

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 21, 2022
TO: Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
FROM: Stella Jordan, MPO Staff
RE: Amendment to the MPO's Public Engagement Plan

This memorandum explains a proposed amendment to the MPO's Public Engagement Plan (PEP), which the MPO board is being requested to vote to release for a 45-day public comment period on July 21, 2022.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment to Chapter 4, Section 4.3, of the PEP aligns the PEP with updates to the public engagement process in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The current PEP states that all amendments to the UPWP will be released for a 21-day public comment period. A public comment period for UPWP amendments is not required by federal guidelines. The proposed amendment to the PEP, consistent with updated language in the FFY 2023 UPWP, provides the option for the MPO to vote to waive the 21-day public comment period on UPWP amendments, at the recommendation of the UPWP Committee and the discretion of the MPO board.

All UPWP amendments and administrative modifications will still be presented to the MPO board for a vote, and interested parties will have the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed amendments during UPWP Committee and MPO meetings. If the MPO does vote to release an amendment for a 21-day public comment period, public notification will follow the same process used for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments.

This amendment to the PEP is consistent with federal public participation guidelines and regulations and will provide greater flexibility for the MPO when amending the UPWP.

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