

MBTA Sources of Community Value

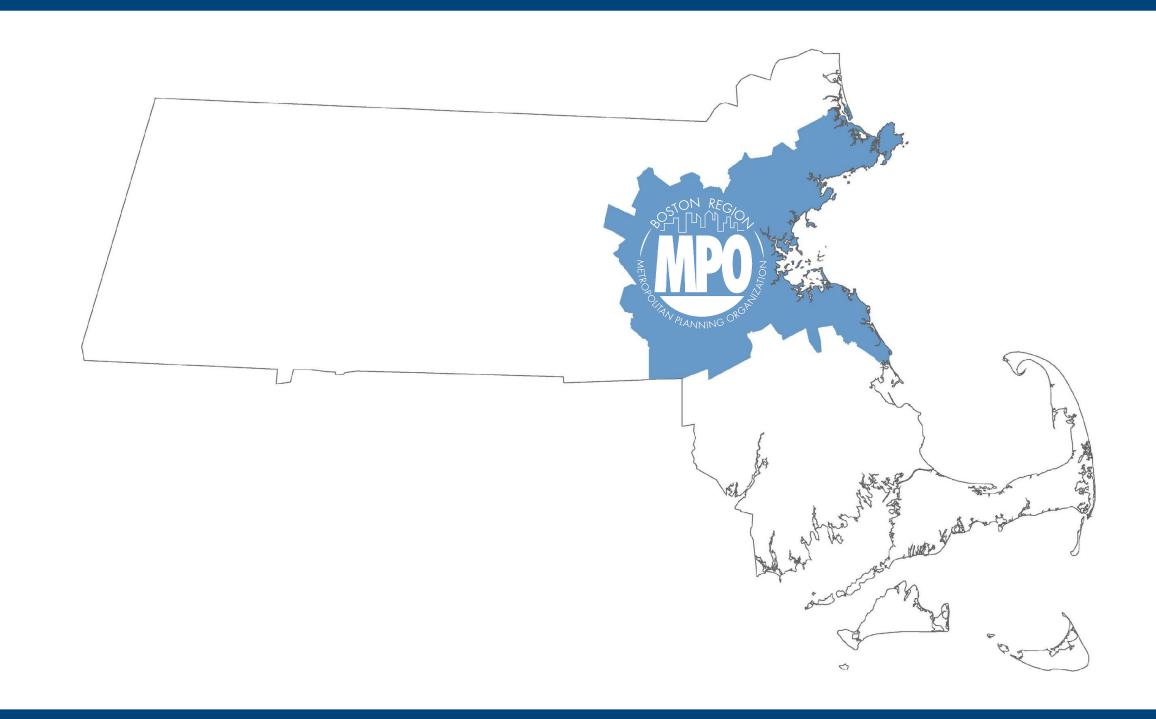
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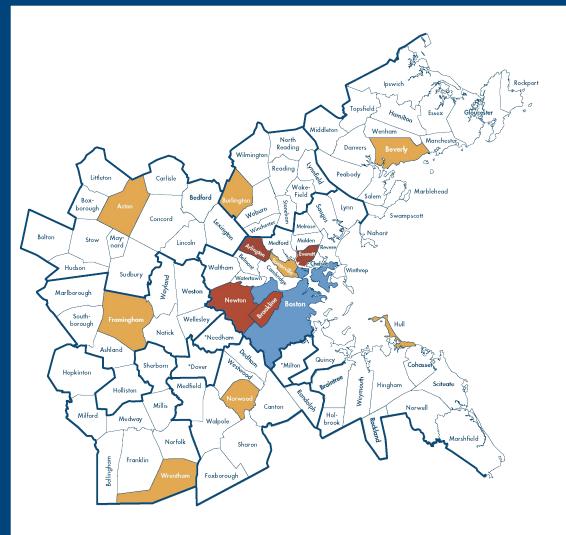


MPOs are designated by agreement between the governor and local governments to

- facilitate collaboration of governments, interested parties, and residents in the planning process, and
- perform significant planning and programming as a prerequisite to getting federal funding.







- 22 Boston Region MPO Board Members
- City of Boston (two seats)
- City or town at-large (four, elected)
- Subregion representatives (eight, elected)
- Subregion boundary

MassDOT (three seats, Secretary as chair)

MBTA (one seat)

Massport (one seat)

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (one seat, vice chair)

MBTA Advisory Board (one seat)

Regional Transportation Advisory Council (one seat)

Study Background

- Evaluate revenue sources used by peer agencies
- Previous MBTA research
 - Presented to MBTA Board in Sept. 2022
- CTPS: perform technical analysis of these sources
 - MPO scope approved in May 2023
- Strategies would all require legislation

Study Structure

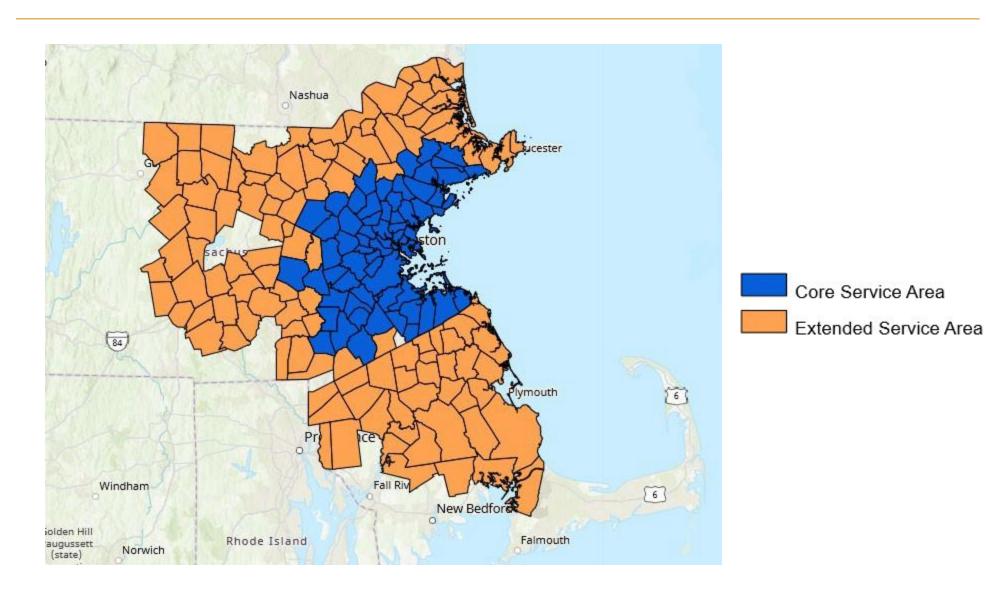
Three phases:

- 1. Review previous work
- 2. Assess Massachusetts context/revenue potential
- 3. Documentation

Strategy Selection

- 10 strategies
- Evaluation process
 - Initial revenue assessments for all 10 strategies
 - MBTA selected six highest revenue strategies for more detailed analysis
- Three categories
 - Vehicle access, road usage, value generated by transit

MBTA Service District



Vehicle Access

- Motor vehicle excise/registration fee
 - Excise: \$36–570 million
 - Increase the existing 2.5% excise by 0.25-2%
 - Fee: \$33–104 million
 - Additional \$20 vehicle registration fee (currently \$60) or age-based variable fee
- Gas tax
 - \$22–356 million
 - Increase the current gas tax from 24 cents per gallon
 - 30 cents (New England average) or 36 cents (Boston–DC average) per gallon

Road Usage

- Increased highway tolling
 - \$22–80 million (assumes MBTA receives 50% of new revenue)
 - Increase tolls by 50-100% on existing tolled highway network to be in line with other East Coast cities
- Corridor level congestion pricing
 - \$220–440 million annually (total; some portion to be allocated to MBTA)
 - Expand highway tolling within Route 128
 - Similar toll per mile to current Turnpike

Value Generated by Transit

- TOD value capture for new development
 - \$25–85 million annually after 10 years (total)
 - MBTA would capture 5–10% of property tax increment near rapid transit stations for new developments
- Sales/meals/room taxes
 - Sales tax: \$335 million (remains 6.25%; MBTA transfer increases from 1% to 1.25%)
 - Meals: \$110–175 million (6.25% statewide; increase by 1% in MBTA service area)
 - Rooms: \$30–35 million (5.7% statewide; increase by 1% in MBTA service area)

Additional Strategies

CATEGORY	STRATEGY	ESTIMATED REVENUE
Vehicle access	Vehicle rental tax	\$6-10 million
Road usage	High-occupancy toll lanes	\$7.5 million
	Automated bus lane enforcement	\$2-7 million
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by transit	District improvement financing	\$2-11 million

Project Summary

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Value generated	Transit-oriented development value capture	\$25-85 million
by transit	Sales, meals, and room occupancy taxes	\$30-335 million
	District improvement financing	\$2-11 million