

RTP Update for the Pioneer Valley MPO Development Schedule

Milestone	Completion Date
RTP Outline	October 2014
Focus Groups	November 2014
Existing Conditions (Chapters 1 – 7)	April 2015
Public Participation – Plan Outreach	April/May 2015
Environmental Consultation	April 2015
Draft Regional Performance Measures	May 2015
Draft RTP	June 2015
30 day Public Comment	June/July 2015
Plan Endorsement	July 2015

RTP Focus Groups – Focus Groups assist in the development of the goals and objectives of the RTP. A core group of representatives will be invited to participate in a 2 hour discussion that is facilitated by PVPC staff.

- Infrastructure – November 12, 2014
- Bicycle and Pedestrian – October 8, 2014
- Transit – November 5, 2014
- Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change – November 6, 2014
- Freight – proposed new focus group – November 20, 2014

Public Participation - Plan Outreach: In the past PVPC staff has presented elements of the draft RTP at six public meetings. These meetings have been geographically spread across the region (Amherst, Chesterfield, Northampton, Springfield, Ware, and Westfield) and attendance is typically very low.

- Develop a virtual presentation to be made available on the PVPC webpage – audio could potentially be available in a number of languages.
 - Make this presentation available to local communities to play on local cable access channels.
 - Ask communities to link this presentation to their community website.
 - Additional presentations to special interest groups as requested.
- Two public presentations during the 30 day public participation period for the Draft RTP.