

Transportation Finance Reform & the MetroFuture Vision

An affordable transportation system that provides Greater Boston's residents and businesses with convenient options is an integral part of the MetroFuture vision. MetroFuture goals include building a more efficient and extensive transit system, improved infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, and more efficient project design and construction. The region's ability to achieve these goals depends on having a transportation system that is reliably funded and transportation agencies that are able to demonstrate accountability to the public.

MetroFuture Recommendations for Change

Increased and diversified revenue streams for transportation are needed to avoid extensive cuts to MBTA services, increased fares and tolls, and other measures which will negatively impact transportation standards. And, municipalities need more flexibility to raise and allocate new revenues for their own local infrastructure demands.

MetroFuture includes recommendations to:

- Maintain and expand public transportation infrastructure
- Support sufficient local funding for road and sidewalk maintenance
- Increase investment in pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly infrastructure
- Ensure that a restructured transportation authority includes a wider variety of perspectives, including professional planners

Ongoing Activities

Massachusetts' transportation system and funding challenges have been a hotly debated issue in recent months. MAPC has been and will continue working with allies to make the case for greater investment and advance transportation finance reform through:

- Ongoing discussions with legislators, administration officials, and other decision-makers
- media outreach
- Information campaigns with constituencies throughout the region
- Organized advocacy efforts with other organizations, individuals and municipalities calling for transportation finance reform and increased revenues