

PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SRPEDD Announces a 21-day Public Comment Period and <u>Virtual Public Meeting on Tuesday,</u> <u>April 2, 2024, at 4:00 pm</u> to hear comments on the release of Amendment #5 of the FFY2024-2028 TIP that includes the removal of Wareham's Swifts Beach Road corridor improvements project and a cost increase for Swansea's Gardners Neck Road improvements on Route 6 project.

March 20, 2024 – The FFY2024-2028 <u>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</u> for Southeastern Massachusetts is being amended due to removal of a project and a cost increase. Project 610647 in Wareham was currently programmed for construction in Federal Fiscal Year 2024 and is now being considered for programming in a later year. The project includes corridor improvements on Route 6 at Swifts Beach Road and is being considered for a later year because design plans are not ready. Project 608563 in Swansea, programmed for construction in 2024, will increase in cost from \$4,005,090 to \$4,667,256. This project includes improvements on Route 6 (Grand Army of the Republic Highway) at Gardners Neck Road. The cost increase is due to updated material and construction costs. The TIP is the programming document listing all federally funded road and bridge projects in the region and all transit projects for both the Greater Attleboro and Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) and the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA).

A <u>virtual</u> public meeting on this amendment will be held <u>remotely</u> on Tuesday, <u>April 2, 2024 at 4:00 PM</u>. Everyone is welcome to attend, ask questions and offer comments, but attendance is not necessary to offer input or comment. More options to offer comments can be found below.

The meeting will be conducted through the ZOOM app. This link provides the information to allow participants to connect to the meeting through a computer, smart phone or regular telephone: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697.

The direct link to the public meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290061842?pwd=cmowczliY0dCL0VXdzRkajZWcU1sZz09

This amendment will have a 21-day public comment period and will be endorsed at the next <u>Southeastern</u> <u>Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization</u> (SMMPO) meeting which is scheduled for April 16th. More detailed information on Amendment #5 can be found on SRPEDD's website <u>www.srpedd.org</u> at the following link: <u>FFY2024-2028 TIP Amendment #5</u>. Comments are encouraged and may be offered by a variety of methods including: via e-mail at lestrela@srpedd.org; our website at https://srpedd.org/contact-us/; our Facebook page 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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