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SRPEDD Announces a 21-day Public Comment Period and a Remote Public Meeting to hear comments on the release of Amendment #1 of the FFY2024-2028 TIP which will program New Bedford's federal RAISE Grant into the document and FFY2024 UPWP Amendment #1 which will incorporate a contract with GATRA.

October 17, 2023 – Southeastern Massachusetts' FFY2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to include a federal RAISE grant of \$1.7 million awarded to the City of New Bedford in FFY2024. This planning grant will support the design, permitting, and ongoing public outreach for New Bedford's Blue Lane Working Waterfront Connector Project. The region's FFY2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is also being amended to include an extended contract and scope of services with the Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA). The TIP is the programming document listing all federally funded road and bridge projects in the region and all transit projects for both GATRA and the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA). The UPWP identifies all the transportation planning activities to be undertaken by the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) in the SRPEDD region over the next federal fiscal year, from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Planning activities include transportation studies, data collection, technical assistance to communities and other projects.

A public meeting to hear comments on the amendments will be held remotely on **Monday, November 13 at 4:00 PM** via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend, ask questions and offer comments. **This link <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697> provides the information to allow participants to connect to the meeting through a computer, smart phone or regular telephone. This is the direct link to the meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88931511399?pwd=dmE2dW43bVJKUWRldmlZRGNwWGtVdz09>

These amendments will become final on November 21, 2023 at the next SMMPO meeting. The proposed amendments can be found on SRPEDD's website at www.srpedd.org for review. Page links here: [FFY2024-2028 TIP Amendment #1](#) and [FFY2024 UPWP Amendment #1](#).

Comments are encouraged and may be offered by a variety of methods including:

via e-mail at lestrela@srpedd.org; via our website at <https://srpedd.org/contact-us/>; our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SRPEDD/>; or Twitter @SRPEDD_NEWS at https://twitter.com/SRPEDD_NEWS

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