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MRPC Planning Acronyms and Abbreviations

3C Comprehensive, Cooperative and Continuing Transportation Planning Process

A

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)
AIM Associated Industries of Massachusetts
ANR Approval Not Required Plans
APA American Planning Association
AVL Automatic Vehicle Locator System
ADT Average Daily Traffic
AADT Average Annual Daily Traffic
ATR Automatic Traffic Recorder
AASHTO American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
AICP American Institute of Certified Planner
APTA American Public Transportation Association
AMPO Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
AVL Automatic Vehicle Location
AC Advance Construction
Arterial

B

BCRLF Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program (BCRLF)
BMP Best Management Practice
BRPC Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

C

CAFÉ Corporate Average Fuel Economy
CCC Cape Cod Commission
3C Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive Transportation Planning
CDBG Community Development Block Grant
CDC Community Development Corporation
CEDS Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
CMAQ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMRPC Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission
CPTC Citizen Planner Training Collaborative
CMS Congestion Management System
CADD Computer Aided Design and Drafting
CE Construction Engineering
CAAA Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
Chapter 40B
Collector (Highway)
Corridor

D

DEM Department of Environmental Management

DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DHCD	Department of Housing and Community Development
DOT	Department of Transportation
DHV	Design Hour Volume
	Demand Response
DRS	Demand Responsive Service
	Demand Responsive Vehicle (Transit)
	Dial-A-Ride
	Discretionary Funds

E

EDA	Economic Development Administration
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Study
ENF	Environmental Notification Form
EOEA	Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
EO418	Executive Order 418
EOTC	Executive Office of Transportation and Construction
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
EJ	Environmental Justice
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
	Expressway

F

FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FRA	Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority
FRCOG	Franklin Regional Council of Governments
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FEIR	Final Environmental Impact Report
FAHP	Federal Aid Highway Program
FY	Fiscal Year
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
Fed Aid	Federal Aid Highways
	Financial Capacity
	Fiscal Constraint
	Fixed Route Transit
FC	Functional Classification

G

GPS	Global Positioning System
GIS	Geographic Information System
GANs	Grant Anticipation Notes
GVW	Gross Vehicle Weight
	Grants

H

HR	Housing Rehabilitation
HCM	Highway Capacity Manual
HCS	Highway Capacity Software
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HSMP	Highway Safety Management Program
HTF	Highway Trust Fund
	High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane

I

ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency
ITC	Intermodal Transportation Center
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System
ITE	Institute of Transportation Engineers
I/M	Inspection and Maintenance
HIS	Interstate Highway System
IM	Interstate Maintenance
	Interstate Highway (Freeway or Expressway)

J

JARC	Job Access Reverse Commute
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K**L**

LRTP	Long-Range Transportation Plans
LOS	Level of Service
LRT	Light Rail Transit

M

MAB	Mart Advisory Board
MAPC	Metropolitan Area Planning Council
MARPA	Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies
MART	Montachusett Regional Transit Authority
MassGIS	Massachusetts Geographic Information System
MBTA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
MDT	Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust
MEDD	Montachusett Economic Development District
MEMA	Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
MHC	Massachusetts Historical Commission
MIS	Major Investment Study
MISER	Massachusetts Institute for Social and Environmental Research
MJTC	Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee
MPPF	Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund
MOC	Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc.
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRBRI	Montachusett Region Brownfield Reuse Initiative
MRPC	Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
MVCC	Martha's Vineyard Commission
MVPC	Merrimack Valley Planning Commission
MassHighway	Massachusetts Highway Department
MHD	Massachusetts Highway Department
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MOE	Measures of Effectiveness
MUTCD	Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MAP	Mobility Assistance Program
	Management Systems
	Minor Arterials (Highway)

N

NANT	Nockege Apartments Nominee Trust
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils

NCHC	North Central Housing Coalition, The
NCMCRA	North Central Massachusetts Community Reinvestment Act Coalition
NCMWIB	North Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board, Inc.
NCPD	National Corridor Planning and Development Programs
NEARC	New England Association of Regional Councils
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NETEA-3	Northeast Transit Equity Act-3 Reauthorization
NMCOG	Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
NP&EDC	Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission
NRWA	Nashua River Watershed Association
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NWCETA	Northern Worcester County Economic Target Area
NHS	National Highway System
NTS	National Transportation System
NFA	Non Federal Aid
NTP	Notice to Proceed
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NSBP	National Scenic Byways Program
	National ITS Architecture
	Nonattainment Area

O

OCPC	Old Colony Planning Council
OA	Obligational Authority
	Obligation
	Obligation Limitation

P

PL	Planning Funds
PPP	Public Participation Program
PVPC	Pioneer Valley Commission
PHF	Peak Hour Factor
PMS	Pavement Management System
PRC	Project Review Committee
	Paratransit
	Paratransit Services
	Pavement Management System
PS&E	Plans, Specifications & Engineering
	Public Participation
	Public Transit

Q

R

RABA	Revenue Aligned Budget Authority
RES	Restricted Emission Status Application
RFR	Request for Referrals
RFR	Request for a Resolution
RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQ	Request for Quotes
RPAs	Regional Planning Agencies
RPOs	Rural Planning Organizations
RRF	Request a Release of Funds
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
ROW	Right of Way
RTA	Regional Transit Authority

Rehabilitation
Routine Maintenance

S

SEIR	Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
SRPEDD	Southeastern Regional planning and Economic Development District
STP	Surface Transportation Program
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
SPR	State Planning and Research Funds
SAFETEA-LU	Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
	Safety Management System
	SAFETEA-LU Planning Factors

T

TCCDC	Twin Cities Community Development Corporation
TCSP	Transportation and Community System Preservation
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TDR	Transfer of Development Rights
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TOD	Transit Oriented Development
TRS	Thermoplastic Rubber Systems
TDM	Travel Demand Management
TSM	Travel/Transportation System Management
TMC	Turning Movement Count
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TE	Transportation Enhancement Activities
TMIP	Travel Model Improvement Program
	Title VI
	Total Estimated Project Cost

U

UA	Urbanized Area
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
	Unobligated Balance
	Urban Highway

V

VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VPH	Vehicles Per Hour
V/C	Volume to Capacity Ratio
VOCs	Volatile Organic Compounds
V/C	Volume to Capacity Ratio

W

X

Y

Z