



MEETING CALENDAR

For the most recent information on the following public meetings and others that may have been scheduled after TRANSREPORT went to press, go to www.bostonmpo.org or call (617) 973-7119.

AT THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BUILDING, 10 PARK PLAZA, BOSTON

March 14 (Wednesday)

Regional Transportation Advisory Council Freight Committee. *MPO Conference Room, Suite 2150.* 1:00 PM

Regional Transportation Advisory Council. *Conference Room 4.* 3:00 PM

March 15 (Thursday)

Boston Region MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee. *Conference Room 1.* 10:00 AM

Boston Region MPO Subcommittees:

Unified Planning Work Program. *MPO Conference Room, Suite 2150.* 9:15 AM

Suburban Mobility/Transportation Demand Management. *MPO Conference Room, Suite 2150.* 1:00 PM

March 26 (Monday)

MBTA Rider Oversight Committee. *Conference Rooms 1, 2, and 3.* 4:30 PM

March 28 (Wednesday)

Access Advisory Committee to the MBTA. *Conference Rooms 2 and 3.* 1:00 PM

March 29 (Thursday)

Boston Region MPO Transportation Planning and Programming Committee: Recommendation on JOURNEY TO 2030. *Conference Room 4.* 10:00 AM

Boston Region MPO: Endorsement of JOURNEY TO 2030. *Conference Room 4.* 1:00 PM

AT OTHER BOSTON AREA LOCATIONS

March 21 (Wednesday)

Boston Region MPO JOURNEY TO 2030 Workshop. *Hingham Town Hall.* 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

I-93/I-95 Interchange Transportation Study Informational Meeting. *Woburn High School, 88 Montvale Avenue, Woburn.* 6:00 PM–9:00 PM

Share Your Views on JOURNEY TO 2030; Comment Period to Close on March 27

This month marks the culmination of the development of the Boston Region MPO's long-range transportation plan, JOURNEY TO 2030, which has been circulated in draft form for public review and comment.

If you missed the Plan workshops held in February and earlier this month in Boston, Dedham, Lynn, Quincy, and Waltham, or the MPO's March Open House, there is still an opportunity to learn more about JOURNEY TO 2030 at a workshop scheduled for March 21 in Hingham (see the meeting calendar at left for details).

The MPO invites all members of the public to comment on the document during the review period, which will end at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 27.

Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Transportation Secretary Bernard Cohen, MPO Chairman, via any of the following means:

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The draft JOURNEY TO 2030 is available at www.bostonmpo.org. Just click on the "What's New" button. You may also request a copy of the Plan by contacting the MPO at (617) 973-7100 (voice), (617) 973-7089 (TTY), or publicinformation@bostonmpo.org. In addition, it may be viewed on compact disc at any of the public libraries in the MPO area.

Final Federal Planning Rule Issued

The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration jointly issued the Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Rule (72 Fed. Reg. 7224) in February. The final rule revises planning regulations 23 C.F.R. Part 450 and 49 C.F.R. Part 613 to reflect the many changes made by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transpor-

The MPO's Transportation Planning and Programming Committee will consider the comments received on the Plan prior to recommending MPO approval of a final version of JOURNEY TO 2030 at meetings scheduled for March 29 (see the meeting calendar at left for details).

Following MPO approval, the Plan will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for review and approval.

For further information about the Plan, contact Anne McGahan of the Boston MPO staff at (617) 973-7100 or mcgahan@bostonmpo.org.

tation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

For a text version of the final rule, go to <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-493.htm>.

For a PDF version, go to <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07-493.pdf>.

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Boston Region MPO Activities

BOSTON REGION MPO ACTION ITEMS

In addition to wrapping up its work on the draft JOURNEY TO 2030 for public review (see page 1), the MPO's Transportation Planning and Programming Committee approved two work programs to be conducted by the Central Transportation Planning Staff. The first work program involves the preparation of travel demand forecasts in support of the draft environmental impact report on Storrow Drive tunnel rehabilitation/reconstruction that is being prepared by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The second is an impact analysis of the 2007 MBTA fare increase and restructuring, which is being conducted on behalf of the MBTA.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

At the February meeting, Anne McGahan, project manager for JOURNEY TO 2030, provided the Advisory Council with an overview of the MPO's draft regional transportation plan that is currently under public review. In addition, Kathy Spiegelman, chief planner for the Allston Development Group of Harvard University and the Harvard Allston Initiative, gave a presentation on "The Plan for Harvard in Allston." This plan outlines a megaproject that will add approximately 200 acres to Harvard

University's campus over the course of the next 50 years.

At its March meeting, the Advisory Council is scheduled to receive a briefing on the MBTA's Operation Lifesaver program. The Council will also continue to develop its comments on JOURNEY TO 2030. See the calendar on page 1 for details about the March Advisory Council and Advisory Council Freight Committee meetings.

ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE MBTA (AACT) UPDATE

Nominations continue to be accepted for the AACT election of officers to be held on May 23. In accordance with

AACT bylaws, candidacy requires the signature of five eligible AACT members in good standing, the submittal of a 50-word personal profile, and conformity with specific membership and attendance requirements.

For more information about these requirements or to request nomination papers for the election, contact AACT coordinator Janie Guion at (617) 973-7507 (voice), (617) 973-7089 (TTY), or guion@ctps.org.

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