Memorandum for the Record

Transportation Planning and Programming Committee of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

April 30, 2009 Meeting

10:00 AM –12:30 PM, State Transportation Building, MPO Conference Room, Suite 2150, 10 Park Plaza, Boston

David Mohler, Chair, representing James Aloisi, Executive Office of Transportation & Public Works (EOT)

Decisions

The Transportation Planning and Programming Committee voted to take the following actions:

- approve for public circulation the draft Amendment Three to the FFY 2009 Element of the federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2007 – 2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with the exclusion of the project for the *Commuter Rail – Station Consolidation and Development Study*
- reduce the public comment period for the Draft Amendment Three to ten days
- approve the City of Somerville's request to specify the Federal Functional Classification of Assembly Square Drive, New Road, Foley Street, G Street, IKEA Way, and Lombardi Street as "collectors"
- approve the minutes of the meetings of March 19 and April 2

Meeting Agenda

1. Public Comments

There were none.

2. Chair's Report – David Mohler, EOT

D. Mohler reported that Massachusetts's projects that received funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are moving forward. Construction on some begins next month.

Jim Gallagher, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), asked about when EOT expects to present the MPO with financial information for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). D. Mohler replied that EOT is working toward developing a finance plan.

3. Subcommittee Chairs' Reports – Stephen Woelfel, MassHighway, and Jim Gallagher, MAPC

On May 7 there will be a joint meeting of the Administration & Finance (A&F) Subcommittee and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Subcommittee. There will be discussions about how the CTPS and UPWP budgets relate and about the next steps for the development of the FFY 2010 UPWP. The Suburban Mobility/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Subcommittee met on April 16 to review Suburban Mobility proposals. Members had questions on the project proposals and these will be relayed to proponents by letter. Responses from proponents are due May 15. TDM proposals and requests for second and third year Suburban Mobility funding are all due May 7. The Subcommittee will review those proposals on May 19. The Subcommittee will also meet on June 4.

4. Regional Transportation Advisory Council – Steve Olanoff, Regional

Transportation Advisory Council

The Advisory Council distributed a letter to the MPO explaining the Council's position on the fiscal crisis facing the MBTA and requesting MPO support. (See attached.)

The Council is working on increasing its membership and would like to have more participation from MPO members. The next meeting is on May 13 and the agenda will include a discussion of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) bridge program.

James Aloisi, Secretary of Transportation, arrived at the MPO meeting at this time and took a few questions from members. Mary Pratt, Town of Hopkinton, asked him if the DCR bridges will be transferred to MassHighway oversight. Secretary Aloisi replied that it depends on how the Legislature acts. Ginger Esty, Town of Framingham, voiced support for increasing Chapter 90 funds in a fair way. Marc Draisen, MAPC, noted that MAPC is supportive of devoting a portion of gas tax revenues to Chapter 90 if revenues overall could be increased. Secretary Aloisi voiced support for a 19-cent gas tax.

5. Director's Report – Arnie Soolman, Director, Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS)

The previously mentioned joint A&F and UPWP Subcommittee meeting scheduled for May 7 resulted from the quarterly UPWP Subcommittee meetings, where each quarter, the CTPS operating budget shows less spending on UPWP tasks than expected. One reason for this is that the UPWP and operating budgets are different. At the meeting, Robin Mannion, Deputy Director of CTPS, will make a presentation on how the operating and UPWP budgets are derived and how they are different. All MPO members are invited.

Annette Demchur, the MPO's Regional Equity Program Manager, is transitioning to the Transit Service Planning Group at CTPS. Alicia Wilson, MPO staff, will transition to the Certification Activities Group and assume responsibility for the Regional Equity Program.

M. Pratt asked if the MPO would be doing the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program this year. S. Woelfel stated that the EOT will do it this year and that solicitations will likely take place in June.

6. Draft Amendment Three to the FFY 2009 Element of the FFYs 2007 – 2010

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – David Mohler, EOT, Hayes Morrison, MPO Staff, and Joe Cosgrove, MBTA

Staff distributed revised TIP tables and two handouts from the MBTA. (See attached.) H. Morrison reviewed the proposed changes to the FFY 2009 Element of the FFYs 2007 – 2010 TIP element (as detailed in the TIP tables).

Federal-aid Bridge Projects

Changes to the federal-aid bridge projects include a cost adjustment of approximately \$2.5 million to the *Hanover – Route 53 over Route 3* project and the shifting of the *Hudson – Houghton Street over Assabet River* project from the FFY 2009 element to the FFY 2010 element.

M. Draisen asked several questions about these changes:

The cost of the Hanover project increased substantially, why is that? (M. Draisen) MassHighway reviews the project cost at each design stage and typically costs need to be adjusted as the plans get more developed. This project is now at 100% design and is expected to be advertised in May. (H. Morrison)

Was money moved out of the Hudson project to accommodate the cost increase to the Hanover project? (M. Draisen)

The Hudson project is at 25% design and does not have an advertising date in the next couple of months. If the money were kept in this project, there would be a tight schedule for advertising the project in FFY 2009. (H. Morrison)

How confident can we be that the Hudson project will be programmed in the FFY 2010 TIP element ? (M. Draisen) Extremely confident. The project is in MassHighway's FFY 2010 bridge list. (D. Mohler)

What was the reaction from the Town of Hudson? (M. Draisen) MassHighway notified the TIP contact in Hudson. (H. Morrison)

Transportation Improvement Projects

H. Morrison then continued reviewing changes to the highway element noting the addition of an \$11.23 million earmark for the *Boston to Worcester – Rail Line Improvements* project. D. Mohler added that the earmark is for improvement to the tracks that would benefit both freight traffic and commuter rail. Lourenço Dantas, Massport, asked about the status of the CSX right-of-way acquisition. D. Mohler replied that it is ongoing.

Section 5309 Omnibus Earmarks 2008

Joe Cosgrove reviewed changes to the transit portion of the FFY 2009 TIP element.

The changes include the addition of three earmarks for:

- Commuter Rail Station Consolidation and Development Study (Belmont) [Fitchburg commuter rail line]
- Salem/Beverly Intermodal Station Improvements
- Blue Line Wonderland Station Intermodal Transit Improvements

J. Cosgrove discussed the project status for the *Salem/Beverly – Intermodal Station Improvements* project. The Beverly portion of the project is proceeding, though there is no commitment yet to build the Salem portion. The Salem portion, which would involve the building of a new garage, is in the preliminary design stage. This project could be part of the state's legal commitment, specified in the State Implementation Plan (SIP), to build 1,000 new parking spaces by 2011.

Members asked questions and made comments:

Has the EOT or the MBTA identified how it will pay for additional parking projects that might be needed to meet the SIP commitments? (J. Gallagher) The projects would be funded with non-federal aid. EOT has authorization under the state's bond cap to spend funds for that purpose. (D. Mohler)

Would the bond authorization come out of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program? (M. Draisen)

It would come out of the SIP bond authorization. Since the Beverly portion of the intermodal project is being designed as a TOD project, that might be funded partially from the TOD bond cap. But there will be various funding sources for the garage, including SIP, MBTA, and city funds. (D. Mohler)

M. Draisen expressed his view that the TOD Program monies should be directed toward municipal projects. He noted that the program was not intended to be used to meet EOT's SIP requirements or solely to build garages.

Will other garage projects be left hanging if the MBTA uses TOD funds for the intermodal project? (S. Olanoff)

The MBTA's parking program is underfunded. In the short term, financing a major parking expansion is not possible with the MBTA's current revenue stream. (D. Mohler)

M. Pratt said that the state needs to get a commitment from CSX to allow the MBTA to use more train cars on the western commuter rail lines.

Will CTPS conduct the Commuter Rail – Station Consolidation and Development Study? (*J. Gallagher*)

It has not been determined. (J. Cosgrove)

J. Gallagher added that communities that would be affected by station consolidation on the Fitchburg commuter rail line should be involved in the study.

Will the work scope for the Commuter Rail – Station Consolidation and Development Study come before the MPO for approval? (M. Draisen)

There is not a problem with that happening, but the work scope does not necessarily have to come back to the MPO. The study would be an alternatives analysis and may be more appropriate for the UPWP. (J. Cosgrove)

M. Draisen stated that the work scope and study should be approved by the MPO so that communities can be informed when the study gets underway. M. Pratt seconded this opinion and stated that the study would need to be publicly aired. David Koses, City of Newton, also concurred.

Has the Town of Belmont been informed of this study? (D. Koses)

Belmont has been involved in discussions about station consolidation. This project is being added as a placeholder in the TIP at this stage. (J. Cosgrove)

Monica Lamboy, City of Somerville, recommended that the MPO create a subcommittee to review the study work, rather than have the entire MPO review it.

D. Koses suggested creating a work scope before the study is added to the TIP.

How is the busway associated with the Blue Line – Wonderland Station Intermodal Transit Improvements project going to be funded? (D. Mohler) The project will be funded with federal money as well as contributions from the developer and the City of Revere. (J. Cosgrove)

Section 5309 (Carryover Earmarked Funds)

To address cash flow issues, the MBTA is proposing to move \$800,000 from the *Bridge* and *Tunnel Program* to the *Positive Train Control* project.

Federal-aid – ARRA: MBTA 5307 Urban Formula and MBTA 5309 Fixed Guideway

J. Cosgrove noted changes to the following projects proposed for federal stimulus funding:

- *Commuter Rail Rolling Stock (Locomotives and Vehicle Rehab)*: The MBTA's proposed deal with Utah Transit Authority to procure new locomotives did not go forward. The MBTA now proposes to buy 25 low-emission diesel buses to replace older buses and provide capacity improvements on some bus lines.
- *Track and Right of Way Improvements*: The fencing portion of the project is moving ahead. Since the Grand Junction ownership question is not resolved, a portion of the project may have to move into the second phase of stimulus funding.
- *Signal and Grade Crossing Improvements (Fitchburg and Haverhill Lines)*: The cost has increased because of the addition of interlocking work on the Fitchburg line.
- *Double Track Initiative (Fitchburg and Haverhill Lines)*: The cost of this project is being split between the 5307 and 5309 programs.

- *Station Upgrade Program*: \$21.7 million of this project's cost is being reserved for the second phase of stimulus funding.
- *Positive Train Control Light Rail Pilot Program*: This project was removed from ARRA funding, however, there is \$1 million of funding for this project being added in the 5309 program.
- *Facility Upgrade Program*: The cost of this project is being split between the 5307 and 5309 programs.
- *Gas Turbine Replacement and Fuel Conversion*: Stimulus funds will not be sought for this project because it cannot be implemented in the required timeframe.
- Bus Stop and Corridor Enhancements: The cost of this project has been adjusted.

In response to a question from Paul Regan, MBTA Advisory Board, J. Cosgrove provided assurance that by shifting the balance of the funds for phase one stimulus funding into phase two, the MBTA would not be losing any stimulus funding.

MetroWest RTA

Ed Carr, MetroWest RTA, addressed the MPO and explained that the RTA is revising the items in its \$750,000 request for stimulus funding. (See attached handout.) The RTA is requesting:

- \$180,000 for *Vehicle Replacement & Expansion*: to replace one bus and add three sedans for the paratransit fleet
- \$270,000 *for Intelligent Transportation Systems*: to add mobile data terminals on the entire fleet
- \$300,000 for *ADA Operating*: to add paratransit equipment (rather than shop equipment as in the original request)

Members asked questions:

Can ARRA funds be used for operating costs? (J. Gallagher)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has approved the use of ARRA monies for ADA-related operating costs. (E. Carr) FTA did inform EOT that it approves the limited use of ARRA monies for those purposes. (D. Mohler)

Is the RTA going forward with plans to acquire a new building and conduct the 21E study? (M. Pratt)

Yes, but stimulus funds will no be used for that purpose. (E. Carr)

Is the RTA planning to lease or buy the paratransit vehicles? (P. Regan) The RTA plans to buy the vehicles. (E. Carr)

A motion to approve Amendment Three to the FFY 2009 Element of the FFYs 2007 – 2010 TIP as presented was made by P. Regan, and seconded by S. Woelfel. S. Olanoff requested that the motion be amended to exclude the *Commuter Rail – Station Consolidation and Development Study*. The motion makers approved of the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Draisen requested that, for future amendments, members should be provided with narrative project descriptions in advance of the MPO meetings.

Due to timing associated with upcoming deadlines for MBTA grant requests for stimulus funding, J. Cosgrove suggested shortening the public comment period for the amendment.

A motion to reduce the public comment period for the Draft Amendment Three of the FFY 2009 Element of the FFYs 2007 – 2010 TIP to ten days, was made by S. Karanfiloglu, and seconded by J. Gallagher. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff was advised to email TIP contacts and chief elected officials to inform them of the shortened comment period.

7. Assembly Square Drive and Other Key Streets, Somerville – David Mohler, EOT Mayor Joseph Curtatone of the City of Somerville addressed the MPO regarding the city's request that the MPO approve Federal Functional Classification designations for several roadways near the Assembly Square redevelopment project. The city requested that Assembly Square Drive be classified as a "collector road" and that New Road, Foley Street, G Street, IKEA Way, and Lombardi Street be classified as "Surface Transportation System (STP) eligible." (See attached correspondence from the Mayor to the MPO.) The Mayor was joined by Tim McIntosh, VHB, and David Webster, Federal Realty Trust.

Mayor Curtatone described the Assembly Square project as the largest Smart Growth and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project on the east coast. He stated that the project would bring significant economic benefits in terms of housing, construction jobs, and approximately 19,000 permanent jobs within ten to fifteen years. He thanked the MPO for its past support in programming earmarks associated with the project and noted that the reclassification of the roadways is a critical step for moving the project forward.

Members addressed questions and comments to the Mayor, T. McIntosh, and D. Webster:

In the design of the planned Orange Line station at Assembly Square, was consideration given to the possible convergence of the commuter rail lines and the Orange Line? If not, are we missing opportunities to capture riders from the North Shore? (Lourenço Dantas, Massport)

The developers did discuss this with the MBTA. The Newburyport/Rockport commuter rail line does not align with the planned Orange Line station and the Haverhill line tracks would require more extensive improvement. (D. Webster) Having the lines converge would increase the run time for commuter rail trains. If the goal is to get people using commuter rail the trains need to be able to travel at high speeds with few stops. (P. Regan)

The last time the MPO reclassified roadways was in the 1990s and the criteria it used pertained to regional connections. How did the proponents determine that the selected roadways would be regional? (J. Gallagher)

The roadways selected for reclassification would provide connectivity to regional roadways and transit connections. Assembly Square Drive connects to Interstate 93 and the Fellsway. Other roadways in the area (Middlesex and Mystic Avenues) are already "STP eligible" roadways. Foley and New Streets connect Assembly Square Drive to Middlesex Avenue and would connect with the Assembly Square Orange Line Station. Foley and G Streets and IKEA Way would be a multi-modal loop connecting to bus routes that serve Wellington and Sullivan Stations and downtown Boston. (T. McIntosh)

What is the process for reclassifying roadways? (M. Draisen) The Federal Highway Department (FHWA) would have to approve the reclassification after it is approved by the MPO and EOT. (D. Mohler)

Is there a sense of how much money the city is likely to request from future federal stimulus funds or what those funds would be used for? (M. Draisen)

The request would be for whatever portions of the project are determined eligible. The construction cost of Assembly Square Drive and the intersections at Lombardi Street and the Fellsway is estimated at \$23 million, including all utilities. The project includes full reconstruction of Assembly Square Drive and signalization. (D. Webster) The city is also pursuing other funding, but the stimulus funding is needed for this project that will increase tax revenue and create jobs. (Mayor Curtatone)

Does the project add capacity? Would it have to be added to the TIP? If so, the Regional Transportation Plan has to be amended. (A. Soolman)

A new portion of roadway (one lane in each direction and bicycle lanes) will be added to Assembly Square Drive. At the northerly and southerly intersections, however, signalization upgrades will improve traffic efficiency. (T. McIntosh) The project would have to go on the TIP to receive stimulus funding. (D. Mohler)

If the project adds capacity, will there be problems in making it eligible for stimulus funding? (*M.Draisen*)

If federal funds are to be spent on a capacity adding project, the project needs to be included in the RTP. This project would need to be amended into the RTP. The schedule for amending the RTP is between May and September. (D. Mohler)

D. Mohler emphasized that members should make their decisions on the classification issue based on whether they believe the roads will function as "collectors," regardless of the question of the roadways' eligibility for stimulus funds. "Collectors" take local traffic and funnel it onto arterials.

Has CTPS evaluated whether these roadways should be considered "collectors"? (Shirin Karanfiloglu, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority)

CTPS was not asked to evaluate this, however, the roadways appear to be "collectors." (A. Soolman)

M. Draisen expressed support for approving the city's request. He then suggested that when requests for reclassification arise in the future, MPO staff or MassHighway should provide information to members beforehand on whether the roadways should be reclassified and why.

L. Dantas reminded members that the Assembly Square Orange Line Station project is included in the RTP and that the roadways proposed for reclassification will serve the Urban Ring.

Is the loop road being approved based solely on the new Orange Line station? (S. Olanoff)

The justification is the Orange Line station. (D. Mohler)

Ginger Esty, Town of Framingham, expressed support for the city's proposal and praised the city and developers for their forward thinking.

Will this help improve traffic on Route 28? (M. Pratt)

The new improvements will include signal upgrades at the Route 28 connector and the breaking of a median to allow for both left and right turns (now only right turns are possible). Four points of access and egress will serve the development. The new MBTA station will alleviate some congestion. (T. McIntosh)

A motion to approve the City of Somerville's request to specify the Federal Functional Classification of Assembly Square Drive, New Road, Foley Street, G Street, IKEA Way, and Lombardi Street as "collectors" was made by M. Draisen, and seconded by S. Woelfel. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Meeting Minutes – *Pam Wolfe, Manager of Certification Activities, CTPS* A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 19 was made by P. Regan, and seconded by G. Esty. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 2 was made by Thomas Kadzis, City of Boston, and seconded by P. Regan. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Regionwide Suburban Transit Opportunities Study, Phase III – Karl *Quackenbush, Deputy Technical Director, CTPS, and Rob Guptill, MPO Staff* This item was deferred to the next meeting.

10. Regional Equity Community Outreach Update – *Annette Demchur, MPO Staff* This item was deferred to the next meeting.

11. Operational Improvements at Selected Congested and High-Crash Intersections Study – *Karl Quackenbush, Deputy Technical Director, CTPS*

Last month, the MPO approved the work program for the *Operational Improvements at Selected Congested and High-Crash Intersections Study*. As requested by members, staff provided a list of the proposed intersections for study.(See attached memorandum which includes the list of intersections.)

The intersection selection process involved using the Registry of Motor Vehicle (RMV) crash database to identify high-crash locations, focusing on intersections that are known to the TIP process, eliminating large intersections and locations where there are multiple intersections within a corridor, sorting the intersections by Equivalent Property Damage Only (EPDO) scores, and considering intersection geometry and congestion. Staff also contacted communities to ascertain their interest in implementing study recommendations. MAPC also conducted outreach to communities and from that process the intersections in Randolph and Sudbury were selected.

Members asked questions and made comments:

Are the intersections in Lynn being counted as one intersection? Are they signalized? (S. Olanoff)

Yes. City of Lynn officials asked staff to focus on these intersections. The Waitt Street intersection is currently signaled and the Eastern Avenue intersection is not. (K. Quackenbush)

Monica Lamboy, City of Somerville, requested that staff consider multi-modal improvements at the Route 16/Alewife Brook Parkway and Broadway intersection in Somerville. She remarked upon Secretary Aloisi's support for the Green Line terminus at Route 16, and noted that bicycle and pedestrian access would be important in that location. K. Quackenbush assured her that the examination of the intersections would be highly multi-modal.

Has every municipality with a proposed intersection agreed to participate? (J. Gallagher) Yes. (K. Quackenbush)

None of the proposed intersections are in the MetroWest subregion. Were there any potential ones there? (M. Draisen)

MAPC's outreach identified the Marlborough – Route 20/Concord Road intersection, which is far enough along in its design (at 25%) to not warrant studying it in this scope of work. The Marlborough – Route 85/Lincoln Street intersection was identified from the RMV crash data, but since there is limited right-of-way in that location staff would be constrained in providing recommendations. The Southborough – Route 85/Marlborough Road intersection also came up in the RMV data, but the intersection was too large for this scope of work. (K. Quackenbush)

Did any intersections in Framingham appear on the crash scorecard? (G. Esty)

No. Framingham intersections arose on the larger list. Staff searched 2004-2006 RMV crash data. In recent years, data going into the RMV database has decreased from some communities. Staff also focused on projects known to the TIP process. (K. Quackenbush)

G. Esty suggested that staff supplement RMV crash data with police, ambulance, or other data.

Members agreed to give staff approval to study the proposed set of intersections.

12. Members' Items

M. Draisen reported that MAPC is finalizing a date for the MPO election and the MetroFuture roll-out.

13. Adjourn

Transportation Planning and Programming Committee Meeting Attendance Thursday, April 30, 2009, 10:00 AM

Member Agencies

EOT City of Boston City of Newton City of Salem City of Somerville MAPC

MassHighway MassPike Massport MBTA MBTA Advisory Board Regional Transportation Advisory Council Town of Hopkinton Town of Framingham

Representatives and Alternates David Mohler Thomas Kadzis David Koses **Carey Duques** Monica Lamboy Marc Draisen Jim Gallagher Stephen Woelfel Shirin Karanfiloglu Lourenço Dantas Joe Cosgrove Paul Regan Steve Olanoff Sue McOuaid Mary Pratt Ginger Esty

MPO Staff/CTPS

Maureen Kelly Anne McGahan Hayes Morrison Sean Pfalzer Karl Quackenbush Arnie Soolman Pam Wolfe

Other Attendees

Ed Carr Tony Centore Joseph Curtatone Mark Grenard Tim McIntosh David Webster MetroWest Regional Transit Authority Town of Medfield Mayor, City of Somerville EOT VHB Federal Realty Trust

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 17, 2009

Mr. James A. Aloisi, Jr. Secretary of Transportation Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization State Transportation Building, Ten Park Plaza, Room 4150 Boston, MA 02116

RE: Transportation Fiscal Crisis

Dear Secretary Aloisi:

The Regional Transportation Advisory Council (Advisory Council) remains deeply alarmed about the dire fiscal condition of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Inaction by our state legislators will result in realization of looming service cuts and massive fare increases that will have to be implemented to address the MBTA's structurally deficient finance and revenue shortfalls. The Advisory Council is equally concerned about the \$18 to \$20 billion funding gap in maintaining the transportation infrastructure over the next 20 years. These fiscal problems require emergency action. While reform is the first step being taken to increase efficient, quality delivery of transportation services, and better manage infrastructure, it is insufficient without concurrently providing for urgently needed revenue.

The Advisory Council wrote you in February, expressing our concern about the MBTA budget problems. The situation has worsened, threatening the integrity of transportation in our region. Rather than reiterating the well-known causes for these problems as delineated in several major public studies and reports, we are instead supporting their recommendations for reform, finance, and revenue. These include the following cornerstone actions, founded firmly on the Mass Transportation Finance Commission's report, to be taken by our legislators and deemed most important to our members:

- Relieve the MBTA of responsibility for Big Dig debt by transferring it to the Commonwealth.
- Increase the gas tax to provide a steady stream of income for needed roadway improvements and transit state of good repair projects. Many in our organization support an increase of at least 19 cents. This additional funding should flow to the state, MBTA and other RTAs, and to Chapter 90 accounts to fund local road and bridge improvements.
- Institute modest subway and commuter rail fare increases; fares of other large mass transit systems in the United States are typically higher.
- Reform MBTA employee and retiree benefits so they align with typical private sector plans. At minimum, MBTA benefit plans should be no more expensive than typical state employee programs.

We ask the MPO and its member entities, collectively and individually, to actively support these action items and recommendations, compiled from recent public reports and studies. The Advisory Council believes these recommendations address the MBTA's need to eliminate its deficit and provide the important first steps for maintenance of its transportation infrastructure and state-of-good repair.

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Additionally, the Advisory Council recognizes that the above critical actions are just the first steps in an ongoing process to reform and reshape the Massachusetts transportation system and the financing, operation, and management of that system. Once the above emergency actions are complete, it is our recommendation that a blue ribbon commission be empanelled to review and recommend creative, outside-the-box solutions for new ways to fund and fairly allocate the costs of maintaining and expanding this complex network. But the Advisory Council must stress that the above cornerstone actions cannot wait for this new commission – those actions must be done immediately before the Massachusetts transportation network grinds to a halt.

The Advisory Council thanks the Boston MPO for its consideration and looks forward to working with its members on these very important regional transportation issues.

Sincerely,

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Malek Al-Khatib, Chair Regional Transportation Advisory Council

CC: Massachusetts Governor and Lt. Governor Massachusetts Congressional Delegation Massachusetts Legislative Joint Committee on Transportation and Legislative Leaders MBTA General Manager Undersecretary of Transportation Deputy Secretary of Rail and Intermodal Programs Transportation Planning and Programming Committee Chair Boston Region MPO Members MBTA Advisory Board

Indicates a change in project cost
Indicates removed from TIP (cost not reflected in total)
Indicates a project moved in from another TIP funding category
Indicates a project moved out to another TIP element (cost not reflected in total)
Indicates a new addition to the TIP (action taken as denoted)
Indicates a new funding category

Regional Highway Program

FEDERAL-AID TARGET PROJECTS

Congestion Mitigation and Air Qua	lity Improv	ement Program	Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Belmont, Cambridge & Somerville	600811	Bicycle Facility	\$4,160,000	\$1,040,000	\$5,200,000
Franklin	602962	King Street Ramps	\$3,800,000	\$950,000	\$4,750,000
Milford	604530	Upper Charles Trail, Phase 2	\$3,280,000	\$820,000	\$4,100,000
Watertown	602053	Intersection Improvements at Three Locations	\$700,000	\$175,000	\$875,000
			Federal Funds	State/Local Funds	Total Funds
Boston		Boston Traffic Management Center Operations	\$324,000	\$81,000	\$405,000
Boston Region		Improving the Region's Bike/Ped Infrastructure Program	\$520,000	\$130,000	\$650,000
Boston Region		Regional Transportation Demand Management Program	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
Boston Region		Suburban Mobility Improvement Program	\$520,000	\$130,000	\$650,000
		Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Total	\$13,504,000	\$3,376,000	\$16,880,000
			Ch	MAQ Regional Target	\$8,593,420
National Highway System			Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Canton, Randolph & Westwood	87800	Route 128 Improvement Program Contract 3, Year Three of Six	\$9,567,511	\$2,391,878	\$11,959,389
Dedham, Needham & Westwood	603206	Route 128 Improvement Program Contract 4, Year One of Six	\$2,400,000	\$600,000	\$3,000,000
		National Highway System Total	\$11,967,511	\$2,991,878	\$14,959,389
Surface Transportation Program			Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Bedford, Billerica & Burlington	29491	Middlesex Turnpike (Mitre Extension), Phase Two	\$4,996,004	\$1,249,001	\$6,245,005
Danvers/Peabody	87612	Route 128 at Route 35 and Route 62	\$7,600,000	\$1,900,000	\$9,500,000
Foxborough, Norfolk, & Wrentham	602496	Route 115 (Pond/Pine St)	\$5,188,800	\$1,297,200	\$6,486,000
Salem	601017	Route 1A (Bridge Street)	\$5,280,000	\$1,320,000	\$6,600,000
		Surface Transportation Program Total	\$23,064,804	\$5,766,201	\$28,831,005

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Project			Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Bedford, Billerica & Burlington	29491	Middlesex Turnpike (Mitre Extension), Phase Two	\$3,867,039	\$429,671	\$4,296,710
		Highway Safety Improvement Program Total	\$3,867,039	\$429,671	\$4,296,710
				HSIP Regional Target	\$4,296,710
Surface Transportation Program/En	hancemen	t	Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Ipswich	604945	North Green Improvements (Design)	\$73,440	\$18,360	\$91,800
Cambridge	605188	Cambridge Common/Flagstaff Park (Design)	\$144,000	\$36,000	\$180,000
		Surface Transportation Program/Enhancement Total	\$217,440	\$54,360	\$271,800

Total Regional Target Programming	\$65,238,904
Boston Region MPO Regional Target with State Match	\$65,225,104

FEDERAL-AID NON-TARGET PROJECTS

FEDERAL-AID American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

	•	·	Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Arlington	PROG-7	Cyrus Dallin or Thompson or Stratton Elementary School(s) Sidewalk Imp	provements \$448,000		\$448,000
Arlington and Somerville	DCR920	Minuteman Bike Path Connector	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000
Boston	M0330B	Northern Ave Sidewalk Improvements	\$800,000		\$800,000
Boston		Dorchester Ave	\$12,926,000		\$12,926,000
Boston		Resurfacing on Federal Aid Roads within Boston	\$21,000,000		\$21,000,000
Burlington, Lexington, Reading, Woburn	605018	Guide and Traffic Sign Repair on I-95	\$3,289,560		\$3,289,560
Cambridge and Charlestown	DCR927	North Bank Pedestrian Bridge	\$36,000,000		\$36,000,000
Concord		Route 2	\$3,575,000		\$3,575,000
Harvard andLittleton	604400	Route 2	\$5,784,600		\$5,784,600
Lincoln	604629	Route 2	\$1,289,990		\$1,289,990
Lynn	DCR901	Blossom St Ferry Terminal	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000
Metro Boston	DCR930	Pavement Improvements to Metro Parkway System	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000
Metro Boston	DCR934	Sidewalk Improvements to Metro Parkway System	\$700,000		\$700,000
Newton	MTA-MHS-04	Harvard St Bridge	\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000
Region		Regionwide ITS Program	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000
Statewide	MTA-ALL-01	Statewide Communications Network Expansion	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
Somerville to Wilmington	604938	Guide and Traffic Sign Repair on I-93	\$4,620,000		\$4,620,000
Somerville		Magon Square	\$3,100,000		\$3,100,000
Waltham	PROG 9	Northeast Elementary School Sidewalk School	\$518,000		\$518,000
Watertown, Newton, Boston	DCR949	Nonantum Rd Improvements	\$6,059,400		\$6,059,400
Weston	MTA-MHS-02	Ramp G over Turnpike	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000
Weston	MTA-MHS-03	Ramp G over Aqueduct	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
Wilmington and Methuen	605396	Guide and Traffic Sign Repair on I-93	\$4,275,000		\$4,275,000
		Highway AI	RRA Total \$129,885,550		\$129,885,550

FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE PROJECTS

Bridge				Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Boston	600944	American Legion HWY over Route 203		\$4,904,904	\$1,226,226	\$6,131,130
Framingham	604013	Fountain Street over MBTA and CSX		\$3,120,000	\$780,000	\$3,900,000
Hanover	605101	Route 53 over Route 3		\$10,807,520	\$2,701,880	\$13,509,400
Hudson	604006	Houghton Street over Assabet River		\$2,033,058	\$508,264	\$2,541,322
Marlborough	603506	Robin Hill and Boundary Street Bridges over the Assal	bet	\$3,158,748	\$789,687	\$3,948,435
			Bridge Total	\$21,991,172	\$5,497,793	\$27,488,965
Advance Construction Bridge				Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Boston	604517	Chelsea Street Bridge		\$8,800,000	\$2,200,000	\$11,000,000
Boston & Everett	603370	Route 99 (Alford Street) Bridge		\$4,800,000	\$1,200,000	\$6,000,000
Dedham, Needham & Westwood	603206	Route 128 Improvement Program Contract 4		\$800,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
Lynn & Saugus	026710	Route 107 (Fox Hill) Bridge		\$800,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
		Advance	Construction Bridge Total	\$15,200,000	\$3,800,000	\$19,000,000
Special Bridge Funds				Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Danvers	603715	Route 1 over Centre Street		\$5,360,000	\$1,340,000	\$6,700,000
Millis	604240	Route 115 (Norfolk Rd) over Charles River		\$1,200,000	\$300,000	\$1,500,000
		S	pecial Bridge Funds Total	\$6,560,000	\$1,640,000	\$8,200,000
				Federal-A	id Bridge Total	\$54,688,965
FEDERAL AID MAJOR INFRAST	RUCTURE	AND STATEWIDE CATEGORIES				
Interstate Maintenance				Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Marlborough, Hudson & Berlin	604877	Interstate 495		\$13,403,988	\$1,489,332	\$14,893,320
Stoneham, Winchester & Reading	604878	Interstate 93		\$9,855,648	\$1,095,072	\$10,950,720
		Inte	erstate Maintenance Total	\$23,259,636	\$2,584,404	\$25,844,040
National Highway System Paveme	nt Preservati	on		Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Arlington/Belmont/Cambridge	604629	Route 2		\$3,367,200	\$841,800	\$4,209,000
·		National Highway System Pav	vement Preservation Total	\$3,367,200	\$841,800	\$4,209,000

\$11,050,000 will be in 2010

FEDERAL AID EARMARKED FUNDING

High-Priority Projects (TEA-21)			Federal Funds	State/Local Funds	Total Funds
Bedford, Billerica & Burlington	29491	Middlesex Turnpike (Mitre Extension) Construction, Phase Two (HPP 924)	\$1,922,102	\$480,526	\$2,402,628
Boston		Symphony Area/Huntington Ave Streetscape Design (HPP 447)	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
High-Priority Projects (SAFETEA-	LU)		Federal Funds	State/Local Funds	Total Funds
Acton and Maynard	604531	Assabet River Rail Trail Design (HPP 1761)	\$452,000	\$113,000	\$565,000
Bedford, Billerica & Burlington	29491	Middlesex Turnpike (Mitre Extension) Construction, Phase Two	\$718,000	\$179,500	\$897,500
Boston		Pedestrian Improvements to Kenmore Sq Construction (HPP 682)	\$3,318,758	\$829,690	\$4,148,448
Boston	604775	Longwood Ave / Urban Ring Tunnel Study (HPP 856)	\$96,033	\$24,008	\$120,041
Boston	600636	Massachusetts Avenue Construction (HPP 270)	\$1,260,573	\$315,143	\$1,575,716
Boston	604997	Museum Way Improvements Construction (HPP 1960)	\$2,871,997	\$717,999	\$3,589,996
Boston		Sullivan Square, Phase 1 Design (HPP 3568)	\$897,498	\$224,375	\$1,121,873
Danvers to Peabody	604874	Border to Boston Bikeway Design (HPP 843)	\$718,000	\$179,500	\$897,500
Danvers & Peabody	87612	Route 128 Improvements Construction (1477)	\$1,106,253	\$276,563	\$1,382,816
Franklin	604988	Route 140 Design (HPP 4279)	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Hudson & Stow		Assabet River Rail Trail Design (HPP 1761)	\$269,250	\$67,312	\$336,562
Hull	604743	West Corner Culvert Construction (HPP 1681)	\$143,600	\$35,900	\$179,500
Somerville		I-93 Mystic Avenue Interchange Study (HPP 792)	\$359,000	\$89,750	\$448,750
Somerville	604778	Union Square Improvements Study (HPP 999)	\$73,961	\$18,490	\$92,451
Somerville	604872	Assembly Square Multimodal Access Improvements Construction (HPP 4281)	\$5,007,375	\$1,251,844	\$6,259,219
Watertown	601686	Pleasant Street and Howard Street Construction	\$341,449	\$85,362	\$426,811
Watertown*	605139	Watertown Bike Path Construction (HPP 1400)	\$576,618	\$144,155	\$720,773
Watertown*	605139	Watertown Bike Path Construction (HPP 1424)	\$579,339	\$144,835	\$724,174
Walpole	605187	Washington St Design (HPP 2431)	\$125,650	\$31,412	\$157,062
Weymouth		Weymouth Multi-Modal Center Construction (HPP 4276)	\$8,011,800	\$2,002,950	\$10,014,750
Transportation Improvement Proje	cts (SAFET	'EA-LU)			
Boston to Worcester		Rail Line Improvments (TI 172)	\$8,985,072	\$2,246,268	\$11,231,340
		High-Priority Projects Total	\$38,434,327	\$9,608,582	\$48,042,909
*match to be provided by the Department of	Conservation	and Recreation			
Section Earmarks Other Match					
Section 112			Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Medford	605122	Clippership Drive Streetscape Construction	\$990,000		\$990,000
Cambridge	600991	Kendall Square/Broadway Streetscape Construction	\$750,000		\$750,000
Section 117					
Cambridge	604993	Innovation Blvd Streetscape Construction	\$990,000		\$990,000
Malden		Pleasant St Design	\$310,200		\$310,200
Section 330					
Winthrop		Winthrop Ferry Improvements Construction	\$496,750		\$496,750

High-Priority Project (SAFETEA-L	gh-Priority Project (SAFETEA-LU) Other Match			Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Boston	604774 N	National Park Traveler Information System & Visitor C	Center	\$1,218,000		\$1,218,000
2004 Ferry Boat Discretionary Com	muter Ferry			Federal Funds	State/Local Funds	Total Funds
Winthrop	v	Winthrop Ferry Improvements Construction		\$264,232	\$66,058	\$330,290
2005 Ferry Boat Discretionary Ferry	y Infrastructu	ire		Federal Funds	State/Local Funds	Total Funds
Winthrop	V	Winthrop Ferry Improvements Construction		\$208,167	\$52,042	\$260,209
Eastern Federal Lands Highway Div	vision			Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Minuteman National Park (Concord)	I	Pavement Management Project				\$230,000
			Other Earmarks Total	\$5,227,349	\$118,100	\$5,575,449
			FFY 2009 Federal-Aid No	n-Target Non-Brid	dge Projects Total	\$53,618,358
			FFY 2009 T	otal Federal-Aid I	Highway Program	\$433,592,139
				FFY 2009 Total I	Highway Program	\$433,592,139
Central Artery/Tunnel Projec	et					
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				Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
National Highway System (NHS)				<i>Federal Funds</i> \$70,000,000	<i>State Funds</i> \$17,500,000	<i>Total Funds</i> \$87,500,000
National Highway System (NHS) State Transportation Program (STP)						
				\$70,000,000	\$17,500,000	\$87,500,000
State Transportation Program (STP)	al			\$70,000,000 \$56,845,000	\$17,500,000	\$87,500,000

FFY 2009 Central Artery/Tunnel Funds Total\$158,556,250

REGIONAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

Section 3037			Federal Funds	MBTA Funds	Total Funds
Systemwide	Job Access		\$1,502,650	\$375,662	\$1,878,312
		Section 3037 MBTA Match Total	\$1,502,650	\$375,662	\$1,878,312
New Freedom			Federal Funds	MBTA Funds	Total Funds
Systemwide	New Freedom		\$1,292,406	\$323,101	\$1,615,507
		New Freedom MBTA Match Total	\$1,292,406	\$323,101	\$1,615,507
Section 5307			Federal Funds	MBTA Funds	Total Funds
Systemwide	Locomotive and Coach Procurement		\$13,600,000	\$3,400,000	\$17,000,000
Systemwide	ITS Initiatives		\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
Red Line	Power System Improvements		\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
Systemwide	Station Rehabilitation		\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
Green Line	MBTA Accessibility Program		\$21,600,000	\$5,400,000	\$27,000,000
Blue Line	Blue Line Vehicles		\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$10,000,000
Systemwide	Station Management Program		\$2,800,000	\$700,000	\$3,500,000
Bus	CNG Bus Overhaul Program		\$12,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$15,000,000
Bus	Everett Maintenance Facility		\$4,400,000	\$1,100,000	\$5,500,000
Systemwide	Elevator Replacement/Rehabilitation		\$27,308,761	\$6,827,190	\$34,135,951
Systemwide	Grant Anticipation Notes (GANs) Program	n	\$19,985,000	\$4,996,250	\$24,981,250
Systemwide	MBTA Enhancement Program		\$1,354,482	\$338,621	\$1,693,103
Systemwide	Preventative Maintenance		\$10,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$12,500,000
Systemwide	Bus and Train Arrival LCD Signage		\$2,400,000	\$600,000	\$3,000,000
		Section 5307 MBTA Match Total	\$135,448,243	\$33,862,061	\$169,310,304
			Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Cape Ann	Cape Ann Transportation Authority		\$344,568	\$86,142	\$430,710
	Cupe I hill Transportation Prainonty	Section 5307 State Match Total	\$344,568	\$86,142	\$430,710
High-Priority Projects (SAFETEA-LU)			Federal Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds
Bus	HPP Bus - Framingham Transit System		\$406,296	\$101,574	\$507,870
	ů ,	h-Priority Projects (HPP Bus) Total	\$406,296	\$101,574	\$507,870

Section 5309		Federal Funds	MBTA Funds	Total Funds
Blue Line	Blue Line Modernization	\$21,600,000	\$5,400,000	\$27,000,000
Red Line	Red Line Number 2 Car Overhaul	\$14,190,124	\$3,547,531	\$17,737,655
Systemwide	Kawasaki Coaches	\$1,600,000	\$400,000	\$2,000,000
Systemwide	Locomotive and Coach Procurement	\$33,295,500	\$8,323,875	\$41,619,375
Section 5309 Infrastructure Program				
Red Line	Columbia Junction	\$10,400,000	\$2,600,000	\$13,000,000
Systemwide	Power Improvements	\$7,080,000	\$1,770,000	\$8,850,000
Systemwide	Bridge and Tunnel Program	\$4,800,000	\$1,200,000	\$6,000,000
	Section 5309 MBTA Match Total	\$92,965,624	\$23,241,406	\$116,207,030
			MBTA/State/Local	
Section 5309 Omnibus Earmarks 2008		Federal Funds	Funds	Total Funds
Commuter Rail	Station Consolidation and Development Study (Belmont, MA)	\$142,500	\$28,500	\$171,000
Salem/Beverly	Intermodal Station Improvements (Salem/Beverly)	\$783,750	\$156,750	\$940,500
Blue Line	Wonderland Station Intermodal Transit Improvements (Revere, MA)	\$950,000	\$190,000	\$1,140,000
	Section 5309 Omnibus Earmarks Total	\$1,876,250	\$375,250	\$2,251,500
Section 5307 (Carryover)		Federal Funds	MBTA Funds	Total Funds
Bus	Everett Maintenance Facility	\$6,400,000	\$1,600,000	\$8,000,000
Systemwide	Redundant Operations Control Center	\$8,652,318	\$2,163,080	\$10,815,398
	Section 5307 Carryover MBTA Match Total	\$15,052,318	\$3,763,080	\$18,815,398
			MBTA/State/Local	
Section 5309 (Carryover Earmarked Funds)		Federal Funds	Funds	Total Funds
Beverly/Salem	Beverly/Salem Intermodal Center	\$1,146,400	\$286,600	\$1,433,000
Blue Line/North Shore	Feasibility Study for Blue Line Extension to Lynn	\$3,136,160	\$784,040	\$3,920,200
Salem	Beverly/Salem Intermodal Center	\$973,371	\$243,343	\$1,216,714
Beverly	Beverly/Salem Intermodal Center	\$973,371	\$243,343	\$1,216,714
Quincy	Quincy Catamaran	\$973,371	\$243,343	\$1,216,714
Revere	Wonderland Station	\$876,034	\$219,009	\$1,095,043
Red Line	Red Line Number 2 Car Overhaul	\$2,678,793	\$669,698	\$3,348,491
Systemwide	Power Improvements	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
Systemwide	Bridge and Tunnel Program	\$11,124,000	\$2,781,000	\$13,905,000
Systemwide	Positive Train Control	\$800,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
Boston	Commonwealth Ave	\$525,280	\$131,320	\$656,600
Boston	Improvements at Harbor Islands Park	\$217,360	\$54,340	\$271,700
Hingham	Hingham Intermodal Center	\$3,756,172	\$939,043	\$4,695,215
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Commuter Rail	Auburndale Station	\$1,264,000	\$316,000	\$1,580,000
Commuter Rail Commuter Rail	Auburndale Station Rockport Improvements	\$1,264,000 \$1,338,386	\$316,000 \$334,596	\$1,580,000 \$1,672,982

\$14,905,000

	FI	FY 2009 Regional Tra FFN	nsit Funds Total Z 2009 TIP Total	\$546,576,569 \$1 140 976 458	
Federal-Aid MBTA Matching Funds Subtotal				\$61,565,310	
Federal-Aid Subtotal Federal-Aid Various Matching Funds Subtotal		\$473,376,517	\$12,330,282		
	CATA ARRA Funds Total	\$430,710		\$430,710	
Systemwide	Bus and Equipment Procurement	\$430,710		\$430,710	
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	MWRTA ARRA Funds Total	\$750,000		\$750,000	
Systemwide	Vehicle and Equipment Procurement MWPTA APPA Funds Total	\$750,000 \$750,000		\$750,000 \$750,000	
MetroWest Regional Transit System		¢750.000		A770 000	
M. day W 4 D	MBTA ARRA Funds Total	\$175,917,898		\$175,917,898	
	MBTA 5309 - Fixed Guideway ARRA Funds Total	\$98,513,648		\$98,513,648	
Systemwide	Facility Upgrade Program	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	project co
Commuter Rail	Signal and Grade Crossing Improvements (Fitchburg and Haverhill Lines)	\$10,212,000		\$10,212,000	project co
Systemwide	Station Upgrade Program	\$12,918,000		\$12,918,000	
Systemwide	Rolling Stock (Buses)	\$30,000,000		\$30,000,000	
Commuter Rail	Commuter Rail Rolling Stock (Locomotives and Vehicle Rehab)	\$7,383,648		\$7,383,648	
Commuter Rail	Bridge Program (Drawbridge Repairs)	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	
Commuter Rail	Double Track Initiative (Fitchburg and Haverhill Lines)	\$27,000,000		\$27,000,000	project co
MBTA 5309 Fixed Guideway					
	MBTA 5307 Urban Formula ARRA Funds Total	\$77,404,250		\$77,404,250	
Bus	Bus Stop and Corridor Enhancements (including Bus 23 and Silver Line)	\$9,525,000		\$9,525,000	
South Boston	Gas Turbine Replacement and Fuel Conversion	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	_ •
Systemwide	Facility Upgrade Program	\$13,676,000		\$13,676,000	project co
Green Line	Positive Train Control - Light Rail Pilot Program	\$500,000		\$500,000	1 J
Systemwide	Station Upgrade Program	\$21,703,250		\$21,703,250	project co
Commuter Rail	Double Track Initiative (Fitchburg and Haverhill Lines)	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000	r J
Commuter Rail	Signal and Grade Crossing Improvements (Fitchburg and Haverhill Lines)	\$13,200,000		\$13,200,000	project co
Systemwide	Track and Right of Way Improvements	\$3,800,000		\$3,800,000	
The RIDE	Vehicle Procurement (up to 108 vans)	\$5,500,000		\$5,500,000	
FEDERAL-AID American Recovery and Reinves MBTA 5307 Urban Formula Commuter Rail	Commuter Rail Rolling Stock (Locomotives and Vehicle Rehab)	Federal Funds \$38,000,000		<i>Total Funds</i> \$38,000,000	
	Section 5309 MBTA Various Match Total	\$48,570,264	\$12,142,566	\$60,712,830	
Woburn	Woburn Park & Ride Facility	\$876,034	\$219,009	\$1,095,043	
Ferry	Vessel Procurement, Engine Overhaul and Improvements at Quincy	\$5,980,000	\$1,495,000	\$7,475,000	
Melrose	Commuter Rail Station Improvement	\$686,000	\$171,500	\$857,500	
Medford	Medford Downtown Parking	\$973,371	\$243,343	\$1,216,714	
Section 5509 (Carryover Earmarkeu Funus) con		0070 071	*2 12 2 12	*1 21 < 51 /	

FFY 2009 TIP Total \$1,140,976,458

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\$1M positive train control earmark added
cost to be split between 5309 and 5307, was \$21M

\$9,700,000

cost to be split between 5309 and 5307, still \$37M

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\$198,700,000

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 MBTA PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION IN BOSTON MPO TIP (FY 2009 ELEMENT) COMPARISON OF 2/26/09 TIP AMENDMENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS/FUNDING SOURCES AS OF 4/27/09

PHASE 1 ONLY - OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS WITHIN 180 DAYS

	Original ARRA	By Program - as of 2/26/09		Proposed 4/30 TIP Amendment			
Project Description	Transit Prog. (Phase 1)	5307/5340 Urban Formula	5309 - Fixed Guideway	5307/5340 Urban Formula	5309 - Fixed Guideway		
Commuter Rail Rolling Stock	\$38,000,000	\$38,000,000			\$7,383,648		
Rolling Stock - Buses				\$30,000,000	2		
The RIDE - Vehicle Procurement	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000		\$5,500,000			
Track and Right of Way Improvement Program	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000		\$3,800,000			
Signal and Grade Crossing Improvement Program	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000		\$13,200,000	\$10,212,000		
Commuter Rail Double Track Initiative	\$37,000,000		\$37,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$10,000,000		
MBTA Station Upgrade Program	\$55,000,000	\$55,000,000		\$21,703,250	\$12,918,000		
Positive Train Control - Light Rail Pilot Program	\$500,000	\$500,000		\$0			
MBTA Facility Upgrade Program	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000		\$13,676,000	\$8,000,000		
Commuter Rail - Bridge Program	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000		
S. Boston Gas Turbine Repl. And Fuel Conversion (Engr & Design)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000		\$0			
Bus Service and Customer Enhancements	\$9,700,000	\$9,700,000		\$9,525,000			
	\$198,700,000	\$158,700,000	\$40,000,000	\$124,404,250	\$51,513,648		

MBTA CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM FTA FUNDING ALLOCATION FY09 Program Amendment May 2009

Category	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT APPROVED TIP		PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT			Federal \$	
		federal	local	Total	federal	local	Total	Increase/(Decrease)
Section 5309 Carryover						3	2 	
Bridge and Tunnel Program	Bridge and Tunnel Projects of Positive Train Control (PTC), ranging from	\$11,924,000	\$2,981,000	\$14,905,000	\$11,124,000	\$2,781,000	\$13,905,000	-\$800,000
Positive Train Control	Kind block distance-to-go system to complete CBTC. The purpose of this analysis is to identify what technologies exist that could reduce or eliminate the type of collisions that the Green Line has experienced.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000	\$800,000
New Earmarks	Omnibus Earmarks							1
Station Consolidation and Development Study (Belmont, MA)	Consolidation and Development StudyAlternatives Analysis	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$142,500	\$28,500	\$171,000	\$142,500
Intermodal Station Improvements (Salem/Beverly)	Intermodal Station Improvements,Cities of Salem and BeverlyBus & Bus Facilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$783,750	\$156,750	\$940,500	\$783,750
	Wonderland Station Intermodal Transit Improvements, City of Revere, MABus & Bus Faciliites	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$950,000	\$190,000	\$1,140,000	\$950,000

MetroWest RTA

Economic Stimulus Request:

	Vehicle Replacement	
	& Expansion	180,000
	ITS	270,000
	ADA operating	<u>300,000</u>
Total		750,000

<u>Vehicle Replacement</u> & <u>Expansion</u> replace (1) 11 year old mini-buses acquired from BAT. Add (3) sedans to ADA RIDE fleet.

<u>ITS</u>- continue to build and implement "mobility management" center which will integrate fixed route and demand response service provided by MWRTA. Purchase 55 Mentor Mobile Data Terminals. 33 paratransit-22 fixed route.

ADA para-transit operating funds.



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

April 10, 2009

David Mohler, Chair Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150 Boston, MA 02116

RE: Assembly Square Drive, Somerville, MA

Dear Mr. Mohler:

I am writing to request that the new Assembly Square Drive in Somerville be given the Federal Functional Classification of "collector road" and that certain other key streets (New Road, Foley Street, G Street, IKEA Way, and Lombardi Street) connecting Assembly Square Drive to federal highway system routes and a planned MBTA Orange Line station be classified as "STP eligible".

As you are aware, substantial redevelopment of the Assembly Square District is planned. In terms of transportation related improvements, this redevelopment includes the construction of a new MBTA Orange Line Station, the construction of a new Assembly Square Drive, improvements to Foley Street and New Road, and additional transportation improvements along Route 28, Mystic Avenue, and at Interstate 93/Lombardi Street (for technical details see Attachment I – Proposed Roadway Improvements). The "Assembly on the Mystic" project will add an estimated 5+ million square feet of mixed-use development to the district at full build out including a 340,000 s.f. IKEA furniture store, 667,000 s.f. of additional retail, 2,100 housing units, and 1.78 million s.f. of new office development. Over 22,000 construction jobs are anticipated over the lifetime of the project and at build out, nearly 19,000 permanent jobs will be located on site.

The backbone of the project is a partially new and partially reconstructed 1.2+ mile roadway (Assembly Square Drive) that will serve as the primary north/south thoroughfare within the Assembly Square District, connecting Interstate 93 and Mystic Avenue to Route 28/McGrath O'Brien Highway. The new Assembly Square Drive right of way will be dedicated to the City and has been designed to serve multiple users – passenger vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and buses – in a well-maintained, safe, and efficient manner.

All told, the reconstructed and extended Assembly Square Drive, the improvement and extension of New Road, the improvement and extension of Foley Street and the construction of a portion of the planned G Street together will create a new and efficient looped roadway with multi-modal connections between existing federal highway system roadways and the planned new MBTA Orange



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Line station. The right of way for these roadway extensions will be dedicated to the City as public roadways.

The following points highlight why the new Assembly Square Drive should be classified as a "collector road", and Foley Street, New Road /IKEA Way, and portion of the planned G Street should be classified as "STP eligible".

- New Assembly Square Drive will collect traffic from the regional highway system (particularly Interstate 93, Route 28, Mystic Avenue, and Middlesex Avenue) and distribute it to the internal street system serving the redevelopment project. The roadway is projected to collect between 16,000 and 18,000 vehicles per day. Route 28 and Mystic Avenue are already part of the National Highway System (NHS) and Middlesex Avenue is listed as "Surface Transportation Program (STP) eligible" (see Attachment II – Assembly Square Roadway Map).
- Two MBTA bus routes will use Assembly Square Drive: Route 90 connecting Davis Square, Sullivan Square and Wellington Circle; and Route 92 running from Assembly Square to downtown Boston. The Urban Ring vehicles can also be accommodated, similar to other MBTA buses along the roadway. The locally preferred alternative route for the Urban Ring would traverse the road network at New Road and Foley Street.
- New Road, an existing road connecting Mystic Avenue and Assembly Square Drive will be improved and extended providing a safe and efficient loop connection from Mystic Avenue to the planned new MBTA Orange Line station via the new G Street. (The new extension of New Road is called IKEA Way for planning purposes.) The loop will be completed by improvements to and extension of the existing Foley Street, which today connects Middlesex Avenue and Assembly Square Drive. New Road and IKEA Way are all designed to include bicycle lanes, pedestrian sidewalks, and vehicular lanes which will also enable direct bus connections to the Orange Line station. G Street includes pedestrian sidewalks, an adjacent shared use path and vehicular lanes. Foley Street includes sidewalks and vehicular lanes.

Existing Assembly Square Drive, New Road and Foley Street are not on the Federal-aid highway system at the present time. However, since the improvements will effectively create a *new* roadway system, these roads should be classified based on their post-construction characteristics. Once built, Assembly Square Drive will meet the criteria for a "collector road" and the roadway system described in this letter will meet the criteria necessary to be STP eligible.

Today, Assembly Square Drive between Lombardi Street and Foley Street is city-owned and maintained, as is Foley Street and New Road. The extension of Assembly Square Drive, as well as IKEA Way, G Street, etc. will be on land owned by Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT); FRIT and the City have a written agreement which provides that all roadways within FRIT's "Assembly on the Mystic" project will be dedicated to the City upon completion of construction.

Existing Lombardi Street, which connects Broadway and Mystic Avenue and crosses under Route I-93 does not appear to be included on the Federal-aid highway system according to EOT's Road Inventory Map. However, Lombardi Street is a critical component of the interchange and facilitates



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access from Route I-93 and East Somerville to the Assembly Square district. We believe Lombardi Street should also be classified a collector and/or STP-eligible.

The new Assembly Square Drive and the New Road/G Street/ Foley Street loop have been designed by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc (VHB). VHB is presently formatting the design to meet the requirements set forth by the Massachusetts Highway Department. The City of Somerville has provided the necessary and applicable local permits. Construction of Assembly Square Drive alone will create an estimated 173 new construction jobs in the immediate short term. The Foley Street extension and G Street will be constructed as part of future phases of Assembly on the Mystic.

"Assembly on the Mystic" is one of the largest proposed developments on the East Coast. I know of no other current project in the Commonwealth that could contribute more to the Commonwealth's economic well-being than this development. I encourage you to support my request that these roadways be classified so as to allow the project to qualify for federal funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>ATTACHMENT 1</u> Proposed Roadway Improvements - Technical Details

Assembly Square Drive and Associated Roadways

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Assembly Square Drive has been configured with a general three-lane cross-section (single through-lanes in each direction with left-turn lanes at key intersections) with bicycle lanes and on-street parallel parking provided on portions of the roadway. However, the roadway has been designed so that the on-street parking can be eliminated and a five-lane cross section provided (two through-lanes in each direction with left-turn lanes at key intersections). Additional turning lanes, traffic signals and other features have been provided at key locations along the roadway to help maintain the proper flow of traffic along Assembly Square Drive. Medians are also provided on the northerly and southerly ends of Assembly Square Drive to help minimize disruption of traffic flow along this roadway.

New Road, Foley Street and G Street have been designed with a two-lane cross section (single through-lanes in each direction with additional turn lanes at key intersections). Foley Street and New Road include bicycle lanes in both directions, while G Street includes a shared used path connecting the entrance to Draw Seven Parkto the proposed MBTA Orange Line station; and from the station to bicycle lanes and a shared used path behind the IKEA store that provides a secondary route from Mystic Avenue to the station.

Improvements to Intersections at Route 28

Department of Conservation and Recreation

At the northerly end of Assembly Square Drive, Route 28's existing signalized intersections with Middlesex Avenue and Assembly Square Drive will receive new signal equipment at both locations and improved pedestrian accommodations to enable nearby residents to walk to and from Assembly Square across Route 28. Egress from the Assembly Square District will also be improved by allowing exiting left turns to occur from Assembly Square Drive. These measures are intended to help accommodate the future anticipated traffic demands along Route 28 (projected at almost 85,000 vehicles per day in 2018) as a result of regional growth combined with the new site-generated traffic associated with the Assembly Square Redevelopment project. In addition to these two locations, safety-related improvements are also planned at the intersection of Route 28 Southbound/Mystic Avenue northbound. This intersection is part of an interchange that regularly appears on the state's list of the top-10 high-frequency accident locations, and has a significantly higher accident experience than other signalized intersections in the Commonwealth. The proposed work is intended to improve the signal visibility, which may be currently contributing to the accident experience at this location.

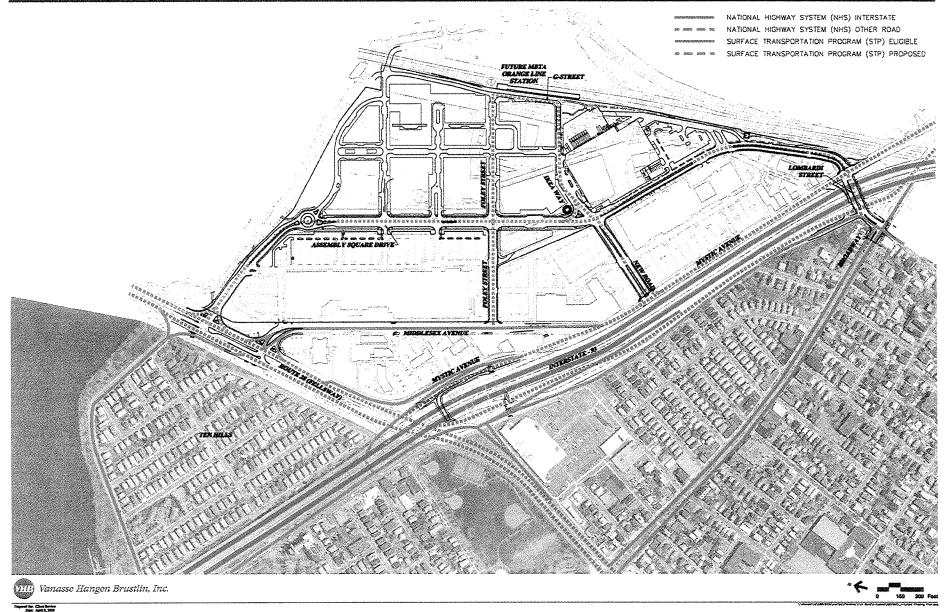
Improvements to I-93/Mystic Avenue/Lombardi Street interchange and Kensington Ave.

MassHighway/City of Somerville

The southerly end of Assembly Square Drive will connect to the Route I-93/Mystic Avenue/Lombardi Street interchange. The improvements at this location will reconfigure the interchange and include four interconnected traffic signals. As with Assembly Square Drive, this location has been designed to accommodate passenger vehicles, buses, bicyclists and pedestrians. This interchange is a critical component of the Assembly Square access plan because it transitions vehicular traffic from the regional highway system to Assembly Square and other points of interest.

In addition to the improvements at the Lombardi Street interchange, other enhancements will be implemented to provide significantly improved pedestrian and bicycle connections between Broadway and Assembly Square. Improvements are also proposed along Kensington Avenue, including the restriping of existing crosswalks across the three main Mystic Avenue surface road crossing segments. New signs will be posted in advance of the crossings to help increase awareness of these locations. Two flashing yellow beacons will be installed on both sides of the road at each of the three crossings. The beacons will only start to flash when pedestrians are detected via the microwave sensors that are part of a passive actuation system. These improvements will help improve visibility for pedestrians beyond the crossing areas along Mystic Avenue.

Assembly Square Planned Unit Development Assembly Square Drive Somerville, Massachusetts and Off-Site Improvements



Attachment II

Staff to the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2009

TO: Transportation Planning and Programming Committee of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

FROM: Chen-Yuan Wang, Project Manager

RE: Selection Procedure and Selected Intersections Operational Improvements at Selected Congested and High-Crash Intersections

The objective of the study is to select up to nine congested intersections with safety concerns and identify improvements. Selected intersections came from two major sources. The first was the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicle (RMV) 2004-2006 crash database, which covers all the intersections and interchanges in the region. The selection procedure consists of the following steps:

- Intersections related to projects with a known TIP status (Pre-TIP, conceptual, 25% or more design) and intersections with a high number of crashes (from EOT/MHD 2006 Top Crash Locations Report) were selected for review.
- Locations related to highway interchanges or large rotaries were excluded.
- Intersections with 25% or more design status and those requiring an arterial coordination study were excluded.
- Intersections were sorted by EPDO* (Equivalent Property Damage Only) crash rating.
- The top 30 intersections were reviewed with their locations, geometry, and congestion conditions (from the database of CTPS Mobility Monitoring System).
- Communities were contacted to ascertain their willingness to follow up with implementation.

Seven intersections were selected from this data source (see Table 1).

The second source for the selection is MAPC's community out-reach efforts. The proposed intersections were also reviewed by their EPDO ratings, based on the RMV 2004-2006 database. Two were selected from this source (see Table 1).

In summary, the selection was a comprehensive procedure with extensive data screening and interactions with communities. Table 1 lists the nine selected intersections by their locations, total number of crashes, EPDO, and the selection source.

* EPDO = Property Crashes + 5 * Injury Crashes + 10 * Fatality Crashes

Community	Street 1	Street 2	2004-2006 Crashes	EPDO	Source
Chelsea	Broadway	Congress Ave. /Third St.	78	210	RMV
Somerville	Rt.16/Alewife Brook Pkwy	Broadway	60	120	RMV
Holbrook	Weymouth Street	Pine/Sycamore Street	43	99	RMV
Reading	Main Street /Route 28	Franklin Street	43	91	RMV
Danvers	Poplar Street /Route 62	Locust Street /Route 35	30	62	RMV
Lynn	Western Ave. /Route 107	Eastern Ave. /Stanwood St.	44	72	RMV
Lynn	Western Ave. /Route 107	Waitt Ave. /Maple St.			
Randolph	N. Main St. /Route 28	Warren Street	62	110	Town/MAPC
Sudbury	Boston Post Rd./Route 20	Landham Street	28	44	Town/MAPC

Table 1	Selected	Intersections	in	the Region
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cc: Karl Quackenbush, CTPS