPC staff, Kevin Krasnecky, presented this item. The potential FFY 2031 TIP Candidate Projects will be presented at the January CMMPO meeting. These projects include:

- **#613875:** Auburn/Worcester – Improvements on Route 20 (Washington Street), from 1,000’ east of Commerce Drive to the Auburn/Worcester TL, **\$6,527,690**
- **#613873:** Sturbridge – Improvements on Route 20 (Charlton Road) from 1,000’ east of Hall Road to east of the I-84 Ramps, **\$6,530,299**

- #613261: Worcester – Lincoln Street Transit Infrastructure Improvements, \$3,335,000
- #613311: Worcester – Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements on Millbury Street, \$3,322,634

There were no comments or questions.

**Agenda Item #5 – Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors Updates**

- **Potential Action:** Release Proposed New Rural and Urban Freight Corridors for 21-day Public Review and Comment Period

CMRPC staff, Rich Rydant, presented this item. Several new rural and urban freight corridors were proposed, including:

Rural:

- Route 122 (Rutland/Paxton) – from Route 122A (Rutland) to Brooks Road (Paxton)
  - Justification – major state numbered route serving broad rural area trucking needs
- Route 32A (Hardwick) – from Petersham TL to Mechanic Street
  - Justification – State numbered route serving broad rural area trucking needs. Provides vital connectivity to Route 2 Corridor and Franklin Region, southwest New Hampshire and southeast Vermont. It is a Rural Area Vital Link.
- Route 32 (Hardwick/Barre) – from just east of Upper Church Street (Hardwick) to Route 67 (Barre)
  - Justification – Intermodal Transloading Facility, includes major salt shed. Served by Mass Central Railroad (MC RR). Also includes Pheonix Plaza.
- Route 68 (Rutland) – from Hubbardston TL to Wachusett Street
  - Justification – State numbered route serving broad rural area trucking needs. Provides connectivity with Montachusett Region and Route 2 Corridor.

Urban:

- Southbridge Street (Worcester) – from Cambridge Street to just south of Glade Street
  - Justification – Railroad classification yard with truck scale. Includes locomotive maintenance building and salt stock piling. Worcester G&W yard at Southbridge Street.
- Route 49 (Spencer) – from Route 9 to Railroad Bridge
  - Justification – New England Automotive Gateway (NEAG) is a Rail to Truck Transload Facility for automotive distribution throughout Southern New England. Served by switching railroad East Brookfield and Spencer (EB&S RR).
- Route 49 (Sturbridge) – from Route 20 to MassPike

- Justification – New England Automotive Gateway (NEAG) is a Rail to Truck Transload Facility for automotive distribution throughout Southern New England. Served by switching railroad East Brookfield and Spencer (EB&S RR).
- Route 122 (Paxton/Worcester) – from Brooks Road (Paxton) to Chandler Street (Worcester)
  - Justification – Major state numbered route serving broad urban area trucking needs.

Jesse Limanek asked what the overall benefit was of expanding the freight corridors as identified. Mr. Rydant replied that TIP scoring is a major component, access to potential additional funding on a competitive basis at the federal level, and the new corridors will be included in the next update of the state freight plan for 2027. Mr. Limanek asked if most of the roads identified are state roads or intertwined with sections of municipal roads. Mr. Rydant replied that they are intertwined. Mr. Limanek asked if there is any desire for the state to take over and maintain the roads. Derek Shooster replied that he is not aware of this idea at this time. Makaela Niles also replied that it is likely not happening but could follow up for a better answer.

There were no further comments or questions.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Betsy Goodrich to release the Proposed New Rural and Urban Freight Corridors for 21-day Public Review and Comment Period. All members voted unanimously to release the Proposed New Rural and Urban Freight Corridors for 21-day Public Review and Comment Period.

Derek Shooster – Yes  
 Ann Sullivan – Yes  
 Joshua Rickman – Yes  
 Bob Hassinger – Yes

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

**Agenda Item #6 – Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Update Presentation**

CMRPC staff, Rob Raymond, presented this item. The presentation provided several project updates, including the Regional Action Plan and Demonstration Project, Vision Zero Advisory Committee, public outreach, initial data findings, and more.

For the Regional Action Plan, current progress includes the development of an ArcGIS Online Dashboard. The dashboard highlights the project area and displays various data, like total crashes, fatal crashes, serious injury crashes, and minor injury crashes. It also includes various charts to display the data in other ways, like crashes per year. There are filters included in the dashboard to make it an interactive experience for the user to better understand the project area.

For the Demonstration Project, work thus far has included walks along the project area and public meetings to address concerns.

The Vision Zero Advisory Committee has been formed, which is a group of about 26 stakeholders across the region.

Key elements of public outreach will include a public survey, public meetings, outreach to community organizations, attending and hosting town meetings, and hosting data dashboards.

Thus far, there have been several initial data findings in the project:

- Fatal and serious injuries (2020-2024)
  - 131 fatal crashes
  - 1,035 serious injury crashes
- Fatal injury type (2020-2024) – excluding Interstates and Limited Access Roadways
  - Single vehicle – 31%
  - Angle – 20%
  - Head-on – 20%
  - Involving pedestrian – 18%
  - Rear-end – 5%
  - Unknown – 3%
  - Sideswipe – 2%
  - Involving cyclist – 1%

- Total crashes (2020-2024)

There was an increase in all types of crashes between 2020 and 2024, from 8,399 in 2020 to 12,078 in 2024. However, killed or seriously injured (KSI) crashes experienced an increase between 2020-2021, but have since decreased between 2022-2024, from 260 to 219.

- Crashes by community (communities with over 800 crashes)

40% of the reported crashes were in the City of Worcester, with 21,247 crashes between 2020 and 2024. Mendon was the lowest of the bunch, with 853 crashes between 2020 and 2024. Shrewsbury and Westborough over-represented the group in rear-end crashes.

Next steps for this project include public outreach; the development and refinement of the High Injury Network; initial data analysis, which will be brought to the Vision Zero Advisory Committee; and continued updates to the CMMPO along the process.

There were no comments or questions following the presentation.

#### **Agenda Item #7 – Vernon Connected Transportation Study Update Presentation**

Stantec staff, Jason Schreiber, presented this item. The presentation provided an update on the project overview, a summary of what is currently known and what has been heard throughout the public outreach process, a range of solutions, and imagining the future corridor by each area.

The project overview included a summary of project leaders, committee members, and the importance of the project; an explanation of the three pillars of the project (unity, community, mobility); a brief overview of the goals of the project; and a glance at the project timeline and key tasks.

Regarding what is known, a summary of the history of the project area was given. For example, before there was a highway (I-290), there was a neighborhood there. The dynamic and experience of the Kelley Square area was very different before the development of the highway system.

Since the public outreach effort has begun, there have been 8 community pop-ups, over 250 survey responses, 1 public workshop, 5 steering committee meetings, several targeted discussions, and 3 advisory committee meetings. From these, many common themes and key takeaways have extrapolated, including that most visitors are using a car; key destinations are much denser on the west side of I-290; there are a high number of severe crashes on Vernon Street; and there are higher poverty levels for those who live nearer to I-290 or the bridge. Common challenges have included that biking, walking, or using transit is not often safe, convenient, or comfortable; the bridge is not aesthetically pleasing or inspiring; and there are few public places to meet and connect. Strengths and opportunities have included culturally diverse neighborhoods; features and destinations (i.e. WooSox); and other good things that are happening.

A range of solutions can be developed to improve this project area according to what's needed and what the public wants. This can include green space, active space, programming, buildings, transportation, and connections. This question was asked of the community, in which the top solutions for these categories included trees, public restrooms, playgrounds, bike lanes, public art, and a pedestrian bridge.

Finally, Stantec staff broke the project area into four different areas and offered different ways those solutions can fit into each of those areas. Each area offers different challenges and opportunities based on the current built environment.

Next steps for the project will include finalizing the public survey, broadening the message of the project through new formats, developing focus groups and key stakeholder discussions, and beginning the process of ideation of potential solutions in different contexts.

Derek Shooster commented that the project team should look into a similar bridge project in Ohio for some insights and ideas.

There were no other comments or questions.

#### **Agenda Item #8 – Staff Updates**

- Housing and Transportation Study

CMRPC staff, Sujatha Krishnan, updated members that the Housing and Transportation Study has completed its subregional meetings. Next steps include the consultant working with the data and public input to complete a suitability analysis.

There were no comments or questions.

#### **Agenda Item #9 – New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **Agenda Item # 10 – Next Meetings**

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – January 7, 2026 at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Committee meeting (virtual) – January 21, 2026 at 4:00 PM

**Agenda Item #11 – Adjournment**

Bob Hassinger made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Ann Sullivan. The meeting concluded at 5:08 PM.

*Meeting Minutes prepared by: Zack Blais, Transportation Principal Planner*

## **CMMPO January 21, 2026 – Endorse Amendment**



## Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization

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- Presentation on CY 2026 Safety Performance Measures (PM1)
- Staff Updates
- New Business

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7. John Daniel – Southbridge, Southwest Subregion Representative
8. Leah Whiteman – Rutland, North Subregion Alternate

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- **Guests:**

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2. Peg Dean, Southbridge
3. Robin Grimm, Sturbridge
4. Sam Taylor, MassDOT OTP
5. Doug Johnson, MassDOT
6. Alex Lyon – West Boylston, Transportation Committee
7. J Proias

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Steve Woelfel – Yes	Betsy Goodrich – Yes
Ann Sullivan – Yes	Jesse Limanek – Yes
Joshua Rickman – Yes	John Daniel – Yes
Bob Hassinger – Yes	Leah Whiteman – Abstain

**Agenda Item #3 – Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

**Agenda Item #4 – Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors Updates**

- **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed New Rural and Urban Freight Corridors

CMRPC staff, Rich Rydant, presented this action item. A brief review of the proposed rural and urban freight corridors in the region was presented. The new proposed rural and urban corridors are:

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There were no comments or questions.

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by John Daniel to approve the Proposed New Rural and Urban Freight Corridors. All members voted unanimously to approve the Proposed New Rural and Urban Freight Corridors.

Steve Woelfel – Yes	Betsy Goodrich – Yes
Ann Sullivan – Yes	Jesse Limanek – Yes
Joshua Rickman – Yes	John Daniel – Yes
Bob Hassinger – Yes	Leah Whiteman – Yes

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Mr. Krasnecky noted that staff did receive comments from MassDOT during the comment period regarding the Worcester Pleasant Street project. An updated design submission was received during the comment period and the new project cost was updated accordingly for the amendment.

Ann Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Betsy Goodrich to approve the Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Amendment #2 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.

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

Betsy Goodrich – Yes  
 Jesse Limanek – Yes  
 John Daniel – Yes  
 Leah Whiteman – Yes

- **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Adjustment #3 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this action item. The Proposed Adjustment #3 includes the following change:

- *#608990 – Worcester – Intersection Improvements and Resurfacing on Chandler Street, from Main Street to Park Avenue*
  - In FFY 2028, add \$703,876 in earmark funding under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funding Projects).
  - Updated programmed total project cost – \$23,949,840
  - This earmark is part of MassDOT’s FY 2025 Earmark repurposing effort.

There were no comments or questions.

Ann Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Betsy Goodrich to approve the Proposed Adjustment #3 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Adjustment #3 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.

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

Betsy Goodrich – Yes  
 Jesse Limanek – Yes  
 John Daniel – Yes  
 Leah Whiteman – Yes

- FFY 2031 Presentation by Project Proponents
  - *613875: Auburn/Worcester – Route 20 Improvements*

Ann Sullivan presented this project. The project will improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation to provide safe multimodal access between residential areas and the Route 20 commercial district, where existing facilities are limited. Improvements will maximize use of the existing roadway cross-section, with some widening as needed. Proposed work includes construction of a shared-use path and sidewalk along Route 20, potential retaining walls, modifications to the existing bridge cross-section, and upgraded pavement markings and signage.

The project is currently at the pre-25% design stage. A survey has been completed, and a design consultant has been assigned. Environmental permitting, ROW acquisitions or easements are still being determined. Utility relocations will be required. The current cost estimate is \$6,527,690.

There were no comments or questions.

- *613873: Sturbridge – Route 20 Improvements*

Ann Sullivan presented this project. Existing conditions include a 2017-2019 HSIP crash cluster, recent commercial growth increasing the number of left-hand turns (increasing potential for serious crashes), and a speed limit of 50MPH. Project needs include a long-term goal of the district to median divide Route 20 and provide strategic locations for vehicles to reverse directions. Project goals include a median along Route 20, with a potential roundabout at Hall Road to allow vehicles to reverse direction without having to make left turns, as well as investigating and improving safety for the properties and driveways at Hall Road along the corridor.

The project is currently at pre-25% design stage. A survey has been completed, and a design consultant has been assigned. The required environmental permits and ROW acquisitions or easements are still being determined. Some utility relocations will be required. The current cost estimate is \$6,579,155.

John Daniel asked if a roundabout was the preferred choice as there is a lot of truck traffic. Ms. Sullivan replied that further evaluations of the roundabout versus traffic signal would need to be completed during the design process to determine the best option.

There were no further comments or questions.

- *613261: Worcester – Lincoln Street Transit Infrastructure Improvements*

Doug Johnson (MassDOT) presented this project. Three WRTA bus routes utilize the corridor, the corridor is a Top 200 Crash Cluster and a Top 5% Intersection Crash Cluster for crash years 2017-2020 (statewide), a Top 5% Bicycle Crash Cluster for 2010-2019 (statewide), and three locations that are Top 5% MPO Crash Locations for Fatal and Serious Injuries. The goal of the project is to improve transit service reliability and user experience, ADA compliance, and provide bicycle facilities for the corridor. The project proposes transit signal priority treatments, bus stop reconstruction and amenities,

sidewalk repair, ADA compliant curb ramps, and bicycle facilities. Additional work includes improved pavement marking and signage.

The project is currently at pre-25% design stage. VHB has received Notice to Proceed in November 2025. Traffic counts and signal phasing plans have been obtained. Survey field work is mostly complete, and survey plans are being prepared. Crash records are also being compiled. The required environmental permits and ROW acquisitions or easements are still being determined. Utility relocations may be required. The current cost estimate is \$3,335,000.

Josh Rickman commented that the route is very important to the city for transit and multi-modal transportation, that it is very actively used.

There were no other comments or questions.

- *613311: Worcester – Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements on Millbury Street*

Doug Johnson (MassDOT) presented this project. The project corridor was identified as a top 5% bicycle and pedestrian need statewide. The corridor would benefit from improved pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. WRTA bus routes operate along the corridor, but existing bus stops lack amenities, signage, and roadway striping, and ADA compliant curb ramps are needed. The corridor is located within an REJ+ community and provides a key connection between Millbury Street and the pedestrian bridge over Route 146. Proposed improvements include bus stop reconstruction and amenities, sidewalk repairs, ADA-compliant curb ramps, bicycle facilities, and enhanced pavement markings and signage. Existing curb-to-curb widths will generally be maintained, with limited widening where needed to accommodate bus stop amenities and buffered bicycle facilities.

The project is currently at the pre-25% design stage. The Engineering Corporation (TEC) is the design consultant. Pre-25% plans have been prepared and are being revised based on feedback received from the City in December 2025. The required environmental permits and ROW acquisitions or easements are still being determined. Utility relocations, except for a small number of light poles, are not required. The current cost estimate is \$3,475,000.

There were no comments or questions.

### **Agenda Item #6 – WRTA Updates Presentation**

Josh Rickman presented this item. The presentation included brief updates on the Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan (CRTP), Union Station lobby re-design, fixed route services, demand response software, and an overview of the rebranding of the WRTA.

**CRTP Update** – the initial CRTP that was completed by AECOM in 2015, last updated in 2020, and will be updated in 2025. CRTPs are RTA-driven and includes stakeholder coordination, an evaluation of existing system/conditions data, alternative analyses, and recommendations for future service efforts. Since

May 2025, WRTA has worked with AECOM on identifying needs and outlining goals and objectives for plan updates. The plan has defined three goals:

1. Reimagine mobility solutions
2. Prioritize innovative planning and capital projects
3. Promote WRTAs value in the community

For outreach, WRTA have consistently posted flyers, bus ads, grab bar hangers, and social media posts to gather public input. Next steps of the CRTP include reviewing the final draft, posting the final CRTP to the WRTA website by the end of February, and performing additional studies.

**Union Station Lobby Re-Design** – The lobby redesign concept increases seating capacity, including additional wheelchair spaces, improves customer service access, and adds a new security office and restrooms. The restroom design features open entry with two stalls per bathroom, located next to the security office. Benefits of the layout include quicker response to customer requests and greater interior oversight. Challenges include approximately \$160,000 in annual cleaning costs, capital funding used to address vandalism, potential facility misuse, and long-term funding sustainability. The project is currently in the demolition phase, with customer service relocated to a temporary platform building and the PBSI/Call Center moved to Venture X. The lobby is expected to reopen by the end of June 2026.

**New CAD/AVL System for Fixed Route** – a new CAD/AVL system has been awarded to Equans/Systrans. The new system supports public facing GTFS-real time, automatic update of mapping and trip planning on third party apps such as a transit app, and improved metrics/statistics. The system went live on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. The system includes customer-facing tools, like infotainment and transit app. Future initiatives of the system include real time signs and transit signal priority. The system includes driver and management interfaces, including a dispatch monitoring platform and mobile data terminal.

**Demand Response Software** – WRTA are reviewing internal needs and industry best practices and plan to issue a procurement in coming months for a new software that will improve customer facing tools and include new service modules.

**WRTA Rebranding** – the WRTA has concluded its rebranding process. The reasoning behind this is to create a sustainable design that is representative of the community. The method to do so included procuring a transit design firm, engaging the public through outreach, and engaging internal operations. The rebranded logo has also been fully designed for bus vehicles, with intent on each part of the bus design. The launch date of the new logo is February 13, 2026.

There were no comments or questions.

#### **Agenda Item #7 – Presentation on CY 2026 Safety Performance Measures (PM1)**

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. The Safety Performance Measures (PM1) are required under MAP-21 (Section 1203), continued with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). They require annual coordination of target settings with MPOs. MPOs can establish their own set of quantifiable performance targets every year or adopt the state’s performance targets (for the entire Commonwealth – no quantifiable target required for region). The targets must be incorporated into Certification Documents.

The Performance Measures are presented in 5-year rolling averages and the trendline has been established using historical data. MassDOT also developed a 2024-2028 projection to forecast current trends further into the future. The IJA requires “performance targets to demonstrate constant or improved performance”.

For CY 2026, the 5 statewide safety targets are:

- Total fatalities: **357**
- Fatality rate per 100 million VMT: **0.56**
- Total serious injuries: **2,562**
- Serious injury rate: **4.03** per 100 million VMT
- Total combined non-motorist injuries + fatalities: **512**

Mr. Krasnecky described the methodology for each target and displayed a chart showing the state’s safety targets while also showing the CMMPO data for comparison.

While the state’s goal is towards zero fatalities and serious injuries, the state targets presented are not “goals”, but realistic targets considering the events of the last 4+ years. MassDOT approved the targets recognizing that MassDOT must demonstrate short-term incremental steps to achieve the Commonwealth’s goal. MPOs must either set their own 5 quantifiable safety targets or adopt MassDOT’s targets as an action item by February 28, 2026. The safety targets must be included in the FFY 2027-2031 TIPs.

Sam Taylor (MassDOT) noted that the CMMPO comparison numbers were only projections and that the CMMPO would be voting on the State’s targets then the time comes.

#### **Agenda Item #8 – Staff Updates**

- Sujatha Krishnan announced that public outreach kicked off for the vision zero action plan on January 8<sup>th</sup> at CMRPC’s Quarterly Commission Meeting.
- Sujatha Krishnan announced that staff helped 7 communities submit grants for the MassDOT Grant Central Program, including culverts and Complete Streets type projects.

#### **Agenda Item #9 – New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **Agenda Item # 10 – Next Meetings**

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – January 28, 2026 at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Committee meeting (virtual) – February 18, 2026 at 4:00 PM

#### **Agenda Item #11 – Adjournment**

Ann Sullivan made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bob Hassinger. The meeting concluded at 5:06 PM.

*Meeting Minutes prepared by: Zack Blais, Transportation Principal Planner*

**Advisory Committee January 7, 2026 – Recommend Approval  
of Amendment**



## Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee

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**Date:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Place:** Zoom Webinar Virtual Meeting

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### AGENDA

- Around the Room Introductions
- Approval of **October 22, 2025** Meeting Minutes
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - **Action Item:** Seeking recommendation to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.
  - Potential FFY 2031 TIP Candidate Projects
- Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors Update
  - **Action Item:** Seeking recommendation to the CMMPO concerning the endorsement of the new Proposed Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors.
- Vernon Connected Transportation Study Update Presentation
- Staff Updates
  - Housing and Transportation Study
  - SS4A
- New Business
- Next Meetings:
  - CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – January 28, 2026 at 3:00 PM
  - CMMPO Meeting (virtual) – Wednesday, January 21, 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 **January 7th, 2026**. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

### **CMMPO Advisory Committee Members Present:**

- Chris Payant – Town of Westborough
- Erin Quael – Worcester Department of Public Health
- Claudia Oliviera De Peiva - Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
- Anya Wilczynski - Blackstone Heritage Corridor
- Liz Myska – Visions Consulting L3C
- Alysha Irisari Malo – Town of Douglas
- Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT District 3
- Daryl Amaral – MassDOT District 2

### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

- N/A

### **CMRPC Staff Present:**

- Nathan Lewis
- Constance Mellis
- Kevin Krasnecky
- Rich Rydant
- Robert Raymond
- Yahaira Graxirena
- Adam Wriggins
- Ryan Hurley
- Jordan Hollinger

**Guest:**

- N/A

**Agenda Item #1 – Around the Room Introductions**

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

**Agenda Item #2 – Approval of October 22nd, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Minutes for October 22nd, 2025, CMMPO Advisory meeting were considered for approval. Co-chair Payant entertains a motion to approve October 22nd, 2025, meeting minutes. Sarah Bradbury makes a motion to approve. The motion is seconded by Erin Quael. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

**Agenda Item #3 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

- **Potential Action:** Seeking recommendation to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.

CMRPC staff, Kevin Krasnecky, presented this item. The presentation provided a brief review of the proposed amendment number 2 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing which was released for public comments. There were seven changes to this TIP highway listing.

- **#610535 – Worcester – Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on Pleasant Street**
  - STBG target funding reduced by \$3,466,213 in FFY 2026
  - Earmark funding (HPP) will be added under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects) in the amount of \$1,615,550
  - Updated Total Project Cost: \$4,158,179
- **S13376 – Southbridge – Hamilton Street Reconstruction Project (FY 2024 BUILD Grant) – Design Only**
  - Added to FFY 2026 with earmark funding (HPP) in the amount of \$1,120,384 under section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects)
- **#608862 – Southbridge – Bridge Replacement, S-21-009, Mill Street over McKinstry Brook and S-21-003, Mill Street over the Quinebaug River**
  - Cost increase of \$1,239,170 in FFY 2026
  - Updated Total Project Cost: \$11,232,073

- **#612195 – Worcester – Superstructure Replacement, W-44-0091, I-290 over East Central Street**
  - Funding in FFY 2027 is being removed and additional funding will be added to FFY 2026
  - Funding source for this project is now NHPP (\$12,696,662) and NHPP-PEN (\$23,041,525)
  - Project cost increase: \$4,808,426
  - Updated Total Project Cost: \$35,738,187
- **#612092 – Uxbridge – Bridge Replacement, U-02-051, Homeward Avenue over Providence Railroad**
  - Project added to FFY 2027 in Section 2A (Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Reliability Projects)
  - Funded with STBG-BR-OFF in the amount of \$3,741,988
- **#612191 – Auburn – Bridge Replacement, A-17-003, Oxford Street over Kettle Brook**
  - Project is being moved from FFY 2027 to FFY 2029
  - Updated Total Project Cost: \$19,577,600
- **#613367 – Westborough – Fisher Street Improvements (SRTS)**
  - Project is being moved from FFY 2028 to FFY 2029
  - Updated Total Project Cost: \$3,278,903

Following the presentation, Mr. Payant asked where the proposed changes stem from. Mr. Krasnecky replied by explaining that it depends on who’s designing the projects. If it is MassDOT it’s based on scheduling as further along in the project they have a better idea of the cost estimates.

There were no further questions or comments.

Sarah Bradbury made a motion and was seconded by Liz Myska to recommend to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously to recommend to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.

- Potential FFY 2031 TIP Candidate Projects

CMRPC staff, Kevin Krasnecky, presented this item. The potential FFY 2031 TIP Candidate Projects will be presented at the January CMMPO meeting. These projects include:

- **#613875:** Auburn/Worcester – Improvements on Route 20 (Washington Street), from 1,000’ east of Commerce Drive to the Auburn/Worcester TL, \$6,527,690
- **#613873:** Sturbridge – Improvements on Route 20 (Charlton Road) from 1,000’ east of Hall Road to east of the I-84 Ramps, \$6,530,299
- **#613261:** Worcester – Lincoln Street Transit Infrastructure Improvements, \$3,335,000
- **#613311:** Worcester – Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements on Millbury Street, \$3,322,634

There were no further questions or comments.

## **Agenda Item #4 – Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors**

### **Update**

**Potential Action:** Seeking recommendation to the CMMPO concerning the endorsement of the new Proposed Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors.

CMRPC staff, Richard Rydant, presented this item. Several new rural and urban freight corridors were proposed, including:

Rural:

- Route 122 (Rutland/Paxton) – from Route 122A (Rutland) to Brooks Road (Paxton)
  - Justification – major state numbered route serving broad rural area trucking needs
- Route 32A (Hardwick) – from Petersham TL to Mechanic Street
  - Justification – State numbered route serving broad rural area trucking needs. Provides vital connectivity to Route 2 Corridor and Franklin Region, southwest New Hampshire and southeast Vermont. It is a Rural Area Vital Link.
- Route 32 (Hardwick/Barre) – from just east of Upper Church Street (Hardwick) to Route 67 (Barre)
  - Justification – Intermodal Transloading Facility, includes major salt shed. Served by Mass Central Railroad (MC RR). Also includes Pheonix Plaza.
- Route 68 (Rutland) – from Hubbardston TL to Wachusett Street
  - Justification – State numbered route serving broad rural area trucking needs. Provides connectivity with Montachusett Region and Route 2 Corridor.

Urban:

- Southbridge Street (Worcester) – from Cambridge Street to just south of Glade Street

- Justification – Railroad classification yard with truck scale. Includes locomotive maintenance building and salt stock piling. Worcester G&W yard at Southbridge Street.
- Route 49 (Spencer) – from Route 9 to Railroad Bridge
  - Justification – New England Automotive Gateway (NEAG) is a Rail to Truck Transload Facility for automotive distribution throughout Southern New England. Served by switching railroad East Brookfield and Spencer (EB&S RR).
- Route 49 (Sturbridge) – from Route 20 to MassPike
  - Justification – New England Automotive Gateway (NEAG) is a Rail to Truck Transload Facility for automotive distribution throughout Southern New England. Served by switching railroad East Brookfield and Spencer (EB&S RR).
- Route 122 (Paxton/Worcester) – from Brooks Road (Paxton) to Chandler Street (Worcester)
  - Justification – Major state numbered route serving broad urban area trucking needs.

There were no further comments or questions.

Sarah Bradbury made a motion and was seconded by Daryl Amaral to recommend to the CMMPO concerning the endorsement of the new Proposed Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors. All members voted unanimously to recommend to the CMMPO concerning the endorsement of the new Proposed Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors.

## **Agenda Item #5 – Vernon Connected Transportation Study**

### **Update Presentation**

CMRPC staff, Yahaira Graxirena, presented this item. The presentation provided an update on the project overview, a summary of what is currently known and what has been heard throughout the public outreach process, a range of solutions, and imagining the future corridor by each area.

The project overview included a summary of project leaders, committee members, and the importance of the project; an explanation of the three pillars of the project (unity, community, mobility); a brief overview of the goals of the project; and a glance at the project timeline and key tasks. 8

Regarding what is known, a summary of the history of the project area was given. For example, before there was a highway (I-290), there was a neighborhood there. The dynamic and experience of the Kelley Square area was very different before the development of the highway system.

Since the public outreach effort has begun, there have been 8 community pop-ups, over 250 survey responses, 1 public workshop, 5 steering committee meetings, several targeted discussions, and 3 advisory committee meetings. From these, many common themes and key takeaways have extrapolated, including that most visitors are using a car; key destinations are much denser on the west side of I-290; there are a high number of severe crashes on Vernon Street; and there are higher poverty levels for those who live nearer to I-290 or the bridge. Common challenges have included that biking, walking, or using transit is not often safe, convenient, or comfortable; the bridge is not aesthetically pleasing or inspiring; and there are few public places to meet and connect. Strengths and opportunities have included culturally diverse neighborhoods; features and destinations (i.e. WooSox); and other good things that are happening.

A range of solutions can be developed to improve this project area according to what's needed and what the public wants. This can include green space, active space, programming, buildings, transportation, and connections. This question was asked of the community, in which the top solutions for these categories included trees, public restrooms, playgrounds, bike lanes, public art, and a pedestrian bridge.

Next steps for the project will include finalizing the public survey, broadening the message of the project through new formats, developing focus groups and key stakeholder discussions, and beginning the process of ideation of potential solutions in different contexts.

There were no further comments or questions.

## **Agenda Item #6 – Staff Updates**

- Housing and Transportation Study
  - CMRPC staff, Jordan Hollinger, updated members that the Housing and Transportation Study has completed its subregional meetings. Next steps include the consultant working with the data and public input to complete a suitability analysis.
- Safe Streets for All Project
  - CMRPC staff, Robert Raymond, provided members with several project updates, including the Regional Action Plan and Demonstration Project, Vision Zero Advisory Committee, public outreach and initial data findings.
- Advisory Committee Updates
  - CMRPC staff, Yahaira Graxirena, updated members on the membership with Connor McCormick and Rob Billotta leaving the committee and introducing a new member Alisha Malo.

There were no comments or questions.

### **Agenda Item #7 New Business**

- Complete Streets Applications for Tier 3 are due within the week.
- MassTrails grant is due early February.

### **Agenda Item #8 Next Meetings**

Co-chair Payant announced the schedule for the next meeting:

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Meeting (virtual) – Wednesday, January 21st, 2026, at 4:00 PM

### **Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment**

At 4:10 PM Co-chair Payant called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Oliviera De Paiva made the motion, which Ms. Myska seconded. The group voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting minutes prepared: Nathan Lewis, Public Outreach Coordinator

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