

May 31, 2011

Status of Issues for Boston Region MPO Memorandum of Understanding

Items of agreement or decision

Motions – 5-26-11 Meeting	Carried or Consensus	Decision
<i>Original Motion</i>		
Approve the MassDOT proposal, including eliminate TPPC and make RTAC a voting MPO member (<i>MassDOT</i>)	Carried, but no consensus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Have 8 elected municipal members, 1 from each MAPC Subregion, elected by their respective Subregions -Have 4 at-large elected municipal members; 2 cities/2 towns -Add another seat for Boston -Eliminate the TPPC -Make RTAC a voting member of the MPO
<i>Proposed Amendments</i>		
All elected municipal members (including Subregional members) are elected by 101 municipalities (<i>Bedford</i>)	Did not carry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Combine some Subregions into new MPO Subregions for elected municipal members (for more balance on population): North, West, South, Inner Core -North, West, and South have 1 representative; Inner Core has 2 -Boston has 1 seat -Reduce number of at-large elected municipal members to 2 (w-city/town) (<i>RTAC</i>) 	Did not carry	

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Approve RTAC amendment, except that Boston has 2 seats and there are 3 at-large elected municipal members (no-city/town) (<i>Somerville</i>)	Did not carry	
Approve the MassDOT proposal (including RTAC membership) with changes: -Elected municipal members are elected by the 101 -No permanent members can run for an elected seat -City/town distinction for at-large (<i>MAPC</i>)	Carried & consensus	-Have 8 elected municipal members, 1 from each MAPC Subregion, elected by the 101 -Have 4 at-large elected municipal members; 2 cities/2 towns -Add another seat for Boston -No permanent member can run for an elected seat -Eliminate the TPPC -Make RTAC a voting member of the MPO
MPO will review the MOU annually (<i>MassDOT</i>)	Carried & consensus	The MPO will review the MOU each year (revised from the 5/12 consensus for a biennial review)
Add an additional seat for an RTA (<i>Hopkinton</i>)	Tabled	
Add 2 state legislators (1 Senator, 1 Representative) (<i>MassDOT</i>)	Did not carry	
Questions – 5/12/11 Meeting		Agreement
Should there be requirements for advance posting of materials prior to discussions at meetings?	Consensus	All materials related to action items will be posted on the MPO website at least 48 hours in advance unless waived by unanimous consent of the TPPC.
Should the TPPC meet quarterly outside of Boston?	Carried & consensus	The Transportation Planning and Programming Committee will meet quarterly outside of Boston.

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Should the MOU reflect a response to the concerns raised about the process for this MOU Update?	Consensus	The MOU will be opened up for updating every two years. This update will be given robust public outreach to stimulate discussion region-wide.
Should the MPO consider geographic equity when approving all certification documents?	Consensus	The MPO will consider geographic equity a goal when approving all certification documents. This means that after other factors, such as need, are used in evaluating and selecting projects, a final view toward geographic balance and fairness over the span of the document will be applied.

Items undecided

Question		
Add another MPO member (s): RTAs? Inner Core (considering population, employment, and amount of infrastructure)?		
Voting rules: Quorum? State veto? Margin to pass? Margin for certification documents?		
Should there be term limits for the elected municipal members? What is the length of terms?		