



The 495/MetroWest Partnership is a non-profit economic development organization serving thirty-four communities, over half a million residents, and an employment base of over \$19 billion per year. The Partnership seeks to address regional needs through public-private collaboration by working to enhance economic vitality, improve quality of life and sustain natural resources. The Partnership focuses on helping to alleviate regional constraints and limitations, and conducts numerous initiatives on transportation, workforce housing, brownfields, and water resources.

In 2004, the Partnership worked with the MetroWest Daily News on a groundbreaking public nomination process to identify the 495/MetroWest region's top transportation priorities. Armed with a publicly driven "Top Ten" list, the Partnership advocated for solutions to the region's "Transportation Nightmares". As a result of our commitment to examining the cause of these "Nightmares", our region has since benefited from several studies and plans, new transit options, construction projects, and infrastructure improvements across modes and municipalities.

Given the progress achieved over the last ten years on the 2004 list, the Partnership has again worked with [MetroWest Daily News](#) to solicit new public nominations of regional 'transportation nightmares' from commuters, residents and employers. Following a series of articles and a three month nomination process, members of a Partnership sub-committee of transportation professionals, conducted a thorough review of the nominations to determine regional priorities for transportation planning and infrastructure investment. The goal of this initiative is to identify the transportation challenges in our region. The Partnership's objective is to ultimately bring resources to these challenges and as such, our next phase of work will be advocating for solutions on behalf of our public and private sector stakeholders.

The Partnership, through public-private collaboration, leads the advancement of the 495/MetroWest region as a cohesive, competitive, and premier location for people, businesses, and communities. The functionality of our transportation infrastructure is inexorably linked to the region's economic prosperity and quality of life. This new list of priorities will be utilized in the Partnership's advocacy work on behalf of the region's communities, residents, employers and visitors to ensure the continued success of the 495/MetroWest region.

#### **495/METROWEST REGION'S 2014 TOP TEN TRANSPORTATION NIGHTMARES**

1. Route 9 Corridor: Main Street MetroWest or Thruway to Boston?
2. The Turnpike: Why Do We Need to Pay for this Nightmare?
3. Suburban Mobility Challenges: First Mile, Last Mile & a Few in Between
4. Commuter Rail
5. I-495/I-290 Interchange
6. I-495/I-90 Interchange
7. I-495/Route 9 Interchange
8. I-495 and Routes 1/1A in Foxborough, Plainville and Wrentham
9. Route 16 in Milford and Wellesley
10. Routes 126 and 135 in Framingham

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