

To: Participant in the MPO Transportation Planning Process
From: Pam Wolfe
Subject: MPO Certification Review

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Over the past several years, you have been following or been involved in some aspect of the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) transportation planning program. You may have served on an MPO committee, participated in an MPO study, attended an MPO meeting or workshop, made a comment to the MPO, or kept up with MPO news. Therefore you have had the opportunity to observe one or more parts of the MPO's transportation planning process. We are contacting you to invite you to participate in an evaluation of that process.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will soon be conducting a review of our transportation planning process. They carry out such an evaluation every four years in order to certify our activities as the MPO for the Boston Transportation Management Area. They are particularly interested in hearing from people who have participated in some aspect of our work.

We are inviting you to submit comments or any thoughts you might have based on your observations of how we have undertaken the transportation planning process. Written comments may be sent to either FHWA or FTA at the addresses below. If you submit comments, please indicate the general nature of your involvement or acquaintance with the Boston Region MPO.

FHWA: Ms. Lucy Garliauskas, Division Administrator
55 Broadway, 10th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02142
Or via email: michael.chong@dot.gov

FTA: Ms. Mary Beth Mello, Deputy Regional Administrator
55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142
Or via email: william.gordon@dot.gov

You are also welcome to attend the on-site review, which is scheduled to take place at the times listed below. Should the need arise for additional discussion, a meeting time on July 30 will also be scheduled.

Tuesday, July 27, 2010, and Wednesday, July 28
9:30 AM–4:00 PM

Wednesday, July 28
7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Thursday, July 29
9:00 AM–Noon

The meetings will take place in the second-floor conference rooms in the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA.

The State Transportation Building is accessible by:
Silver and Orange Lines (Tufts Medical Center Station)
Green Line (Boylston or Arlington Station)
MBTA Bus Routes 43 & 55.

Photo identification is required to enter the State Transportation Building

The MPO's public involvement process will be on the agenda of topics to be discussed, and there will be an opportunity for the public to comment on that process. There will also be a few minutes for public comment at the end of each other agenda item.

Questions may be directed to the MPO at Boston Region MPO, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150, Boston, MA 02116 or at www.bostonmpo.org.