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**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2007 7:56 AM  
**To:** mpoinfo  
**Subject:** MPO news

**Attachments:** MPO Public Participation flyer.pdf



MPO Public  
Participation flyer...

Dear Interested Party,

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is revising its public participation program for consistency with requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and to incorporate the MPO's current practices. The MPO has prepared a draft Public Participation Program for public review.

It is also considering an amendment and an adjustment to the FY 2007 element of the federal FYs 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The adjustment would allocate funding in the Suburban Mobility Improvement Program for The Local Connection between Marlborough and Southborough, two Neponset Valley RailLink shuttles, the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority service in Franklin, and the establishment of the North Shore Transportation Management Association. The amendment would add two new transit projects and would reallocate funding among several other transit programs, increasing funding for two and decreasing funding for three. It would also incorporate transit carryover funding for two projects; would program federal discretionary and federal earmark funding; and add a state discretionary grant.

The public comment period for the proposed amendment and the adjustment will close on May 21 at 5:00 PM. Meetings to take action are scheduled for May 24 at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

The public comment period for the draft Public Participation Program will close on June 20, 2007, at 5:00 PM. Public meetings to discuss the draft are scheduled in June. (See text below or attached flyer.) Meetings to take action on are now scheduled for June 21 at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

The meetings will take place in a conference room of the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston. Members of the public are invited to attend. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and in writing before close of public comment at the address below. For details, refer to the MPO Web site at [www.bostonmpo.org](http://www.bostonmpo.org) starting May 7.

Copies of the proposed Program, amendment, and adjustment, and meeting information may be obtained at [www.bostonmpo.org](http://www.bostonmpo.org) or by contacting the Central Transportation Planning Staff, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150, Boston 02116-3968; voice (617) 973-7100; TTY (617) 973-7089; fax (617) 973-8855; e-mail [publicinformation@ctps.org](mailto:publicinformation@ctps.org). Accessible formats are available upon request.

## Tell Us What You Think

The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is asking you to share your ideas on how the MPO should conduct its public outreach and to submit your comments on its draft Public Participation Program. The MPO is revising its public participation program to make it consistent with requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and to make sure it reflects the MPO's current practices.

You are invited to participate in one of three focus groups the MPO will be holding. The purpose of these small-group, roundtable discussions is to ask for input on how the MPO might best give and gather information about transportation planning and the programming of federal transportation dollars for eastern Massachusetts.

This invitation has been extended to a diverse set of agencies, organizations, and other interested parties, as the MPO is looking to gather input from a broad spectrum of backgrounds, including people and entities that have never before been involved.

To sign up for a focus group, interested parties should contact Pam Wolfe, MPO staff, at (617) 973-7141 or [pamwolfe@ctps.org](mailto:pamwolfe@ctps.org).

Participation in focus groups is open to the public, but advance registration is requested; members of the public (either pre-registered or un-registered) wishing only to listen to the discussions are also welcome.

The following public focus groups\* will be held:

June 11 - 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Mezzanine Conference Room

of the Boston Public Library

700 Boylston Street,

Copley Square, Boston

Reached by the Green Line-Copley

Station, and MBTA bus Route #9.

June 13 - Noon to 1:30 PM

MPO Conference Room, Room 2150,

State Transportation Building

10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA

Reached by the Silver Line-New

England Medical Center (NEMC) Station;

Orange Line-NEMC or Chinatown Station;

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or MBTA bus Routes #43 and #55.

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Thayer Public Library,

7989 Washington Street,

Braintree, MA

Reached by the Red Line or

Kingston/Plymouth and

Middleborough/Lakeville commuter

rail lines to Braintree Station;

or MBTA bus Routes 230 and 236.

All are invited to submit ideas and

comments in writing to Bernard Cohen,

Secretary of Transportation and Public

Works, at any of the addresses listed

below. Comments are due by 5:00 PM

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Copies of the draft Public Participation

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