

Program for Mass Transportation (PMT)

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What is the Program for Mass Transportation (PMT)?

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What is the PMT?

- A requirement in the MBTA's enabling legislation to create a long-term priority-setting document for the MBTA with a 25-year outlook
- The way to highlight MBTA progress and priorities in a public-facing document
- Will develop priorities that will inform an evaluation framework for potential tradeoffs
- A tool for public engagement about what our constituents think is most important for the MBTA to invest in

Statutory Requirement (in MGL §161A (g)) requires that it:

- Be reviewed by the MBTA Advisory Board
- Shape and be implemented through the Capital Investment Plan
- Be developed in consultation with RTAs; Executive Branch offices in the environmental and housing spheres; Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; and other relevant entities
- Be "reviewed not less than every five years"

New PMT Project Development Process



Project Team Organization

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Admin &
Reporting



Conditions
& Needs



Engagement



Strategic
Planning



PMT Scope of Work

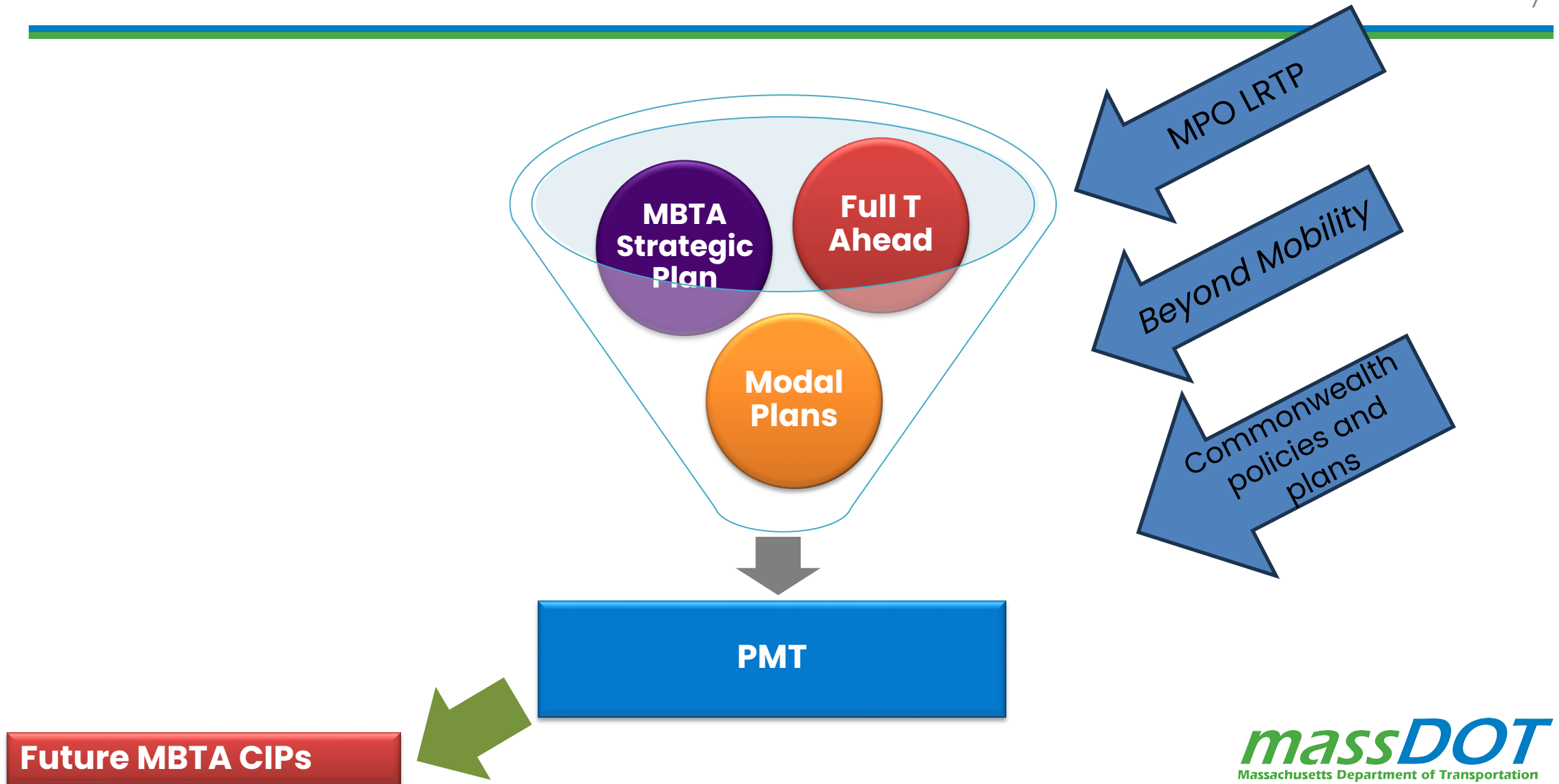
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- This is a \$1.5 million, 18-month study that will be managed by the Office of Transportation Planning in close partnership with MBTA
- This new PMT will develop priorities that will inform an evaluation framework for potential tradeoffs over a 25-year time horizon.
- In addition to the MassDOT Board of Directors, the MBTA Board of Directors, through coordination with the MBTA Policy and Strategic Planning Department, will also be involved throughout the development of the new PMT.

The PMT will connect the capital planning process to preferred outcomes, such as service quality goals

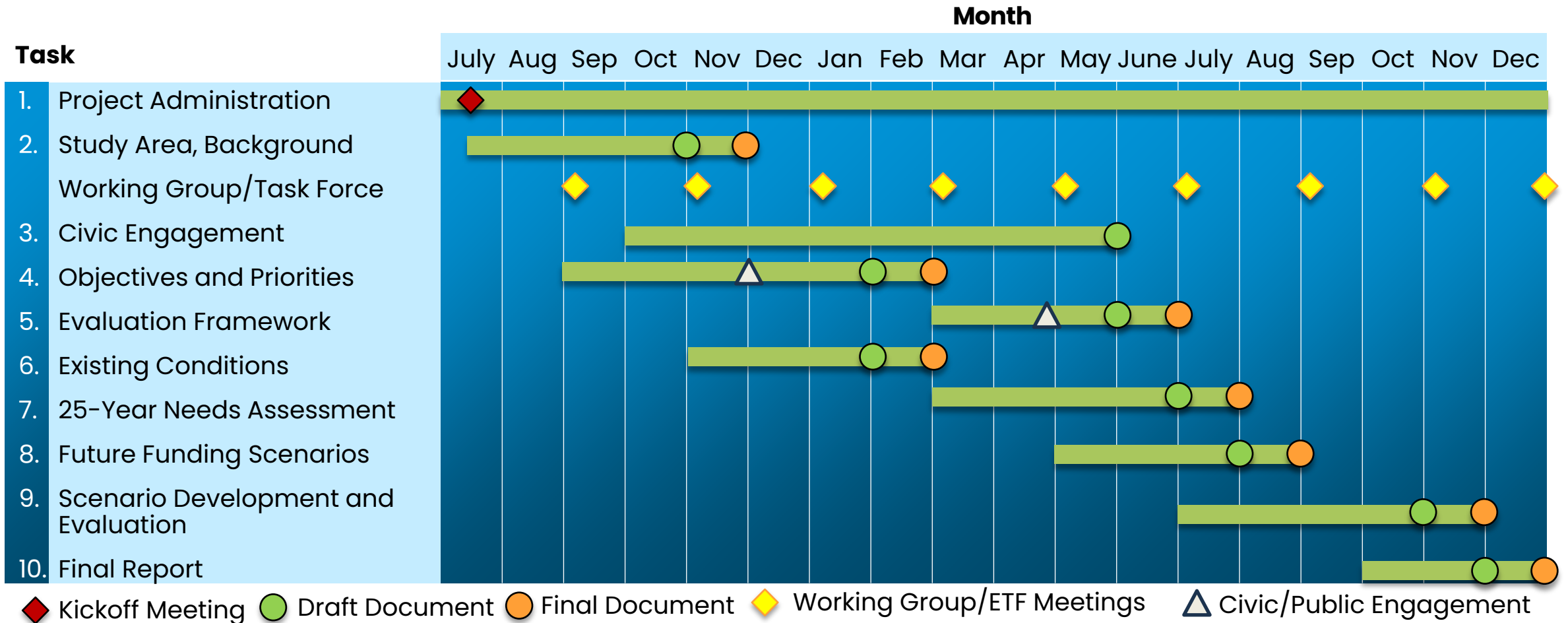
PMT Interaction with Other Key Planning Documents

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PMT Project Schedule

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*Meeting dates are representative/approximate

Engagement Goals and Strategies

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Engagement Goals

- Supporting the creation of the Evaluation Framework
- Informing ideas for the future of the MBTA
- Inviting the public into understanding and helping us weigh tradeoffs

Strategies

- External Task Force
- Meetings, Workshops and Events
- Digital Strategies

Thank You



Appendix

What is the Office of Transportation Planning?

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In 2004, the Office of Transportation Planning (OTP) was created as the unified planning agency for all surface transportation in the Commonwealth (Ch. 196, Acts of 2004 – became MGL Chapter 6C, Section 10).

- As a result, the MBTA Planning Department was eliminated and existing MBTA staff were integrated into the Office of Transportation Planning.
- Today, OTP continues to staff transit planners for these purposes

Under this statutory arrangement, **MassDOT pays for statewide planning with funding provided by the Commonwealth and the federal government.**

OTP Work on Behalf of the MBTA

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OTP annually consults with the MBTA to develop planning studies. The MBTA determines the priorities, reviews and approves all scopes, and helps guide all facets of the work. Examples of recent work include:

- Rail Vision
- Bus Network Redesign
- MBTA Strategic Plan
- Lynn Transit Action Plan/Lower North Shore Transit Study
- Everett Transit Action Plan/Silver Line Extension Study

Development of Previous PMTs

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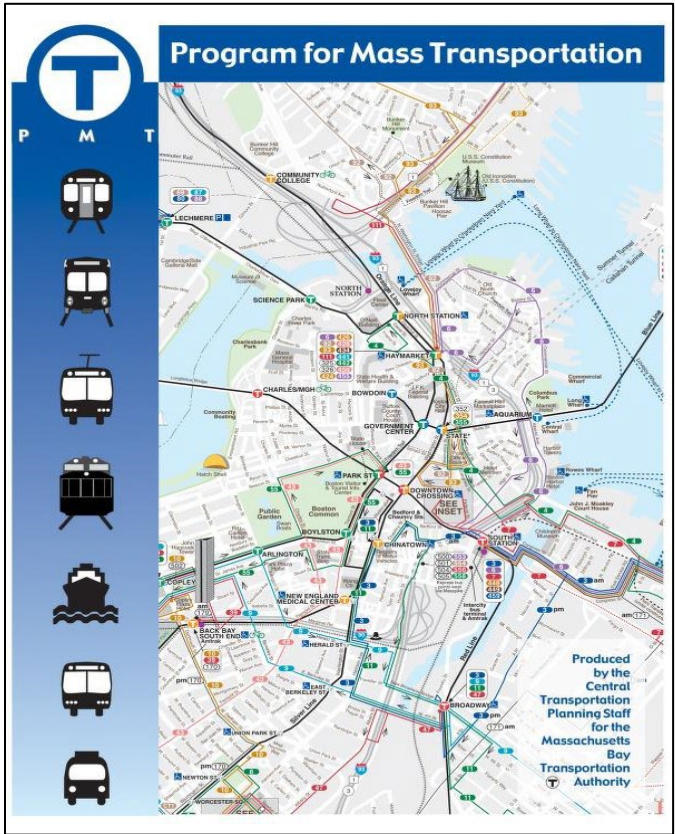
Prior to 2004, the MBTA funded and developed.

The focus of most prior PMTs was defining and prioritizing a list of future expansion projects, the majority of which never advanced beyond planning.

Since 2004, OTP has completed two PMTs for the MBTA.

The most recent PMT, Focus40, was the first to center the existing system, specifically consider underserved communities, and de-emphasize large, unfunded expansion projects.

Previous Programs for Mass Transportation



2004



2009



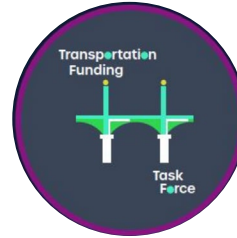
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New PMT Project Context

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Strategic
Business
Plan



Track Improvement
Program



... and so much more!