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Public Notice: Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Proposed Action, Public Hearings, and Comment Period

The Merrimack Valley Planning Organization (MVMPO) hereby gives notice of the availability of the following proposed action(s) for public review and comment:

Proposed FFY2024-2028 TIP Amendment #2

The above referenced action(s) are available for review on the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC) website (www.mvpc.org/mvmpo) and are described below. The Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO) will hold two public hearings to discuss the proposed action(s) and receive comments. Comments may also be submitted directly by email to transportation@mvpc.org.

- **Hearing Location:** Virtual
- **Date:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023
- **Time:** 1:00pm (public hearing #1) and 8:15pm (public hearing #2)
- **Meeting Format:** No formal presentations will be given; however, staff will be available to discuss the action(s) and receive comments. Comments will be provided to the MVMPO Board to inform their consideration of the action(s).

Proposed Action(s):

This amendment includes several TIP changes proposed by Merrimack Valley Transit:

- 1) The number of transit buses being purchased has increased from 8 to 14. This change addresses two critical needs: (1) In order to better address the needs of transit riders, MeVa has utilized additional MassDOT operating assistance to significantly increase the frequency, span and days of service, resulting in a need for increased equipment; and (2) due to an issue starting in 2025 with the lack of availability of Cummins Engine that meet the CARB standards, MeVa is ordering some buses 1 year early.
- 2) A project for acquiring crossover SUVs to be used in paratransit revenue service has been added. This will allow MeVa to be more nimble in deploying right-sized vehicles based on rider need and number of passengers in the vehicle.
- 3) The budget for the McGovern Project has been increased to add scope to the project for sandblasting and painting the metal beams on the first floor, as determined necessary following a full assessment of current conditions.
- 4) The design for the Admin/Maintenance facility expansion has been decreased and split into a feasibility study with preliminary design moved in FY25.

5) The planning projects have been removed, along with a reduction in preventative maintenance to reprogram those funds into the expanded projects above. This will not result in a reduction in planning or preventative maintenance activity, but rather to accurately reflect how federal funding is utilized for each element of the TIP/STIP.

Public Hearing Access:

Hearing #1:

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81958455407?pwd=DZbaKlPPweUYaN17bXtel04L9omJ7.1>

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Hearing #2:

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83523878127?pwd=IVolqFS5HpHbPNjS5EGaWAlSF1WIEK.1>

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