

DESTINATION 2040: UNIVERSE OF PROJECTS SURVEY RESPONSES

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff created a survey of seven questions designed to gauge respondents' opinions on the content of the Universe of Projects and Programs for *Destination 2040*. The survey was designed to help the MPO understand how well respondents felt the proposed Universe of Projects and Programs accomplishes the MPO's goals and aligns with its vision for *Destination 2040*. MPO staff received 35 completed survey forms. Staff presented the results of questions on the Universe of Programs at the April 25, 2019, MPO Board meeting. The following are the results regarding the Universe of Projects.

Respondents advocated for the following projects not currently included in the Universe of Projects

Highway Projects by Investment Program

The following are projects that could be considered as part of the MPO's existing investment programs. These projects would have to be initiated through Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT) design process.

Complete Streets Program

- **Beverly to Middleton:** Complete Streets improvements on Route 62 and Route 1A from multimodal transit station in Beverly to downtown Middleton
- **Revere to Salem:** Complete Streets redesign and construction of Highland Avenue (Route 107) from Salem to Lynn and Revere to Wonderland Blue Line Station
- **Boston:** Complete Streets upgrades on Columbia Road, Martin Luther King Boulevard, Dorchester Avenue, Warren Street, and Blue Hill Avenue

Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

- **Arlington:** Improvements and additions to the Minuteman Bikeway and Route 16
- **Salem to Danvers:** Resurfacing, protected bike lanes, and bus shelters on Route 114 from Salem multimodal transit station to Danvers
- **Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) or former DCR roadways:** Bike paths on DCR roadways including Morrissey Boulevard, Arborway, VFW Parkway, West Roxbury Parkway/Unquity Road/Turtle Pond Parkway/Neponset Valley Parkway, Gallivan Boulevard/Morton Street, Hammond Pond Parkway, Quincy Shore Drive, Furnace Brook Parkway, Blue Hills Parkway/Unquity Road, Revere Beach Parkway, Mystic Valley Parkway, Fellsway

- **Regionwide:** Rail-trail projects including Grand Junction, Mass Central, Dedham (Dedham Square to Readville), Newton Highlands to Needham, and West Roxbury to Needham and Dover
- **Boston:** Charlesgate/Bowker Overpass connecting Muddy River and Charles River Paths

The following major infrastructure project could be added to the Universe of Highway Projects list and could be considered for funding in future long-range transportation plans:

- **Arlington/Medford:** Widening/overpasses on Route 16 between Route 2 and Interstate 93

Transit Projects by Investment Program

The following are projects that could be considered as part of the MPO's proposed investment programs:

Transit Modernization Program

- **Regionwide:** Level boarding and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Commuter Rail stations in Newton

Dedicated Bus Lanes or Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Projects

- **Regionwide:** High-Occupancy Vehicle/Bus Priority/BRT on Interstates 90 and 93/Route 9
- **Regionwide:** BRT on Route 128
- **Regionwide:** Urban Ring Busway

The following major infrastructure projects could be added to the Universe of Transit Projects list and could be considered for funding in future long-range transportation plans. These ideas will also be shared with MassDOT and the MBTA.

Major Infrastructure Program

- **Framingham:** Diesel multiple unit operation along spur from downtown Framingham to future Massachusetts Bay Community College campus, Framingham State University campus, Framingham Business Park, and Westborough Business Park
- **Framingham to Clinton:** Commuter rail on the Fitchburg Line
- **Boston:** Orange Line extension to West Roxbury
- **Boston:** Red Line extension to Mattapan