

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission is accepting public comment on the

Draft 2019 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The NRPC, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Nashua Region, is holding a public comment period on the draft 2019 – 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. https://www.nashuarpc.org/files/9115/4266/3849/MTP_DRAFT_for_Public_Comment.pdf. Documents are also available at the NRPC office for review.

This process is being conducted in accordance with the Public Involvement Procedures (PIP) adopted by the Nashua MPO for the development of the MTP; the PIP meets Federal and State requirements and satisfies the FTA's Program of Projects requirements for public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment.

As of July 20, 2013, all of New Hampshire meets the requirements for the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone. In addition, on March 10, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved a limited maintenance plan to address Carbon Monoxide (CO) for the City of Nashua satisfying the need for future regional CO emission analyses. Therefore, NRPC no longer conducts regional emission analysis for ozone or (CO). However, all other transportation conformity requirements under 40 CFR 93.109(b) continue to apply, including project level conformity determinations based on carbon monoxide hot spot analyses under 40 CFR 93.116. The MTP meets all applicable conformity requirements under the conformity rule.

A thirty-day public comment period for these documents begins on November 20, 2018 and runs through December 19, 2018. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 PM at the NRPC office, located at 9 Executive Park Drive, Suite 201, Merrimack, NH 03054. Written comments may also be submitted for consideration at the public hearing.

Note: Nashua Transit System, which is the FTA Section 5307(c) applicant, has consulted with the MPO and concurs that the public involvement process adopted by the MPO for the development of the TIP satisfies the public hearing requirements that pertain to the development of the Program of Projects for regular Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program, grant applications, including the provision for public notice and the time established for public review and comment.