

# MassDOT Board Presentation

## Planning Process

Office of Transportation Planning



# Planning Role in Project Implementation

- Regional planning overview
- Planning process
- Project prioritization and selection

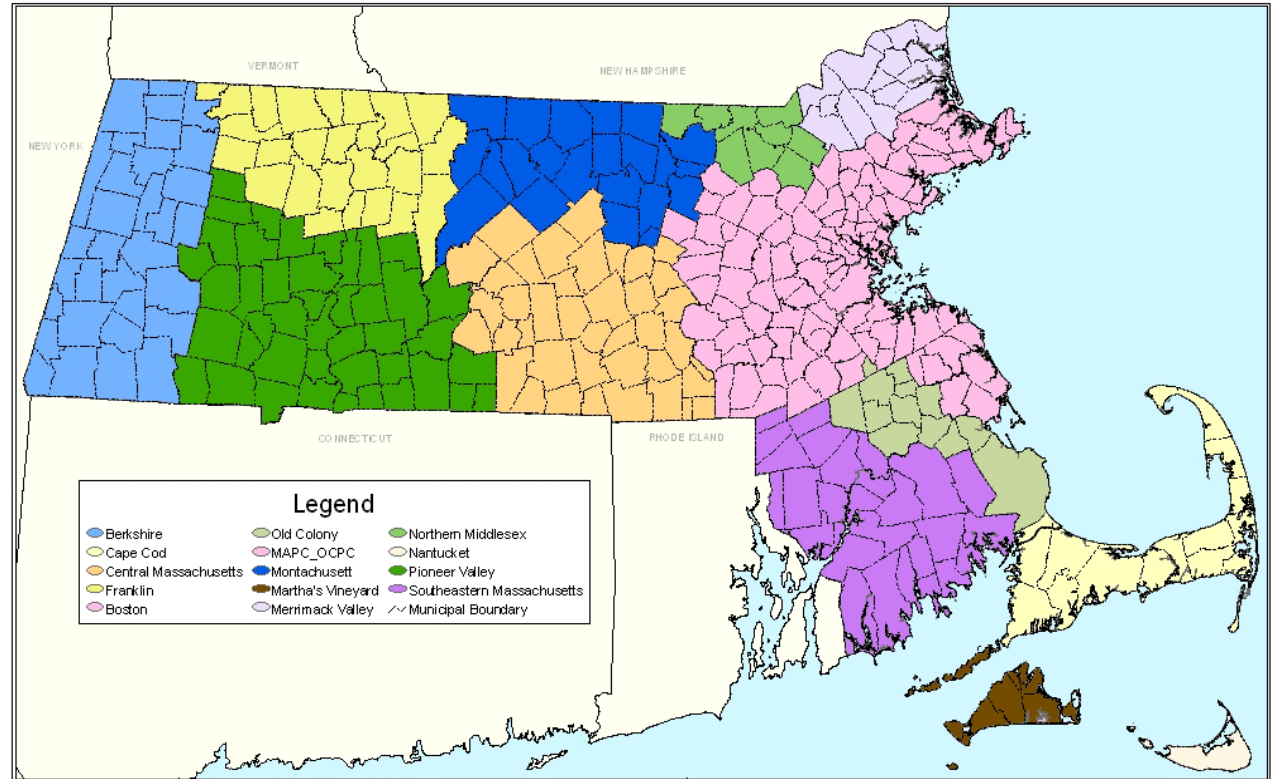
# Metropolitan Planning Organizations

- Federally-mandated decision-making bodies
- 3-C process – conduct regional planning that is **Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive**
- All urbanized areas with population of >50,000 are required to be covered by an MPO
- MPOs must endorse all federal highway and transit spending on transportation projects in that region
- Members include Secretary of Transportation (chair), Highway Division Administrator, RPA, RTA, local elected officials



# MPOs in Massachusetts

- 10 MPOs
- 3 TPOs that function as MPOs
- Boston Region – 101 cities and towns (48% of MA population)

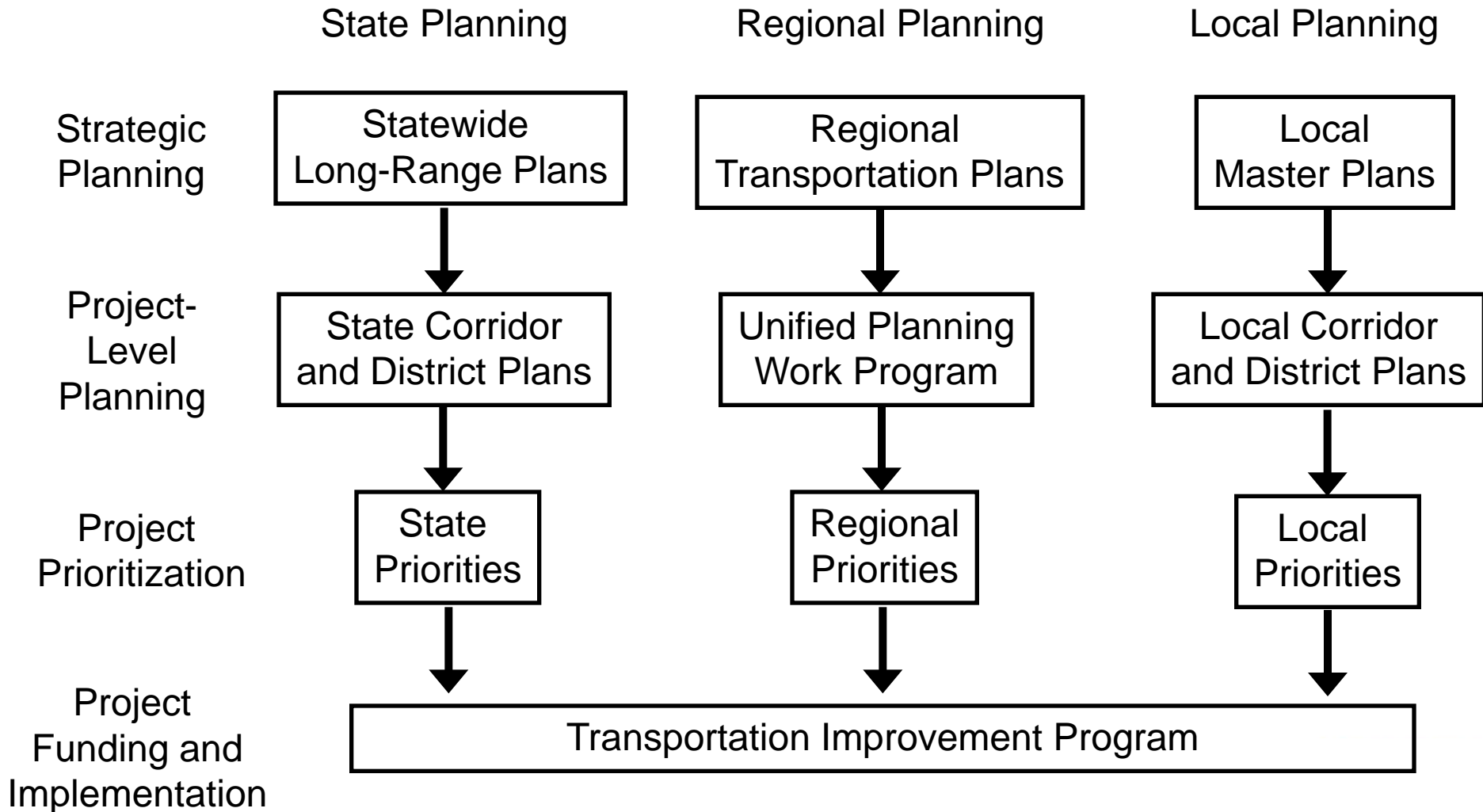


# Regional Planning Documents

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – 4 years
  - 20-25 year plan that defines regional policies and vision
  - Includes “regionally significant” projects
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Annual
  - 4 year project funding and implementation plan
  - Includes all projects in region receiving federal funds
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) - Annual
  - Annual program for MPO studies and tasks



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# Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Funding

- Allocated by FHWA (roadway) and FTA (transit)
- Roadway funding
  - Statewide funding categories (bridge, interstate, national highway system, highway safety, enhancements, congestion mitigation and air quality)
  - Regional funding allocation (“regional targets”)
- Transit funding
  - Formula funding for capital, maintenance, operations available for regional transit authorities
  - Discretionary funding for specific projects (New Starts, TIGGER, etc.)



# Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Project Selection

- Statewide funding categories - projects proposed by MassDOT based on system assessment, regional and local input
- Regional targets – projects prioritized by MPOs based on regional evaluation criteria
- All projects that receive federal funding must be voted on and endorsed by that region’s MPO