

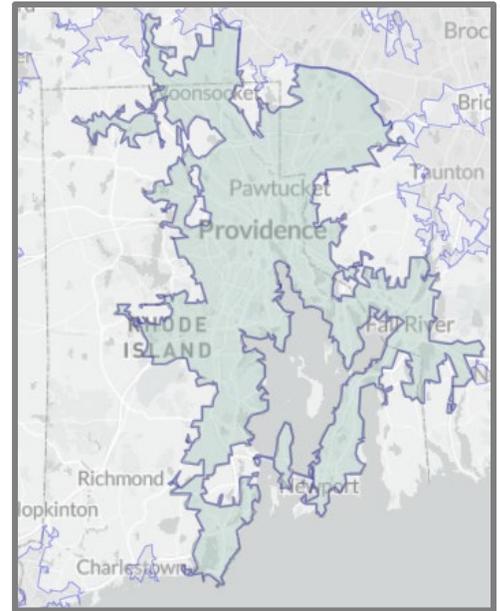
2022 Federal Certification Review

of the

State Planning Council - Metropolitan Planning Organization

for the

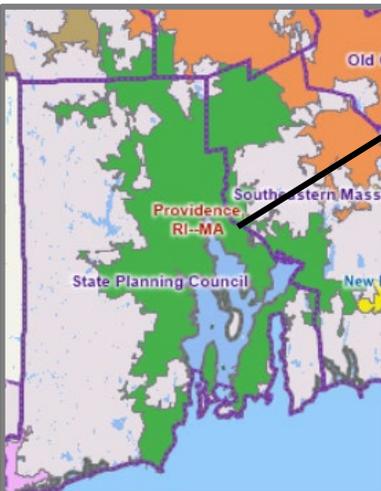
Providence, RI – MA Transportation Management Area



Overview

At least once every four years, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving a Transportation Management Area (TMA) – an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 – is carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process in adherence with federal requirements under [23 U.S.C. 134](#) and [49 U.S.C. 5303](#). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly conduct this review, make a certification determination, and produce a report that may include compliance issues (corrective actions), areas for improvement (recommendations), and/or notable practices (commendations). Based on these findings, the MPO will either be “certified,” “certified with conditions or restrictions,” or “not certified”.

Providence, RI - MA TMA



Designated MPO:

State Planning Council

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Staffed by:

RI Division of
Statewide Planning

Comprised Of:

State, Local and Public
Representatives and
Other Advisors



Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

A **continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive** (3-C) process that informs transportation decisions, including how projects are selected and prioritized for implementation within a region.

With limited funds, this is critical for prioritizing regional needs and identifying projects that best meet performance goals and objectives while providing public benefit. The process assists in developing a framework for the future transportation system.

3-C Planning Process

Continuous: Regularly addressing short-term needs and long-term regional goals

Cooperative: Involving all interested parties through a public participation process

Comprehensive: Multimodal in scope and consistent with other regional and statewide planning products and federal planning factors

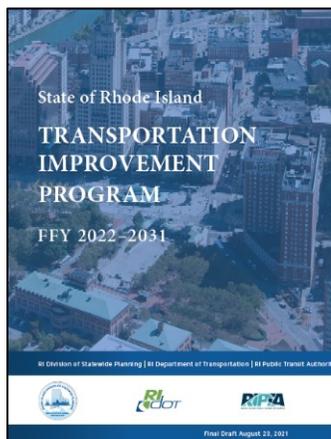
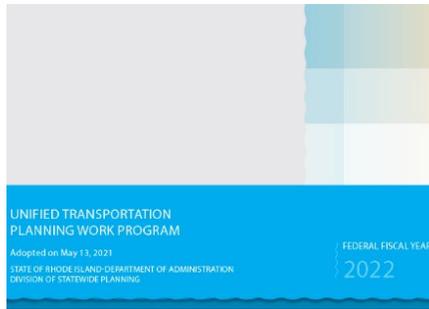
Four Key MPO Planning Documents

Please note that there are other federal requirements applicable to MPOs, however these are four core planning documents that frame the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Lists transportation tasks, products, and associated costs that MPO staff and other responsible parties will perform to support the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Updated annually



State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

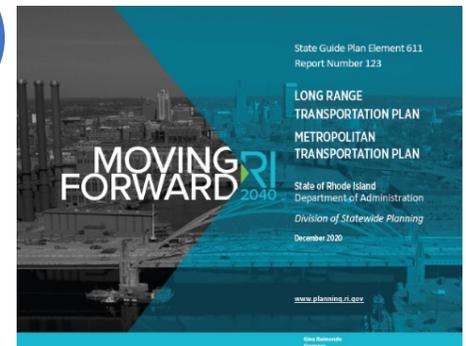
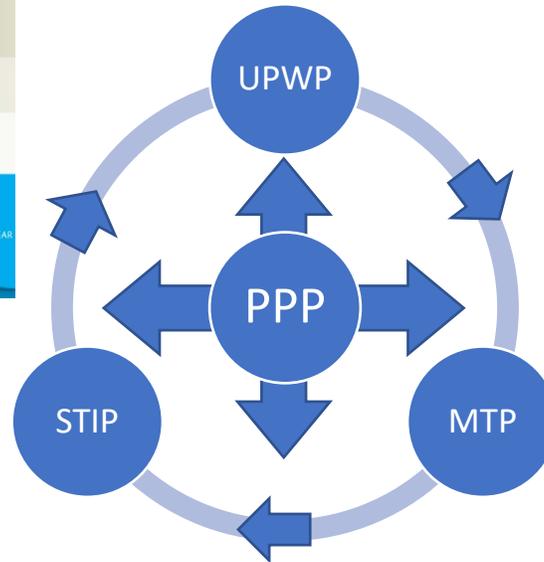
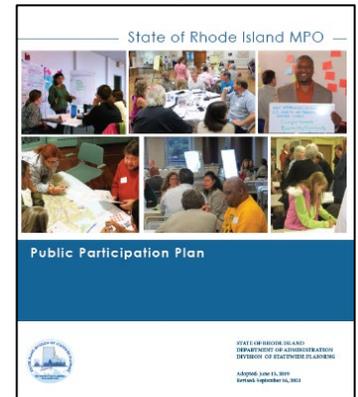
Identifies transportation investments, and associated costs, by year for implementation in the region over the next 4 years. Projects reflect investment priorities from the MTP and activities from the UPWP.

Updated regularly; New STIP prepared at least every 4 years

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Documents public involvement strategies that provide the general public and planning stakeholders with meaningful opportunities to influence transportation decisions throughout the planning process.

Updated as needed



Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Also known as a Long Range Transportation Plan (L RTP)

Establishes regional goals, strategies, projects, and priorities for an integrated intermodal transportation system that reflect current and future demand over at least 20 years.

Updated every four years

Things to Think About...

What are your views on the planning process?

- What are some challenges?
- What are some strengths?

Do you feel you understand how the planning process works and how to get involved?

Do you feel like you have adequate opportunities to participate and be heard?

How is the Process Going? We Want Your Input!

Written comments can be submitted by February 25, 2022 to:

FHWA: Randy Warden, FHWA Rhode Island Division
randy.warden@dot.gov or
 380 Westminster Street, Suite 601; Providence, RI 02903

FTA: Leah Sirmin, FTA Region 1
leah.sirmin@dot.gov or
 55 Broadway, Suite 920; Cambridge, MA 02142

Comments can also be submitted on-line using Smart Comment:
<https://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=KR9MC>



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Public Input Opportunity

Come share your views about the transportation planning process in Rhode Island!

Federal law requires every metropolitan area with a population over 50,000 to have a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to qualify for receipt of federal highway and transit funds. The State Planning Council (SPC), which is staffed by the Rhode Island Department of Administration's Division of Statewide Planning, is the designated MPO responsible for transportation planning in the State of Rhode Island. Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required to review the metropolitan transportation planning process conducted by the SPC, along with its state and local partners, in order to certify that they are carrying out the process in accordance with all applicable Federal requirements.

As part of this review, the Federal agencies would like to hear from members of the public regarding how the transportation planning process is conducted in the region.

Comments can be offered at the virtual public meetings conducted by FHWA and FTA, which are to be held during the regularly scheduled meetings of the:

State Planning Council

February 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Transportation Advisory Committee

February 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Please visit the Division of Statewide Planning website for meeting location and/or Zoom log-on information at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/>

If you are unable to attend, you may also submit your comments or observations in writing at <https://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=KR9MC>

Additionally, feedback on the planning process may be submitted to either of the federal contacts below:

Federal Contacts:

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All Comments must be received no later than 4:00 pm on February 25, 2022.

The meeting location is accessible to handicapped persons and individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Lisa Middleton at 401-222-2180 (voice) or #711 (R.I. Relay) as soon as possible. Any individual requiring the services of an interpreter should contact Benny Bergantino at 222-1755 (voice) as soon as possible.



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Oportunidad para que el público opine

Venga a compartir sus ideas con respecto al proceso de planificación para transporte en el estado de Rhode Island

Las leyes federales requieren que cada área metropolitana con una población de más de 50,000 habitantes tenga designado una Organización de Planificación Metropolitana (OPM) (en inglés Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)) para calificar por fondos monetarios federales de carreteras y tránsito. El Consejo de Planificación Estatal, es la organización designada por ley federal como la Organización de Planificación Metropolitana (OPM) responsable por la planificación de transporte en Rhode Island. La División de Planificación Estatal del Departamento de Administración de Rhode Island, provee el personal para el OPM. Cada cuatro años, la Administración Federal de Carreteras (en inglés Federal Highway Administration (**FHWA**)) y la Administración Federal de Transporte (en inglés Federal Transit Administration (**FTA**)) están obligados a hacer un análisis del proceso de planificación metropolitana de transporte que lleva a cabo el Consejo de Planificación Estatal junto con sus asociados de los gobiernos locales y estatales. Para así certificar que estén cumpliendo con el proceso de acuerdo con los requerimientos federales.

Como parte del análisis, las agencias federales desean oír las opiniones del público con respecto a cómo el proceso de planificación de transporte es conducido en la región.

Puede dar sus opiniones en la reunión virtual conducido por la Administración Federal de Carreteras y la Administración Federal de Transporte, que se llevaran a cabo durante las reuniones regulares de las entidades que siguen:

Consejo de Planificación Estatal
10 febrero 2022 a las 9:00 AM

Comité Asesor de Transporte
17 febrero 2022 a las 5:30 PM

Por favor visite la página web de la División de Planificación Estatal para averiguar a donde se llevará a cabo la reunión o para conseguir la información de entrada para el programa Zoom a <http://www.planning.ri.gov/>

Si no puede asistir a las reuniones, puede someter sus comentarios u observaciones por escrito a <https://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=KR9MC>

Además, puede dirigir sus comentarios sobre el proceso de planificación a cualquiera de las agencias federales como sigue:

Contactos de las agencias Federales:

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Todos los comentarios deben ser recibidos a más tardar a las 4:00 pm el 25 febrero 2022.

El lugar de la reunión es accesible a personas minusválidas e incapacitadas. Las personas que requieren acomodación especial para atender a la reunión pueden ponerse en contacto con Lisa Middleton al 401-222-2180 (voz) o al #711 (Relé RI) lo más pronto posible. Personas que necesitan los servicios de un intérprete por favor comuníquense con Benny Bergantino al 401-222-1755 (voz) lo más pronto posible.