

**MINUTEMAN ADVISORY GROUP  
ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION /  
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING  
COUNCIL**

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The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is a regional planning agency serving the people who live and work in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. The Town of Concord's participation with MAPC includes a regional focus on municipal management, sustainable land use, protection of natural resources, efficient and affordable transportation, a diverse housing stock, public safety, economic development and wastewater solutions.

Concord benefits from the planning and sharing of resources in our participation in the Minuteman (MAGIC) sub-region of MAPC. Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) is a group of thirteen communities northwest of Boston working collaboratively on issues of regional concern. Established as a growth management committee in 1984, it has become a respected voice in regional decision-making. The group focuses on transportation, the environment, energy, open space, affordable housing, economic and community development, and legislative issues, providing leadership on planning issues vital to the region's future.

With recognition of established budgetary constraints and a need to prioritize scarce resources, the MAGIC sub-region has met and established priorities for the FFYs 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). "Our priorities include a few key roadway projects that relieve existing bottlenecks and improve safety, along with several projects that will improve bicycle, pedestrian, and transit mobility within our subregion. Taken together, these priorities are essential to sustaining an equitable, economically healthy, and environmentally responsible region." Two MAGIC priorities that directly impact Concord and its surrounding communities are the Crosby's Corner Interchange and the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

Concord participated in the MAGIC Suburban Mobility Transit Study Phase II, which considered the issues around utilizing school buses for public transportation (completed in September) and is currently involved in discussions with six nearby communities considering creation of a Transportation Management Association, primarily because of the high number of vehicle trips made to Emerson Hospital from these other communities. The goal is to develop innovative ways to integrate existing transit services into a more coherent and coordinated public transportation system.