



Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission

**Notice of Public Hearings/
Availability for Review and
Comment**

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

- Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),
- MVMPO FFY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and
- June 2016 Amendments to the MVMPO FFYs 2016-2019 TIP.

The TIP is a federally-mandated document that programs federal transportation construction funding in the region. The TIP provides a brief description of each 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 UPWP presents information on the transportation planning activities that will be carried out in the MVMPO region over the coming federal fiscal year (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018). Most of these analyses and studies will be conducted by the MVMPO staff. However, other important studies that impact the region, including those studies conducted by other agencies, are also identified and briefly described.

Copies of the above referenced documents 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 June 30, 2016 and ending on July 29, 2016. The documents are also available on the MVPC website at www.mvpc.org.

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The MVMPO staff will accept mailed or emailed written comments on the Draft documents through July 29, 2016. 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, July 13, 2016
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 documents 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 documents will also be accepted in writing or 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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