



Notice of Public Hearings/ Availability for Review and Comment

Notice is hereby given of the Availability of the following Draft amendments for public review and comment:

- **Draft Amendments #1 and # 2 to the FFY 2021 Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) December 2020**
- **Draft Amendments #1 to #7 to the FFYs 2021-2025 MVMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) December 2020**

Two (2) VIRTUAL Public Hearings on these documents will be held, one in the early afternoon, and one in the evening:

Public Hearings (Virtual)

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Hearing #1)

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Hearing #2)

Location: These will be Virtual Meetings (see below)

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The UPWP presents information on the transportation planning activities that will be carried out in the MVMPO region over the federal fiscal year (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021). Most of these analyses and studies will be conducted by the transportation planning staff of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission. However, other important studies that impact the region, including studies conducted by other agencies, are also identified and briefly described.

The TIP is a Federally-mandated document that programs Federal transportation funding in the region. The TIP provides a brief description of each road or transit project along with estimates of cost and the year that it will likely be advertised for construction. Any transportation project that will use federal transportation funds must be in the TIP. In addition, the MVMPO's Public Participation Plan satisfies the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority's public participation process for the development of its Program of Projects.

The above referenced amendments are available for review on the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC) website (www.mvpc.org) for the twenty-one (21) day review period beginning on December 9, 2020 and ending on December 29, 2020.

The MVMPO staff will accept emailed written comments on the Draft documents through December 29, 2020. Public comments must be submitted to: akomornick@mvpc.org.

The MVMPO expects to take action on the above documents at its late December meeting (check www.mvpc.org toward the end of the review period for recent news regarding the MPO VIRTUAL meeting. Members of the public are invited to JOIN the VIRTUAL meeting. Comments on the draft documents will also be accepted orally at this meeting. In the event that further amendments to the documents are recommended, the draft documents will be re-released for public comment in accordance with the MVMPO Public Participation Plan. Upon adoption by the MVMPO, the TIP will be considered to be the MVMPO's final program of projects.

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