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CMMPO Endorsed Amendment #5 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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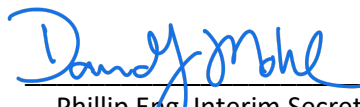
**Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Endorsement of Amendment #5
to the FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Listing**

The Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) has completed its review of Amendment #5 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 #5 to the Central Massachusetts Region FFY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

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

April 15, 2026

Date

Amendment #5 Highway Project Listing & Summary Materials

Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026 - 2030 TIP Highway Listing

Highway Project List Changes:

- **610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough – Rehabilitation & Box Widening on Route 20, from Route 9 to South Street** In FFY 2026, \$8,500,000 will be added to target funding and \$359,840 in Earmark funding will be added under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects). In FFY 2029, funding will be reduced from \$9,729,166 to \$6,158,947, which is a decrease of \$3,570,219. In FFY 2030, the \$2,929,694 in funding will be removed. The updated Total Project Cost is \$49,235,394.
 - **MassDOT Comments: A new earmark amount was added to the project in the amount of \$1,062,500. The new earmark and the originally repurposed earmark are now reflected in FFY 2026 for \$1,422,340. The NHPP funding in FFY 2029 was reduced to \$5,096,447.**
- **610769 – Sutton – Superstructure Replacement, S-33-002, Manchaug Road over Mumford River:** This project will be removed from FFY 2026 and reprogrammed in FFY 2028 on the new 2027-2031 TIP.



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							\$95,324,285	\$76,359,428	\$18,964,857		
Section 1A / Regionally Prioritized Projects							\$22,978,050	\$18,482,440	\$4,495,610		
Roadway Improvements							\$2,554,355	\$2,043,484	\$510,871		
2026	608456	Central Mass	Upton	UPTON- CULVERT REPLACEMENT, MILFORD STREET (ROUTE 140) OVER UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO CENTER BROOK	3	STBG	\$2,554,355	\$2,043,484	\$510,871	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$2,554,355, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 9 out of 27
Intersection Improvements							\$9,031,709	\$7,325,367	\$1,706,342		
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	CMAQ	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,000	\$400,000	Worcester	Construction, CMAQ + HSIP + STGB Total Project Cost = \$8,475,278, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 15 out of 27 \$354,855 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA202) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	HSIP	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$100,000	Worcester	Construction, CMAQ + HSIP + STGB Total Project Cost = \$8,475,278, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 15 out of 27 \$354,855 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA202) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	STBG	\$5,031,709	\$4,025,367	\$1,006,342	Worcester	Construction, CMAQ + HSIP + STGB Total Project Cost = \$8,475,278, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 15 out of 27 \$354,855 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA202) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.
2026	S13281	Central Mass		CMMPO PROJECT DESIGN FUNDING PROGRAM		STBG	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$200,000		Set aside for Project Design Funding Program.
Bicycle and Pedestrian							\$2,870,141	\$2,296,113	\$574,028		
2026	610535	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ON PLEASANT STREET	3	STBG	\$2,870,141	\$2,296,113	\$574,028	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$6,008,842, Design Status = Approved, PM Score = 11 out of 27 \$847,711 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA006) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.



Central Mass Region Program

STIP: 2026 - 2030 (D)

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Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$95,324,285	\$76,359,428	\$18,964,857		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$8,500,000	\$6,800,000	\$1,700,000		
2026	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	NHPP	\$8,500,000	\$6,800,000	\$1,700,000	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100% \$359,840 in old re-purposed earmark funding is being applied to this project as part of the FY2025 earmark repurposing process. Additionally, an FY2026 federal earmark (Demo ID TBD at time of programming) totaling \$1,062,500 is being applied to this project.
Transit Grant Program							\$21,845	\$17,476	\$4,369		
2026	S13282	Central Mass	Millbury	MILLBURY - TRANSIT ACCESS ENHANCEMENTS AT MAIN STREET AND ELM STREET.		CMAQ	\$6,150	\$4,920	\$1,230	Millbury	Total Project Cost = 6,150, Project is part of Micro-Projects Program, Local Match will be provided by the town of Millbury.
2026	S13283	Central Mass	Westborough	WESTBOROUGH - PURCHASE OF NEW BICYCLE RACKS.		CMAQ	\$15,695	\$12,556	\$3,139	Westborough	Total Project Cost = \$8,207, Project is part of Micro-Projects Program, the town of Westborough will provide a supplemental match to the required 20%.
							CMAQ Programmed	\$2,021,845	\$1,617,476	\$404,369	
							HSIP Programmed	\$1,000,000	\$900,000	\$100,000	
							NHPP Programmed	\$8,500,000	\$6,800,000	\$1,700,000	
							STBG Programmed	\$11,456,205	\$9,164,964	\$2,291,241	
							Total Programmed for Central Mass Region Projects*	\$22,978,050	\$18,482,440	\$4,495,610	
							Program Target for Central Mass Region Projects	\$25,339,043	\$20,271,234	\$5,067,809	
							Target Funds Available for Central Mass Region Projects	\$2,360,993	\$1,788,794	\$572,199	
Section 1B / Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects							\$6,639,343	\$5,311,474	\$1,327,869		
Earmark Discretionary							\$6,639,343	\$5,311,474	\$1,327,869		
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.



Central Mass Region Program

STIP: 2026 - 2030 (D)

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Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$95,324,285	\$76,359,428	\$18,964,857		
2026	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	HPP	359840 \$1,422,340	287872 \$1,137,872	71968 \$284,468	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100% \$359,840 in old re-purposed earmark funding is being applied to this project as part of the FY2025 earmark repurposing process. Additionally, an FY2026 federal earmark (Demo ID TBD at time of programming) totaling \$1,062,500 is being applied to this project.
2026	S13376	Central Mass	Southbridge	SOUTHBRIDGE - HAMILTON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (FY 2024 BUILD GRANT) - DESIGN ONLY	3	HPP	\$1,120,384	\$896,307	\$224,077	Southbridge	FY 2024 BUILD/RAISE grant. No match required since area is considered disadvantaged. Total grant amount is \$7,888,000. The amount programmed in this project is just for design and is expected to be obligated in FFY 2026 upon grant execution. The remainder will be programmed separately for construction.
2026	608961	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CHANDLER STREET AND MAY STREET	3	HPP	\$443,569	\$354,855	\$88,714	Worcester	Construction, CMAQ + HSIP + STGB Total Project Cost = \$8,475,278, Design Status = 75%, PM Score = 15 out of 27 \$354,855 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA202) is being programmed as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process.
2026	S13417	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER - MILL STREET PLANNING AND DESIGN (FEDERAL EARMARK FOR DESIGN - MA296)	3	HPP	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	Worcester	Federal Earmark for Design (MA296). \$2M federal, \$500k local match required from City of Worcester.
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%



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Federal Fiscal Year 2026							\$95,324,285	\$76,359,428	\$18,964,857		
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	\$11,232,073	\$8,985,658	\$2,246,415	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$9,992,903, Design Status = 100%
Bridge On-system NHS							\$35,738,187	\$28,590,550	\$7,147,637		
2026	612195	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT, W-44-091, I-290 OVER EAST CENTRAL STREET	3	NHPP-PEN	\$23,041,525	\$18,433,220	\$2,747,326	MassDOT	Construction, Project AC'd between 2026 & 2027, Total Project Cost = \$30,929,761, Design Status = 25%
2026	612195	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT, W-44-091, I-290 OVER EAST CENTRAL STREET	3	NHPP	\$12,696,662	\$10,157,330	\$2,539,332	MassDOT	Construction, Project AC'd between 2026 & 2027, Total Project Cost = \$30,929,761, Design Status = 25%
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% \$359,840 in old re-purposed earmark funding is being applied to this project as part of the FY2025 earmark repurposing process. Additionally, an FY2026 federal earmark (Demo ID TBD at time of programming) totaling \$1,062,500 is being applied to this project.



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							\$72,498,815	\$45,028,113	\$27,470,702		
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. \$703,876 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA158) is being programming as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process
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. \$703,876 in a repurposed earmark (Demo ID MA158) is being programming as part of the FY 2025 earmark repurposing process
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		



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Federal Fiscal Year 2029							\$72,498,815	\$45,028,113	\$27,470,702		
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							\$10,697,850	\$8,558,280	\$2,139,570		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$6,158,947	\$4,927,158	\$1,231,789		
2029	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	NHPP	9729166 6,158,947 \$5,096,447	7783333 4,927,158 \$4,077,158	1945833 1,231,789 \$1,019,289	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100% \$359,840 in old re-purposed earmark funding is being applied to this project as part of the FY2025 earmark repurposing process. Additionally, an FY2026 federal earmark (Demo ID TBD at time of programming) totaling \$1.062.500 is being applied to this project.
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%



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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 2030							\$49,807,310	\$39,845,848	\$9,961,462		
Section 1A / Regionally Prioritized Projects							\$32,153,444	\$25,722,755	\$6,430,689		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$23,467,553	\$18,774,042	\$4,693,511		
2030	612779	Central Mass	West Brookfield	WEST BROOKFIELD- RESURFACING & RELATED WORK ON ROUTE 9 (PHASE III)	2	STBG	\$13,230,728	\$10,584,582	\$2,646,146	West Brookfield	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$13,230,728, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 16%, PM Score = 15 out of 27
2030	613242	Central Mass	Westborough	WESTBOROUGH- ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON ROUTE 30 (EAST MAIN STREET), FROM HASTINGS ELEMENTARY TO THOMAS NEWTON DRIVE	3	STBG	\$10,236,825	\$8,189,460	\$2,047,365	Westborough	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$10,236,825, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 16%, PM Score = 15 out of 27
Intersection Improvements							\$8,285,891	\$6,628,713	\$1,657,178		
2030	613648	Central Mass	Worcester	WORCESTER- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE AVENUE AND BIGELOW DAVIS PARKWAY (FORMERLY HAMILTON STREET)	3	STBG	\$7,785,891	\$6,228,713	\$1,557,178	Worcester	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$7,785,891, Design Status = Approved, YOE = 16%, PM Score = 15 out of 27
2030	S13290	Central Mass		CMMPO PROJECT DESIGN FUNDING PROGRAM		STBG	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000		Set aside for Project Design Funding Program.
Transit Grant Program							\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000		
2030	S13289	Central Mass		CMMPO LRTP MICRO-PROJECTS PROGRAM		TAP	\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000		Set aside for LRTP Micro-Projects Program.
							STBG Programmed	\$31,753,444	\$25,402,755	\$6,350,689	
							TAP Programmed	\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000	
Total Programmed for Central Mass Region Projects*							\$32,153,444	\$25,722,755	\$6,430,689		
Program Target for Central Mass Region Projects							\$32,367,581	\$25,894,065	\$6,473,516		
Target Funds Available for Central Mass Region Projects							\$214,137	\$171,310	\$42,827		
Section 2B / Federal Aid Funded State Prioritized Modernization Projects							\$17,653,866	\$14,123,093	\$3,530,773		
Roadway Reconstruction							\$17,653,866	\$14,123,093	\$3,530,773		
2030	607764	Central Mass	Shrewsbury	SHREWSBURY- INTERSECTION & SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT AT US 20 (HARTFORD TURNPIKE) AT GRAFTON STREET	3	NHPP	\$17,653,866	\$14,123,093	\$3,530,773	MassDOT	Construction, Total Project Cost = \$17,653,866, Design Status = 25%, YOE = 16%
2030	610825	Central Mass	Multiple	SHREWSBURY- NORTHBOROUGH- REHABILITATION & BOX-WIDENING ON ROUTE 20, FROM ROUTE 9 TO SOUTH STREET	3	NHPP	\$2,929,694	\$2,343,755	\$585,939	MassDOT	Construction, Project is AC'd between 2026 & 2030, Total Project Cost = \$46,875,467, Design Status = 100%

Amendment #5 Proactive Public Outreach Summary

**Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization
Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP 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 #5 to the CMMPO Endorsed 2026-2030 TIP highway project listing 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 #5 includes changes for two (2) projects: A shift in funds for 610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough Route 20 Rehabilitation and the removal of 610769 – Sutton Superstructure Replacement from FFY 2026.

All interested parties are welcome to attend a virtual public meeting to discuss Proposed Amendment #5 on **Tuesday, April 7, 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 is 4:30 PM on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**. Summary materials pertaining to the proposed amendment are available at www.cmrpc.org. Printed summary materials are available upon request at the CMRPC office. CMMPO meetings are conducted in accessible locations and close to public transit. Materials can be provided free of charge in accessible formats and languages other than English. If you would like special accommodations, such as an interpreter, please contact the Title VI Coordinator, (508) 459-3313, or TitleVICoordinator@cmrpc.org at least 14 days prior to the meeting.



Notice of Virtual Public Meeting

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

Proposed 2026 – 2030 TIP Amendment #5

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 #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP has been released for a 21-day public review and comment period. Proposed Amendment #5 changes to the highway project listing are:

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- **610769 – Sutton – Superstructure Replacement, S-33-002, Manchaug Road over Mumford River:** This project will be removed from FFY 2026 and reprogrammed in FFY 2028 on the new 2027-2031 TIP.

The meeting agenda and summary materials pertaining to the above listed documents are available on the CMRPC website calendar at <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmm-po-2026-2030-tip-amendment-5-virtual-public-meeting/>.

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

All written comments can be sent to Kevin Krasnecky at kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org and all comments received before Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 4:30PM will be fully considered.

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Virtual Public Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 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-5-virtual-public-meeting/>.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Proposed 2026-2030 TIP Amendment #5
 - TIP Amendment #5 Overview
 - Acceptance of Public Comment & Input
3. Adjournment

Please Note: All comments on the Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP should be forwarded to Kevin Krasnecky at kkrasnecky@cmrpc.org prior to the CMMPO-established 4:30 PM deadline on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**.

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Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Link:

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The minutes of the 2026-2030 TIP Proposed Amendment #5 virtual public meeting held Tuesday, April 7, 2026, through ZOOM.

- **Guests:**
 1. Amanda Hellyer, Sen Fattman's Office
- **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 made introductions.

Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented the Proposed Amendment #5. Amendment #5 had changes to two projects. These changes included:

- **610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough – Rehabilitation & Box Widening on Route 20, from Route 9 to South Street** In FFY 2026, \$8,500,000 will be added to target funding and \$359,840 in Earmark funding will be added under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects). In FFY 2029, funding will be reduced from \$9,729,166 to \$6,158,947, which is a decrease of \$3,570,219. In FFY 2030, the \$2,929,694 in funding will be removed. The updated Total Project Cost is \$49,235,394.
- **610769 – Sutton – Superstructure Replacement, S-33-002, Manchaug Road over Mumford River:** This project will be removed from FFY 2026 and reprogrammed in FFY 2028 on the new 2027-2031 TIP.

There were no comments or questions.

Adjournment

Before Mr. Krasnecky closed the public meeting, he mentioned the deadline for public comments on the proposed Amendment #5 was 4:30 PM on Wednesday, April 8th. With no additional comments or questions, the virtual public meeting closed at 5:09 PM.

Public Comments Received

MassDOT

- A new earmark amount was added to the project in the amount of \$1,062,500. The new earmark and the originally repurposed earmark are now reflected in FFY 2026 for \$1,422,340. The NHPP funding in FFY 2029 was reduced to \$5,096,447.

CMMPO & CMMPO Advisory Committee Proceedings

- CMMPO March 18, 2026 – Initiate Amendment
- CMMPO April 15, 2026 – Endorse Amendment
- Advisory Committee March 25, 2026 – Recommend Approval of Amendment

CMMPO March 18, 2026 – Initiate Amendment



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date: Wednesday, **March 18**, 2026

Time: **4:00 PM**

Place: This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom Webinar (use link below). Additional meeting materials can be found through the CMRPC web calendar: <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmm-po-committee-22/>

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84297459639?pwd=rRQtf7pcdnGxGKe9IlgZ7vCwPSfah.1>

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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Approval of February 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Amendment #4 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing
 - **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #5 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period
 - FFY 2027-2031 TIP Workshop
 - Review and Consensus of Preferred Option for FFY 2027-2031 TIP Highway Project Listing
 - Review of FFY 2027-2031 Statewide Highway Project Listing
 - Review of FFY 2027-2031 Transit Project Listing
- FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - Budget and Major Task Listing
 - FHWA Guidance
- Staff Updates
 - Vernon Connected Workshop Updates
 - SS4A Subregional Meetings Updates
 - Environmental Consultation

- New Business
- Next Meetings:
 - CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – March 25, 2026, at 3:00 PM
 - CMMPO meeting (virtual) – April 15, 2026, at 4:00 PM
- Adjournment

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CMMPO)

The minutes of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) meeting, on **Wednesday, March 18th, 2026**. This meeting was held virtually using Zoom Webinar.

- **CMMPO Members Present:**

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

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

1. Miranda Briseno – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

- **Guests:**

1. Daryl Amaral – MassDOT D2
2. Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT D3

- **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

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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 February 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Leah Whiteman to approve February 18, 2026, meeting minutes. The members present voted to approve of the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes.

Derek Shooster – Yes	Betsy Goodrich – Yes
Ann Sullivan – Yes	Jesse Limanek – Yes
Josh Rickman – Yes	Jared Grigg – Abstain
Bob Hassinger – Yes	Leah Whiteman – Yes

Agenda Item #3 – Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of the Proposed Amendment #4 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Amendment #4 includes changes to two projects to the FFY 2026-2031 TIP Highway Project Listing, including:

- #612190 – Holden – Bridge Replacement, H-18-004, Salisbury Street over G&W Railroad
 - FFY 2026 – total project cost increased from \$6,897,436 to \$8,825,098
- S13417 – Worcester – Mill Street Planning and Design (Federal Earmark for Design – MA296)
 - Project added to FFY 2026 under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Project) in the amount of \$2,500,000
 - Earmark was originally programmed in FFY 2025, but was inexpedient to obligate, so it needs to be re-programmed into the active TIP.

Mr. Krasnecky noted that during the comment period MassDOT asked to table the approval of the Holden project until the April meeting as there is some ongoing work getting addressed with the bridge that may affect the cost, and they expect to have a more confident estimate for the April meeting.

There were no comments or questions.

Ann Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Betsy Goodrich to approve the Worcester project included in Amendment #4 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously.

Derek Shooster – Yes	Ann Sullivan – Yes
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Josh Rickman – Yes
Bob Hassinger – Yes
Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes
Jared Grigg – Yes
Leah Whiteman – Yes

- **Potential Action:** Release Proposed Amendment #5 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Amendment #5 includes two changes to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing, including:

- #610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough – Rehabilitation and Box Widening on Route 20, from Route 9 to South Street
 - FFY 2026 - \$8,500,000 added to target funding and \$359,840 added in Earmark funding under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects)
 - FFY 2029 – funding will be reduced from \$9,729,166 to \$6,158,947
 - FFY 2030 - \$2,929,694 in funding will be removed
 - Updated Total Project Cost is \$49,235,394
- #610769 – Sutton – Superstructure Replacement, S-33-002, Manchaug Road over Mumford River
 - Removed from FFY 2026 and will be reprogrammed in FFY 2028 on the new FFY 2027-2031 TIP.

Jared Grigg asked what year the Sutton project was being moved to. Mr. Krasnecky said FFY 2028. Jesse Limanek asked what the design status is for the Sutton project. Ann Sullivan replied that it is at 25% design, but other details are making the project difficult to determine how quickly it will move along.

- FFY 2027-2031 TIP Workshop – Review and Consensus of Preferred Option for FFY 2027-2031 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. The two funding options (Option A-B) for the FFY 2027-2031 TIP were reviewed for CMMPO members to reach a consensus of the option they preferred for staff to develop the draft TIP Highway Project Listing for the region. The funding options presented were based on the updates from TIP Readiness Day, which provided status updates for all target projects.

Jared Grigg asked why the Worcester project was prioritized over the Westborough project in 2030 as both scored the same. Mr. Krasnecky replied that design funding was allocated to the Worcester project in FFY 2025 and the Westborough project is much larger and likely to increase in cost. Jared Grigg also asked are the design funds allocated within each year. Mr. Krasnecky replied that they are under Option A but not all years under Option B.

Following discussion, CMMPO members chose Option A for staff to develop the draft TIP. Option A includes the following projects:

FFY 2027

- #610931 – Uxbridge: Route 16 Rehabilitation, \$18.018 Million
- #609441 – Northbridge: Route 122/Sutton St/School St/Upton St Intersection Improvements, \$3.908 Million
- #S13466 – Grafton Micro-Project: Bicycle Education & Outreach, \$7,162

FFY 2028

- #611933 – Sturbridge: Route 20 & Route 131 Roundabout, \$18.400 Million
- #611988 – Oxford: Route 12 Rehabilitation, \$11.000 Million
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000

FFY 2029

- #611988 – Oxford: Route 12 Rehabilitation, \$11.522 Million
- #608990 – Worcester: Chandler Street Resurfacing & Intersection Improvements, \$13.000 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

FFY 2030

- #612779 – West Brookfield: Route 9 Improvements (Phase III), \$8.000 Million
- #608990 – Worcester: Chandler Street Resurfacing & Intersection Improvements, \$13.047 Million
- #613648 – Worcester: Lake Avenue & Bigelow Davis Parkway Intersection Improvements, \$7.517 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

FFY 2031

- #613242 – Westborough: Route 30 Improvements, \$10.237 Million
- #612779 – West Brookfield: Route 9 Improvements (Phase III), \$12.219 Million
- #613311 – Worcester: Millbury Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements, \$3.854 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

Jared Grigg made a motion and was seconded by Jesse Limanek to approve the Consensus of Preferred Option A for the Draft FFY 2027-2031 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously.

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

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

- Review of FFY 2027-2031 Statewide Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Mr. Krasnecky provided a brief review of all projects within the FFY 2027-2031 Statewide Highway Project Listing.

Jared Grigg asked if all projects reviewed were MassDOT led projects. Mr. Krasnecky replied that yes, they are.

There were no further comments or questions regarding Statewide Highway Project Listing.

- Review of FFY 2027-2031 Transit Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Mr. Krasnecky provided a brief review of all projects within the FFY 2027-2031 Transit Project Listing.

Jared Grigg asked what support vehicles are. Josh Rickman said that they are maintenance trucks, tow/push trucks, plow vehicles, and other support vehicles.

There were no further comments or questions regarding the Listing.

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

- Budget and Major Task Listing

Sujatha Krishnan reviewed the FFY 2027 UPWP budget and major task listing. The budget table for FFY 2027 displays each element and task for the UPWP, as well as the federal funding and state match each task receives. As the budget shows, the total federal funding of the FFY 2027 UPWP is \$1,348,951. The state match is \$337,238. Combined, the total budget of the FFY 2027 UPWP is \$1,686,189.

Next, Ms. Krishnan highlighted major products and tasks that will be completed within the FFY 2027 UPWP. Among these include the FFY 2028-2032 TIP Development, Bicycle Count Program, grant technical assistance, Regional Trails Plan, Freight Planning Progress Report, and the SS4A Action Plan, among many others.

There were no comments or questions regarding the budget or major task listing.

- FHWA Guidance

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Agenda Item #6 – Staff Updates

- Vernon Connected Workshop Updates

Sujatha Krishnan updated the group on upcoming Vernon Connected events. The Jeff Speck event is on Thursday, March 19th and there will be a workshop on March 25th.

- SS4A Subregional Meetings Updates

Sujatha Krishnan updated the group that the subregional meetings for the SS4A project have concluded. Staff will now aim to meet with communities individually to talk about safety concerns and needs and discuss the data.

- Environmental Consultation

Zack Blais updated the group that the Annual Environmental Consultation would be occurring on April 2 and briefly reviewed the agenda.

Agenda Item #7 – New Business

There was no new business.

Agenda Item # 8 – Next Meetings

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – March 25, 2026 at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Committee meeting (virtual) – April 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

Bob Hassinger made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jared Grigg. The meeting concluded at 5:15 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Zack Blais, Transportation Principal Planner

CMMPO April 15, 2026 – Endorse Amendment



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date: Wednesday, **April 15**, 2026

Time: **4:00 PM**

Place: This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom Webinar (use link below). Additional meeting materials can be found through the CMRPC web calendar: <https://cmrpc.org/event/cmm-po-committee-23/>

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

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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CMMPO)

The minutes of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMMPO) meeting, on **Wednesday, April 15th, 2026**. This meeting was held virtually using Zoom Webinar.

- **CMMPO Members Present:**

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

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

1. Miranda Briseno – MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning

- **Guests:**

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

- **CMRPC Staff**

1. Sujatha Krishnan, Deputy Director – Transportation
2. Kevin Krasnecky, Manager, Transportation Improvement Program – Transportation
3. Zack Blais, Principal Planner, Environmental Planning – Transportation

4. Rich Rydant, Director, MPO Activities – Transportation
5. Yahaira Graxirena, Director, Access and Mobility – Transportation
6. Sandy Amoakohene, Principal Planner, Multimodal – Transportation
7. Ethan Melad, Principal Planner, Regional Services – Regional Services

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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 March 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Bob Hassinger made a motion and was seconded by Josh Rickman to approve March 18, 2026, meeting minutes. The members present voted to approve of the March 18, 2026, meeting minutes.

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

Betsy Goodrich – Yes
Michelle Conlin – Abstain
Jesse Limanek – Yes
Jared Grigg – Yes

Agenda Item #3 – Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of the Holden Project (612190) Changes for Amendment #4 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Mr. Krasnecky noted that since the last CMMPO meeting, MassDOT decided to use Fair Share funding for the Holden TIP Project (612190), which is non-federal aid and this project would be removed from the TIP as there are no federal funds. However, Derek Shooster informed staff prior to the meeting that the cost increase that was originally released for comment will stay the same and Fair Share funding will not be used.

- 612190 – Holden – Bridge Replacement, H-18-004, Salisbury Street over G&W Railroad: In FFY 2026, the total project cost is being increased from \$6,897,436 to \$8,825,098, which is an increase of \$1,927,662.

Derek Shooster added other details regarding the reasoning Fair Share funding will not be used and the original cost increase will stay the same.

There were no further comments or questions.

Jared Grigg made a motion and was seconded by Bob Hassinger to approve the Holden Project Changes for Amendment #4 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Amendment #4.

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

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

- **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Amendment #5 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Proposed Amendment #5 includes two changes to the following projects:

- *610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough – Rehabilitation and Box Widening on Route 20, from Route 9 to South Street*
 - In FFY 2026 - \$8.5 million will be added to target funding and \$359,840 in Earmark funding will be added under Section 1B (Earmark of Discretionary Grant Funded Projects).
 - In FFY 2029 – funding will be reduced from \$9,729,166 to \$6,158,947.
 - In FFY 2030 – the \$2,929,694 in funding will be removed
 - The updated Total Project Cost is \$49,235,394.
 - **MassDOT Comments: A new earmark amount was added to the project in the amount of \$1,062,500. The new earmark and the originally repurposed earmark are now reflected in FFY 2026 for \$1,422,340. The NHPP funding in FFY 2029 was reduced to \$5,096,447.**
- *610769 – Sutton – Superstructure Replacement, S-33-002, Manchaug Road over Mumford River*
 - Removed from FFY 2026 and reprogrammed in FFY 2028 on the new FFY 2027-2031 TIP.

Mr. Krasnecky noted that during the comment period staff received comments from MassDOT saying a new earmark was added to the project in the amount of \$1,062,500 and the same amount was being reduced from NHPP funding in FFY 2029.

There were no comments or questions regarding these changes.

Jared Grigg made a motion and was seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the Proposed Amendment #5 to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Amendment #5.

Derek Shooster – Yes

Betsy Goodrich – Yes

Ann Sullivan – Yes

Michelle Conlin – Yes

Josh Rickman – Yes

Jesse Limanek – Yes

Bob Hassinger – Yes

Jared Grigg – Yes

- **Administrative Modification:** Community Transit Grant Awards added to FFY 2026 of the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Transit Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Four Community Transit Grant Awards will be added to FFY 2026 of the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Transit Listing, including:

- *Project WRTA012227 – Buy Replacement Vans (4) Type E*
 - Total Project Cost - \$486,864

- \$384,636 is 5310 funding
- \$102,228 is GOBOND funding
- *Project WRTA012248 – Operating Assistance for ADA Holden Transportation*
 - Total Project Cost - \$16,000
 - \$8,000 is 5310 funding
 - \$8,000 is local match (SCA) funding
- *Project WRTA012249 – Operating Assistance for SCM Elderbus ReadyBus*
 - Total Project Cost - \$103,117
 - \$60,000 is 5310 funding
 - \$43,117 is local match (SCA) funding
- *Project WRTA012250 - Operating Assistance for ReadyBus midday service*
 - Total Project Cost - \$50,000
 - \$25,000 is 5310 funding
 - \$25,000 is local match (SCA) funding

Mr. Krasnecky noted that the addition of the Community Transit Grant Awards does not required any action by the CMMPO as there was already a line item in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the grant funding awards.

There were no comments or questions.

- **Potential Action:** Release Draft FFY 2027-2031 TIP for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Both the FFY 2027-2031 TIP Highway Project Listing and Transit Project Listing were reviewed for the attendees. Mr. Krasnecky also noted that staff compile a TIP document and Technical Appendix which contain additional TIP-related information. The draft documents are located on the CMRPC website.

There were no comments or questions.

Jared Grigg made a motion and was seconded by Bob Hassinger to release the Draft FFY 2027-2031 TIP for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period. All members voted unanimously to release the Draft FFY 2027-2031 TIP for 21-Day Public Review and Comment Period.

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

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

Agenda Item #5 – FFY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- **Potential Action:** Approval of Proposed Amendment #1 to the FFY 2026 UPWP

Sujatha Krishnan presented this item. The Proposed Amendment #1 to the FFY 2026 UPWP includes the two following updates:

- *Element 7.0 Regional Housing Study* – reallocates unexpended FY 2025 contract balances to the FFY 2026 UPWP for the Regional Housing Study, reflecting updated personnel and consultant cost allocations without changing the approved scope of work.
 - Total funds added to Element 7.0 - \$14,260.98
- *Element 8.0 Vernon Street over I-290 Project* – reallocates unexpended FY 2025 contract balances to the FFY 2026 UPWP to support continued personnel and consultant activities for the Vernon Street over I-290 project, aligning funding levels with ongoing project needs without changing the approved scope of work.
 - Total funds added to Element 8.0 - \$317,087.46

There were no comments or questions.

Jared Grigg made a motion and was seconded by Ann Sullivan to approve the Proposed Amendment #1 to the FFY 2026 UPWP. All members voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Amendment #1 to the FFY 2026 UPWP.

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

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

Agenda Item #6 – Age Friendly Updates Presentation

Sandy Amoakohene and Ethan Melad presented this item.

As part of the 2023 Age Friendly Action Plan, status updates are to be provided every year. First, the status of 5 of the 8 domains of livability focus were reviewed, which include:

- Transportation – CHNA9 Transportation Study is underway and a Transportation Management Agency (TMA) was formed; CMRPC funded TriValley to provide long-haul transportation for medical appointments in Charlton, Douglas, Upton, and other communities; lastly, the WRTA provides Travel Training at Senior Centers for older adults.
- Housing – CMRPC is currently working on a Housing and Transportation Study; Worcester has a property tax abatement for low-income adults; and CMRPC is pursuing funding with partners for a HomeShare program that matches older adult homeowners with graduate student renters.
- Community and Health Services – Community health workers are employed by public health entities in Charlton, South Central Mass, and the Blackstone Valley; outreach events to connect older adults to services were organized by various organizations; abs the Worcester Senior Center hosted a behavioral health group for men 65+ and cultural affinity groups.
- Communication and Information – Digital Equity Plans produced for Worcester, Millbury, Brookfield region, and Charlton; Digital Equity Trainings have been held in Worcester; and

CMRPC developed a best practices guide for local cultural councils and provided guidelines for working with older adults.

- Regional Services

Second, the Discovering the Happy Factor Report was reviewed. It is community-based; focused on social connection, volunteerism, civic engagement, and creating a sense of well-being for older adults; and funded through the Massachusetts Community Health and Healthy Aging Fund.

Goals of the report include identifying root causes of loneliness and barriers to civic engagement; identifying characteristics of community involvement that bring happiness and sense of belonging to senior adults; 1 on 1 interviews with Central Massachusetts residents age 65+; creating mixed-media materials for municipal leads on strategies to engage older adults and barriers to social connection; increasing meaningful volunteerism and engagement in civic capacities for older adults; and improving quality of life for older adults, migrating poor health outcomes caused by social isolation and/or loneliness.

Key insights from the interviews revealed:

- People wanted to feel useful and connected.
- Volunteering often improves sense of purpose.
- Committee service can feel confusing or unwelcoming without guidance.
- Meetings need to be accessible.
- People respond positively to being asked directly to serve.
- Local communication and publicity is key.

Report recommendations included advertising and marketing, leveraging career and personal strengths, and optimizing board make-ups for recruiting members. For retaining members there should be trainings, meeting basic needs for participation, and member recognition and success planning.

Next steps include engagement with regional COAs, town administrations, public resources to distribute and present the video and awarding mini-grants to support local efforts that address barriers to civic participation.

After the presentation, there were multiple questions from a few of the CMMPO members.

Agenda Item #7 – Staff Updates

- *50th Anniversary of CMMPO*: Rich Rydant announced the 50th anniversary of the CMMPO and provided an overview of its history.
- *Vernon Connected*: Yahaira Graxirena updated the group about recent and planned upcoming Vernon Connected events over the next couple of months.
- *SS4A*: Sujatha Krishnan updated the group about recent SS4A project updates, including staff one on one meetings with communities and discussing the data and receiving feedback. The demonstration project is currently being reviewed by MEPA. The draft report is planned for November or December.

- *Housing and Transportation Study*: Sujatha Krishnan updated the group that the consultant for the study has recently shared 20+ strategies for the plan and the suitability analysis was completed. A presentation is planned for the CMMPO with draft recommendations in the coming months.

Agenda Item #8 – New Business

Derek Shooster informed the group that the MassDOT Innovation Conference is planned for May 5th and May 6th at the DCU Center in Worcester.

Agenda Item # 9 – Next Meetings

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – April 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Committee meeting (virtual) – May 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment

Jared Grigg made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Michelle Conlin. The meeting concluded at 5:16 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Zack Blais, Transportation Principal Planner

**Advisory Committee March 25, 2026 – Recommend Approval
of Amendment**



Meeting of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, **March 25**, 2026

Time: **3:00 PM**

Place: Zoom Webinar Virtual Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628844971>

Additional meeting materials can be found through the CMRPC web calendar:

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AGENDA

- Around the Room Introductions
- Approval of **February 25, 2026** Meeting Minutes
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Draft Options for the 2031 TIP Highway Target Projects
 - Review of the FFY 2027-2031 Statewide Highway Project Listing
 - Review of the FFY 2027-2031 Transit Project Listing
- FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work program (UPWP)
 - Budget and Major Task Listing
 - FHWA Guidance
- Staff Updates
 - Environmental Consultation
 - April 2, 2026, 10:00 AM, online
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 - Safe Streets for All
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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting held **March 25th, 2026**. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

CMMPO Advisory Committee Members Present:

- Adam Menard – Town of Oxford
- Alex Salcedo – MassBike
- Joanne Clarke - AARP
- Claudia Oliviera De Paiva - Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
- Liz Myska – Visions Consulting L3C
- Alysha Irisari Malo – Town of Douglas
- Sarah Bradbury – MassDOT District 3
- Caleigh McClaren – Blackstone Watershed Collaborative
- Nick Burnham – WRTA
- Adam Thielker – Tasks for Transit
- Daryl Amaral – MassDOT District 2

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- N/A

CMRPC Staff Present:

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

- Jeff Howland
- Adam Wriggins

Guest:

- Tom Driscoll – 495 Partnership

Agenda Item #1 – Around the Room Introductions

Chair Adam Menard opened the meeting at 3:01 PM. A roll call of the CMMPO Advisory members was announced, followed by the roll call of the remaining attendees.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of February 25th, 2026, Meeting

Minutes

Minutes for February 25th, 2026, CMMPO Advisory meeting were considered for approval. Chair Menard entertains a motion to approve the February 25th, 2026, meeting minutes. Nick Burnham makes a motion to approve. The motion is seconded by Claudia Oliveira De Paiva. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

Agenda Item #3 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Potential Action: Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing.

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Amendment #5 includes two changes to the FFY 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing, including:

- #610825 – Shrewsbury/Northborough – Rehabilitation and Box Widening on Route 20, from Route 9 to South Street
 - FFY 2026 - \$8,500,000 added to target funding and \$359,840 added in Earmark funding under Section 1B (Earmark or Discretionary Grant Funded Projects)
 - FFY 2029 – funding will be reduced from \$9,729,166 to \$6,158,947
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- #610769 – Sutton – Superstructure Replacement, S-33-002, Manchaug Road over Mumford River

- Removed from FFY 2026 and will be reprogrammed in FFY 2028 on the new FFY 2027-2031 TIP.

There were no further questions or comments.

Nick Burnham made a motion and was seconded by Sarah Bradbury to recommend to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of the Proposed Amendment #5 to the 2026-2030 TIP Highway Project Listing. All members voted unanimously to release the proposed amendment #5.

Potential Action: Seeking recommendation concerning CMMPO endorsement of the Draft Options for the 2031 TIP Highway Target Projects.

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. The two funding options (Options A and B) for the FFY 2027-2031 TIP were reviewed by CMMPO members to reach consensus on the preferred option for staff to develop the draft TIP Highway Project Listing for the region. The funding options presented were based on the updates from TIP Readiness Day, which provided status updates for all target projects.

CMMPO members chose Option A for staff to develop the draft TIP. Option A includes the following projects:

FFY 2027

- #610931 – Uxbridge: Route 16 Rehabilitation, \$18.018 Million
- #609441 – Northbridge: Route 122/Sutton St/School St/Upton St Intersection Improvements, \$3.908 Million
- #S13466 – Grafton Micro-Project: Bicycle Education & Outreach, \$7,162

FFY 2028

- #611933 – Sturbridge: Route 20 & Route 131 Roundabout, \$18.400 Million
- #611988 – Oxford: Route 12 Rehabilitation, \$11.000 Million
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000

FFY 2029

- #611988 – Oxford: Route 12 Rehabilitation, \$11.522 Million
- #608990 – Worcester: Chandler Street Resurfacing & Intersection Improvements, \$13.000 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

FFY 2030

- #612779 – West Brookfield: Route 9 Improvements (Phase III), \$8.000 Million
- #608990 – Worcester: Chandler Street Resurfacing & Intersection Improvements, \$13.047 Million
- #613648 – Worcester: Lake Avenue & Bigelow Davis Parkway Intersection Improvements, \$7.517 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

FFY 2031

- #613242 – Westborough: Route 30 Improvements, \$10.237 Million
- #612779 – West Brookfield: Route 9 Improvements (Phase III), \$12.219 Million
- #613311 – Worcester: Millbury Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements, \$3.854 Million
- Micro-Projects Program Placeholder, \$400,000
- CMMPO TIP Design Funding Placeholder, \$1 Million

There were no further questions or comments.

Nick Burnham made a motion and was seconded by Sarah Bradbury to recommend to the CMMPO concerning endorsement of the Draft Options for the 2031 TIP Highway Target Projects.

Review of FFY 2027-2031 Statewide Highway Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Mr. Krasnecky provided a brief review of all projects within the FFY 2027-2031 Statewide Highway Project Listing.

There were no further comments.

Review of FFY 2027-2031 Transit Project Listing

Kevin Krasnecky presented this item. Mr. Krasnecky provided a brief review of all projects within the FFY 2027-2031 Transit Project Listing.

There were no further comments or questions.

Agenda Item #4 – FFY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Budget and Major Task Listing

Sujatha Krishnan reviewed the FFY 2027 UPWP budget and major task listing. The budget table for FFY 2027 displays each element and task for the UPWP, as well as the federal funding and state match each task receives. As the budget shows, the total federal funding of the FFY 2027 UPWP is \$1,348,951. The state match is \$337,238. Combined, the total budget of the FFY 2027 UPWP is \$1,686,189.

Next, Ms. Krishnan highlighted major products and tasks that will be completed within the FFY 2027 UPWP. Among these include the FFY 2028-2032 TIP Development, Bicycle Count Program, grant technical assistance, Regional Trails Plan, Freight Planning Progress Report, and the SS4A Action Plan, among many others.

There were no comments or questions regarding the budget or major task listing.

FHWA Guidance

Sujatha Krishnan also reviewed FHWA Guidance regarding the FFY 2027 UPWP. Federal guidance touches on many parts of the document, including the cover page, work elements, budget section, amendment and adjustment procedures, and appendices. The guidance included an example of a UPWP Task write-up and other recommended structures to help streamline future UPWP submissions. The guidance is to help create a more efficient document for federal review. The same guidance was shared with all other Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

There were no comments or questions regarding the FHWA Guidance. There were no further questions or comments.

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Updates

- Environmental Consultation
Kevin Krasnecky updated the group that the Annual Environmental Consultation would be occurring on April 2 and briefly reviewed the agenda.
- Vernon Connected

Yahaira Graxirena updated the group with the success of the Jeff Speck event that occurred on March 19th and also mentioned upcoming workshops.

- History Coffee Hour change to the Worcester Public Library April 16th at 10:30 am.

- Design Workshop on March 25th 4 pm – 8 pm.

- SS4A Subregional Meetings Updates
Sujatha Krishnan updated the group that the subregional meetings for the SS4A project have concluded. Staff will now aim to meet with communities individually to discuss safety concerns and needs and to review the data.

Agenda Item #6 – New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meetings

Chair Menard announced the schedule for the next meeting:

- CMMPO Advisory Committee meeting (virtual) – April 22nd, 2026, at 3:00 PM
- CMMPO Meeting (virtual) – Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, at 4:00 PM

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

At 4:02 PM Chair Menard called for a motion to adjourn. Claudia Oliveira de Paiva made the motion, which Sarah Bradbury seconded. The group voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting minutes prepared: Nathan Lewis, Public Outreach Coordinator

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