

MPO Statement of Candidacy

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Community: Arlington

Chief Elected Official: Clarissa Rowe, Chair, Board of Selectmen

(Suggestions include a brief statement of qualifications; comments on the importance of transportation to the region; and expectations for the Metropolitan Planning Organization)

The Town of Arlington is interested in representing the region's municipalities on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), as one of two At-large Town MPO members. The Town of Arlington has participated in MPO board decision-making for the past two years, through its participation in the Regional Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC). As chair of RTAC, Arlington's Senior Planner Laura Wiener has been involved in MPO deliberations and decisions.

Arlington's Selectmen Chair Clarissa Rowe is a landscape architect and planner, with 36 years of experience in urban design and planning. She is co-owner of the landscape architecture firm Brown, Richardson, & Rowe. As a selectman, she has taken the lead on issues related to land use and transportation, including the redesign of Mass. Ave. in Arlington. That project involves making Mass. Ave. into a complete street that accommodates pedestrians, transit users, bike riders and drivers. She strongly supports good urban design, regional planning and economic development, and strategic use of limited public resources.

Arlington will support transportation planning that supports smart growth by encouraging development where infrastructure already exists, and discouraging it in undeveloped and environmentally sensitive locations. Arlington strongly supports public transit and strategic highway and road improvements to promote economic development.

The MPO will need to continue to work smarter, in order to make the best use of severely limited resources. That includes making small changes that can open up bottlenecks, and open up important areas for growth.

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Community: City of Beverly

Chief Elected Official: William F. Scanlon, Jr., Mayor

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A civil engineer by training and degree, I am now in my sixteenth year as Mayor of the City of Beverly. I have a good understanding of the transportation needs of our region. As the former President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the current chair of the North Shore Coalition of Mayors and Town Managers, I am familiar with the workings of government at both the local and State level.

We need to ensure that our transportation needs are well defined and that the solutions to these needs are pursued in a diligent manner, fair to all parties.

I reference my being the fortunate recipient in 2008 of the Theodore Mann Award for furthering regional planning and inter-governmental cooperation only to underscore my commitment to fairly and thoroughly represent the entire region if I am elected.

I would be pleased to talk to anyone who has questions. I am readily accessible now and will continue to be so if elected. You can be sure that I will attend all relevant meetings personally and that I will put forth my best efforts on projects important to your community and our region. My office direct line number is 978-921-8398. Thank you for your consideration.

Statement of Candidacy for At Large City Seat

Community: City of Everett

Chief Elected Official: Carlo DeMaria

It is with great pleasure that I formally announce my candidacy for election to the Metropolitan Planning Organization as the At Large City seat candidate.

The City of Everett has been an active member of the MPO for over twelve years. As a past City representative, we have worked closely with other MPO members on the development of the Transportation Improvement Program, to ensure the implementation of much needed transportation projects in our region. Everett has been an active member of the UPWP and the TIP Criteria Subcommittee and was informed on every federal, state and local transportation issue. I strongly believe that our past experience allows me to be a well-educated representative working for you and the region.

Today, the benefits of a comprehensive system of mass transit are of utmost importance to the working people, businesses and the environment. If elected to the MPO, I will continue to work with my fellow MPO members to propose and endorse projects that will benefit the residents and businesses within the MPO region. My past experience and skills will prove to be beneficial as we work together to effectively stand for our regions' interests and communicate these interests in order to support local economics and improve our quality of life and the environment.

As the Mayor of the City of Everett, I am particularly aware of transportation issues facing the 101 communities in our region. Planning and overseeing local and regional transportation improvements has been and continues to be one of my top priorities. It will be my privilege to represent all of the 101 communities in our region and I look forward to working with you and your staff on future transportation issues.

I was born and raised in Everett where me and my wife, Stacy, have raised our three children, Carlo, Caroline and Alexandra Rose. For the last 14 years, I represented Everett, first, as a Ward 2 Councilor, then, as Alderman at Large. As an elected official, I work hard to serve the best interests of all of Everett's residents. I always put politics aside to solve real problems and I always put the families of Everett first.

I coached Little League and Pop Warner Football, taught Sunday-school at my local parish, and am successful small business owner. I graduated from Everett High School and Northeastern University, working multiple jobs to pay my way through school.

Currently, I am Vice Chairperson of the Mystic Valley Development Commission, the agency overseeing the development of the River's Edge Project. I serve on the United States Conference of Mayors.

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Community: **Town of Hopkinton**

Chief Elected Official: **Todd A. Cestari**

(Suggestions include a brief statement of qualifications; comments on the importance of transportation to the region; and expectations for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.)

I, Todd Cestari, Chair of the Hopkinton Board of Selectmen, am pleased to announce the Town of Hopkinton's candidacy for the sub-regional Southwest Area Planning (SWAP) open seats on the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Since the establishment of the Boston MPO, Hopkinton has been elected for 13 years to represent the 101 cities and towns and is honored to currently serve as one of the elected local town representatives.

The Town has a strong history of representing all 101 communities fairly and impartially on matters of transportation planning and programming, and the allocation of funding resources. I believe the Town of Hopkinton shares the MPO's mission and shared values and vision expressed in the MetroFuture regional plan.

The Town of Hopkinton has selected its Director of Public Works, John Westerling, as its current representative to the MPO. If elected, the Town will continue to listen to the views of others, seek feedback, and work cooperatively and responsibly to approach the work of the MPO in a forward-looking manner.

The Town of Hopkinton wishes to continue for the SWAP sub-regional seat. I thank you for your vote of support of the Town of Hopkinton's candidacy, so that we may work together to implement our shared regional values and goals.

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Community: Town of Lexington

Chief Elected Official: Hank Manz, Chair, Board of Selectmen

(Suggestions include a brief statement of qualifications; comments on the importance of transportation to the region; and expectations for the Metropolitan Planning Organization)

Lexington is seeking a Boston MPO at-large Town membership. Lexington has a deep interest and significant record in regional transportation issues, and believes that it strongly contributes to effective regional transportation planning and programming. Lexington is a long-time member of the Regional Transportation Advisory Council (Advisory Council), and several of our residents play key transportation roles.

Lexington is located on Route 128 and at the edge of the T's service area. Our residents (and thousands of others who work in Lexington) rely on both transit and roadway infrastructure to get around the metropolitan area. We are oriented equally towards both Boston and to the outer suburbs. As a MAGIC subregion member, we understand transportation needs of developing and mature suburbs.

Lexington was instrumental in creating a coalition of five communities that is pursuing multi-modal solutions to key sections of Route 128. Lexington is at the forefront in local transit services and bikeways, especially in our local Lexpress mini-bus system, and the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway. Lexington collaborates with area towns in improving inter-town transit services, and participates in public/private partnerships.

Hank Manz, Selectmen Chair, will designate Richard Canale, Planning Board Chair, to represent Lexington. Richard, as a former Advisory Council chair, served on the Boston MPO (FFY02/03) as its representative. Thus, he directly understands MPO member responsibilities and need for regional collaboration/solutions. Richard, representing MAGIC, currently serves on several Advisory Council MPO committees. He impartially represents all 101 MPO communities and has an emphasis on public participation, equity, transparency, and consistency.

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Community: Town of Medway

Chief Elected Official: Richard J. Dunne, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

Medway Board of Selectman Chairman Richard Dunne is a candidate for election to the SWAP sub-regional seat on the MPO. In addition to the unanimous support of the Medway Board of Selectmen, he has been endorsed by communities from several sub-regions and seeks the support of all 101 voting MPO communities.

Mr. Dunne has served on the Medway Board of Selectmen since 2006 and is currently its chair. During his tenure, Rich has focused on improving efficiency in local government. He has had a major hand in reshaping Medway's municipal operations helping to bring the town into a solid financial position and develop long-term capital planning strategies to support Medway's vision for its future within common municipal budgeting constraints.

Rich is a results oriented entrepreneur with experience in acquisitions, turnarounds, finance, and strategic planning. Originally from Ireland and a former resident of Germany, he brings an international perspective to local and regional issues. As the chief operating officer of a local company, Rich understands the need for businesses to have access to the best available talent. The role of the MPO to provide transportation connections between the region's residents and employment opportunities is paramount to the economic growth and prosperity of the Boston metropolitan area. His innovation skills will inject creative energy to the planning and programming of financial resources for the region's multi-modal transportation system.

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Community: Natick

Chief Elected Official: Charles M. Hughes

Natick seeks an at-large Town seat on the Boston MPO to help ensure fair and farsighted funding of transportation improvements throughout the region. Natick is a regionally important community for employment and commerce, and is impacted by the need to maintain and improve the Boston area's transportation system to support economic recovery and growth.

If elected, our priorities are to ensure equitable funding of transportation projects; to work for visibility, transparency and credibility of the TIP process; to advocate for federal and state funding to sustain and modernize our transportation infrastructure; and to collaborate effectively with the communities and organizations represented on the MPO.

Natick is committed to regional partnerships. As among the first communities to join the MetroWest RTA, as an active member of our MAPC subregion, and as home to leaders who work to strengthen the entire region and the commonwealth, we can participate productively on the expanded MPO.

Natick understands the importance of every mode of travel: whether passenger or freight; bus, rail, auto, bicycle and pedestrian; mobility and disability issues; and the challenges of working within inherited systems and cultures. The Town supports infrastructure investment, with a track record of engaging the public on strategic issues.

We are grateful for community support for Natick's nomination and candidacy as an at-large Town member of the MPO.

We encourage interested officials to contact our Chair, Charlie Hughes at 508 596-5990 or BOS member Joshua Ostroff at 508 654-3330 with any questions, comments or concerns or ideas.

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Community: NEEDHAM

Chief Elected Official: Maurice P. Handel, Chair, Board of Selectmen

(Suggestions include a brief statement of qualifications; comments on the importance of transportation to the region; and expectations for the Metropolitan Planning Organization)

Needham Board of Selectman Chair Maurice (Moe) Handel is a candidate for election to one of the two At-Large Town MPO seats to be filled at the MAPC Fall Council Meeting.

Although the eight MPO vacancies are allocated as "city," "town," and "regional" seats, they are each to be filled by vote of all MAPC representatives. The Needham Board of Selectman has unanimously voted to support Moe Handel's candidacy, and asks the consideration of all 101 voting communities.

In addition to service as a Selectman, Moe's local government experience includes 12 years on the Needham Planning Board, membership on the town's Council of Economic Advisors, and numerous task and study committees. He has worked for the Development Authority of Pittsburgh, Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh, and the Newton Wellesley Hospital, and as a healthcare and planning consultant in the Boston area. A native of Boston, Moe grew up in Newton, and is a United States Army veteran. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Military College (BA, Political Science), University of Pittsburgh (MPH), and Cornell University (MRP, Regional Planning).

Moe has a strong interest in regional planning and transportation issues, especially promoting regional economic growth through prioritized investment of available mass transportation and infrastructure improvement funding.

In local and regional governance, Moe has shown himself to work well in groups with diverse interests and viewpoints, to listen and help build consensus, and to help groups achieve their long term goals. He will be a strong addition to the MPO board's membership.

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Community: City of Newton

Chief Elected Official: Mayor Setti D. Warren

(Suggestions include a brief statement of qualifications; comments on the importance of transportation to the region; and expectations for the Metropolitan Planning Organization)

- Mayor of Newton, 2010 – current
- Chair, U.S. Conference of Mayors' Community Development and Housing Committee, 2010-current
- Tour of duty in Iraq as a Navy Intelligence Specialist, 2007-2008
- Deputy State Director for the Office of Sen. Kerry in Massachusetts, 2005-2007
- National Trip Director for Senator Kerry's presidential campaign, 2003-2004
- Founding Member of the Newton Community Preservation Committee, 2002
- New England Director of FEMA, 1999-2000
- Special Assistant in the Office of Cabinet Affairs, 1996

The City of Newton brings the following strengths to the MPO:

- A proven commitment to the MPO and its subcommittees
- Knowledge of the MPO process, transportation projects across the region, and funding realities
- The ability to help address divergent interests and develop consensus among the municipalities in the region
- Support for the renewal of the federal gas tax in addition to the federal infrastructure bank, proposed by Senators Kerry and Hutchinson

An increasingly diverse and nearly built-out City of over 85,000, Newton is characterized by a patchwork of 13 Village Centers and has always been defined by water, rail and highway corridors. The City's Comprehensive Plan places great value in an active and constructive role in regional planning. As an elected member of the MPO since 1997, Newton has always recognized that each transportation decision impacts the health of our entire region, and has based its votes on the practicality and readiness of each project, environmental justice and geographic equity.

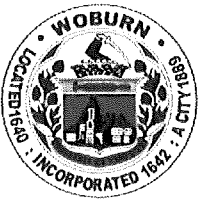
I sincerely look forward to continuing to serve on the Boston Region MPO and can assure you of Newton's commitment to a regional vision and mutual cooperation in the decision-making process.

Town of Norwood – Statement of Candidacy – Boston MPO

The Town of Norwood wishes to serve as the sub regional seat for the Three Rivers Interlocal Council (TRIC). We need your vote to do this. Situated geographically in the center of the sub-region, Norwood is well qualified to represent TRIC as well as the entire Boston Region MPO.. Norwood has been an active participant in TRIC for many years and works closely with the surrounding communities on regional transportation issues. Norwood also participates in the Regional Working Group (RWG), a collaborative effort among several towns in the region and the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce. The RWG has been instrumental in advancing transportation projects such as the Route 128 add-a-lane, Route 1/95 Corridor study and the Route 93/95 interchange.

Transportation in the TRIC region is important for a number of reasons as the area includes Routes 128, 95, 93, 1, 1A and others as well as several commuter rail stops and stations, an airport and bus service from the T.

Norwood looks forward to being an active and committed member of the MPO and to bringing a perspective of regional stewardship to the table in a way that benefits all communities served by the Boston Region MPO.



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Statement of Candidacy for the North Suburban Planning Council Sub-Region Seat on MPO

As Mayor of the City of Woburn, I am a candidate to be the Representative of the North Suburban Planning Council sub-region of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. I am strongly aware of the infrastructure and public transportation issues affecting the nine communities in the North Suburban region, particularly as they relate to Routes 93 and 128.

My experience as Mayor, combined with my legal background, make me a solid candidate for the position. I have interacted with many state and federal agencies, and have attended numerous local transportation sessions. I am committed to ensuring that the North Suburban sub-region is well represented, and will advocate your interests through the UPWP, TIP and RTP.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request your support on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.