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Notice of Public Hearings/ Availability for Review and Comment

Notice is hereby given of the Availability of the following document/materials for public review and comment:

Draft April 2015 Amendments to the 2015-2018 Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The MVMPO FFYs 2015-2018 TIP lists the highway and transit projects in the MVMPO region that are programmed to receive federal funds during these federal fiscal years. The Merrimack Valley MPO's Public Participation Plan satisfies the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority's public participation process for the development of its Program of Projects.

Copies of the above referenced document are available for review at the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC) office at 160 Main Street in Haverhill and at local libraries for the thirty (30) day review period beginning on April 19, 2015 and ending on May 18, 2015. The document is also available on the MVPC website at www.mvpc.org. The MVPC will accept mailed or emailed written comments on the Draft document through May 18, 2015. If submitted by regular mail, public comments must be addressed to:

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If submitted by email, public comments must be submitted to: akomornick@mvpc.org.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE: Wednesday, May 6, 2015
TIME: 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM
LOCATION: MVPC Offices
160 Main Street
Haverhill, MA 01830

The MVMPO expects to take action on the above document at its next meeting (check www.mvpc.org toward the end of the review period for recent news regarding the MPO meeting date). Members of the public are invited to attend. Comments on the draft document will also be accepted in writing or orally at this meeting. In the event that further amendments to the document are recommended, the draft document 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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