



TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Glenn Eaton, Executive Director
RE: Draft Amendment #5 to the Transit Element of
the FFY 2023-2027 Montachusett
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
DATE: June 29, 2023

Based upon the Montachusett Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Program (PPP) developed by the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) that attempts to establish a proactive public involvement process as required under the Metropolitan Planning Regulations, this memo serves as notice of a 10 day public review and comment period for Draft Transit Amendment #5 to the MPO Endorsed FFY 2023-2027 Montachusett Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the availability of the draft document developed by the Montachusett MPO. The public involvement process with the time established for review of the TIP and its Amendments will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for transit projects. Due to funding needs, the MPO voted to reduce the public comment period to the minimum allowable period of 10 days. The abbreviated public review and comment period will commence on Monday July 3, 2023 and close at the end of business on Wednesday July 12, 2023.

The Amendment reflects a cost change to six (6) projects and the removal of two (2) projects from the FFY 2023 Transit Element. These changes are due to increased costs and updated priorities for MART. At an online meeting held on June 28, 2023, the Montachusett MPO reviewed the proposed Amendment and voted that it be released for an abbreviated public review and comment.

A summary of the proposed amendment is available for review. Copies can be obtained online at the MRPC website, www.mrpc.org, or copies can be mailed upon request by contacting the MRPC at (978) 345-7376.

We ask that any interested party review draft Transit Amendment #5 and make any comments that they deem appropriate. Written or verbal comments will be accepted up till the close of business on Wednesday July 12, 2023 and should be addressed: TIP Amendment Comments, MRPC, 464 Abbott Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453. Comments can also be sent via email to: mrpc@mrpc.org. Please specify TIP Amendment Comments in the subject line. In addition, comments may be made during the online Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee (MJTC) meeting to be held on Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 2:30 PM. Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated into a final Transit TIP Amendment #5.

If no significant objections are made during the public review period, the final document will be forwarded for endorsement to the MPO at an online meeting to be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday July 26, 2023.

Please refer to the MRPC website Calendar for information on how to join the virtual MJTC and MPO meetings through GoToMeeting.com.

If there are questions on the Draft Transit Amendment #5, the review and comment period or how to participate in the online meetings, please contact the MRPC.