

BRPC Planning Acronyms and Abbreviations

A

AADT - Average Annual Daily Traffic
AASHTO - American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACEC – Area of Critical Environmental Concern
ACOE – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)
ADT - Average Daily Traffic
AFT - American Farmland Trust
AFV - Alternative Fuel Vehicles
AMPO - Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
ANF – Executive Office of Administration & Finance
ANR - Approval Not Required
APA - American Planning Association
ARRA - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (of 2009) [commonly referred to as The Stimulus Package]
ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials
ATR - Automatic Traffic Recorder
AUL – Activity and Use Limitation
AQI - Air Quality Index
AVR - Average Vehicle Ridership

B

BCAC – Berkshire Community Action Agency
BCARC – Berkshire County ARC (developmentally disabled citizens)
BCBoHA – Berkshire County Boards of Health Association
BCC – Berkshire Community College
BCREB – Berkshire County Regional Employment Board
BCRHA – Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority
BHDC – Berkshire Housing Development Corporation
BHS – Berkshire Housing Services, Inc.
BID - Business Improvement District
BLOS - Bicycle Level of Service
BLS – U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
BMP - Best Management Practice
BMS - Bridge Management System
BNRC – Berkshire Natural Resources Council
BOA - Board of Appeals (or Adjustment)
BOH - Board of Health
BPHA – Berkshire Public Health Alliance
BRPC – Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
BTCF – Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
BTU – British Thermal Unit
BUW – Berkshire United Way
BVW – Bordering Vegetated Wetland

C

CAAA - Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
CBD - Central Business District
3C - Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative Planning Process [transportation planning]
CD Community Development
CDAG - Community Development Action Grant
CDBG - Community Development Block Grant
CDC - Centers for Disease Control
CDC - Community Development Corporation

CDF - Community Development Fund
CDP - Community Development Plan
CDS – Community Development Strategy
CEC – Clean Energy Center
CEDAC - Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation
CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
CEED - Community Enterprise Economic Development
CERCLA – Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act
CET – Center for EcoTechnology
CHAPA - Citizen Housing and Planning Association
CHDOs - Community Housing Development Organizations
CIC Grant – Community Innovation Challenge Grant
CIP - Capital Improvements Plan (or Program)
CMAQ - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
CMP - Congestion Management Process
CMR – Code of Massachusetts Regulations
CMSA - Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area
CNG - Compressed Natural Gas
CO - Carbon Monoxide
COG - Council of Governments
Comm-PASS - Commonwealth Procurement Access and Solicitation System
CPA - Community Preservation Act
CPTC - Citizen Planner Training Collaborative
CSBG - Community Service Block Grant
CWA – Clean Water Act

D

DAR – Department of Agricultural Resources
DCAMM – Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance
DCR - Department of Conservation and Recreation
DCS – Division of Conservation Services
DEP - Department of Environmental Protection
DER – Division of Ecological Restoration
DFG – Department of Fish and Game
DFW – Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
DHCD - Department of Housing and Community Development
DLS – Division of Local Services
DLTA - District Local Technical Assistance
DMV – Division of Motor Vehicles (formerly RMV)
DOER - Department of Energy Resources
DOR - Department of Revenue
DOT - Department of Transportation
DPH – Department of Public Health
DPU – Department of Public Utilities
DPW - Department of Public Works
DRI - Developments of Regional Impact
DTC – Department of Telecommunications and Cable
DVMT (VMT) – Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled

E

EACC - Economic Assistance Coordinating Council
EDA – U.S. Economic Development Administration
EDD - Economic Development District
EEA – [Executive Office of] Energy & Environmental Affairs
EFSB – Energy Facilities Siting Board
EIR - Environmental Impact Report
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement

EJ - Environmental Justice
ENF - Environmental Notification Form
E.O. - Executive Order
EOA - Economic Opportunity Area
EOAF - Executive Office of Administration and Finance
EOEA - Executive Office of Elder Affairs
EOEEA - Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
EOHED – Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development
EOHHS – Executive Office of Health & Human Services
EOPSS – Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
EPA – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ESA - Environmental Site Assessment
ETA - Economic Target Area

F

FA - Federal Aid
FC - Functional Classification (of roadways)
FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHA - Federal Housing Administration
FHWA - Federal Highway Administration
FOIA – Freedom of Information Act
FONSI – Finding Of No Significant Impact
Form A – an Approval Not Required (ANR) Subdivision
FRCOG - Franklin Regional Council of Governments
FTA - Federal Transit Administration
F&W – [Division of] Fisheries and Wildlife

G

GHG - Greenhouse Gas
GIS - Geographic Information Systems
GPS - Global Positioning System

H

HAC - Housing Appeals Committee
HDSP - Housing Development Support Program
HooRWA – Hoosic River Watershed Association
HOV - High Occupancy Vehicle
HPG - Housing Preservation Grant
HPP - Housing Production Plan
HRI – Housatonic River Initiative
HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program
HUD - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
HVA – Housatonic River Association

I

ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
ITS -Intelligent Transportation Systems

J

JARC - Job Access and Reverse Commute
JLT - Jacob's Ladder Trail

K

kW – Kilowatt
kWh – Kilowatt hour

L

LAPA-West – Lakes and Ponds Association of Western Massachusetts
LID – Low Impact Development

LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
LIHTC - Low Income Housing Tax Credit
LOS - Level of Service
LSP – Licensed Site Professional
LTA - Local Technical Assistance
LUST – Leaky Underground Storage Tank

M

MACC – Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions
MAP 21 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century
MAPC – Metropolitan Area Planning Council (Boston RPA)
MARPA - Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies
MassDOT - Massachusetts Department of Transportation
MassGIS - Massachusetts Geographic Information System
MassDevelopment – Massachusetts Development Financing Agency
MassHousing – Massachusetts Housing Financing Agency
MBE - Minority Business Enterprises
MBTA – Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (Boston area)
MCC – Massachusetts Cultural Council
MCLA – Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
MDFA - Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment)
MEMA – Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
MEPA - Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act
MESA – Massachusetts Endangered Species Act
MET – Massachusetts Environmental Trust
M.G.L. - Massachusetts General Laws
MHC - Massachusetts Historical Commission
MHP - Massachusetts Housing Partnership
MIFA - Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency
MMA - Massachusetts Municipal Association
MOA - Memorandum of Agreement
MOBD - Massachusetts Office of Business Development
MOTT – Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism
MOU - Memorandum of Understanding
MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization
MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area
MTC – Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
MUTCD - Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices
MWRA - Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

N

NAAQS – National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NADO – National Association of Development Organizations
NARC - National Association of Regional Councils
NBCC – Northern Berkshire Community Coalition
NFA - Non-Federal Aid
NHESP – Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
NHS - National Highway System
NOx - Nitrogen Oxide
NPDES - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPL – National Priorities List
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service)
NRD – Natural Resources Damages Assessment and Restoration

O

O3 – Ozone
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Act

OSRP Open Space and Recreation Plan

P

PCBs – Polychlorinated Biphenyls

PCI - Pavement Condition Index

PDF - Priority Development Fund

PDR - Purchase of Development Rights

PILOT - Payment in Lieu of Taxes

PL - Federal Transportation Planning Funds

PMS - Pavement Management System

PMSA - Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area

PPM – Parts per Million

PRC – MassDOT Project Review Committee

PRP – Potentially Responsible Party

PURD - Planned Unit Residential Development

PVPC – Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (serves Hampden & Hampshire Counties)

Q

QAPP – Quality Assurance Project Plan

R

RAO – Remedial Action Operation

RAP – Remedial Action Plan

RCRA – Resources Conservation and Recovery Act

RDA – U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development Administration

REB - Regional Employment Board

REC – Recognized Environmental Condition

RFP - Request for Proposals

RFQ - Request for Qualifications

RFR - Request for Response

RGGI - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

RLF - Revolving Loan Fund

RMV – Registry of Motor Vehicles

ROW – Right-of-Way

RPA - Regional Planning Agency

RPA – Riverfront Protection Area

RTA - Regional Transit Authority

RTP - Regional Transportation Plan

S

SAFETEA-LU - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

SBA - Small Business Administration

SHPO – State Historic Preservation Officer

SIP - State Implementation Plan (for air quality)

SOP – Standard Operating Procedure

SOV - Single Occupancy Vehicle

SOW – Scope of Work

SP - Special Permit

SPR - Site Plan Review

SRO - Single Room Occupancy

STCC - Springfield Technical Community College

STIP - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

STP - Surface Transportation Program

STRAP – Small Town Road Assistance Program

T

TAC – Transportation Advisory Committee

TBA – Targeted Brownfield Assessment

TCSP - Transportation and Community System Preservation
TDM - Transportation Demand Management
TDR - Transfer of Development Rights
TEA-21 - Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
TIF - Tax Increment Financing
TIP - Transportation Improvement Program
TMA – Transportation Management Association
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
TND - Traditional Neighborhood District
TOC – Total Organic Carbon
TOD - Transit Oriented Design (or Development)
TSM - Transportation Systems Management
TSS – Total Suspended Solids

U

ULI - Urban Land Institute
UMass - University of Massachusetts
UPWP - Unified Planning Work Program
USDA - U.S. Department of Agriculture
USDOT – U.S. Department of Transportation
USEPA – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USFS - U.S. Forest Service
USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS - U.S. Geological Survey
UST - Underground Storage Tanks

V

VCP – Voluntary Cleanup Program
VMT - Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOC - Vehicle Occupancy Rate
VOC - Volatile Organic Compounds

W

WBE - Women-owned Business Enterprises
WBZ – Wetlands Buffer Zone
WHPA - Wellhead Protection Area
WSP - Water Supply Protection [District]

Z

ZBA - Zoning Board of Adjustment (or Appeals)

Executive Orders and Legislative Acts

Section 319 – Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act
Section 604(b) – Section 604(b) of the Federal Clean Water Act
E.O. 418—production of affordable housing across a broad range of incomes
M.G.L. Chapter 21E—hazardous waste cleanup regulations
M.G.L. Chapter 30B—uniform procurement law for local governments
M.G.L. Chapter 40A—zoning
M.G.L. Chapter 40B—planning/comprehensive permits
M.G.L. Chapter 40R—smart growth zoning and housing production
M.G.L. Chapter 40S—smart growth school cost reimbursement
M.G.L. Chapter 41, Sections 81K-81GG—subdivision control
M.G.L. Chapter 43D—expedited permitting