

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce public open houses focusing on the 2015 update of the Berkshire Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP evaluates current and projected regional transportation needs for Berkshire County for the next twenty (20) years. The RTP helps us make decisions about the development and funding of projects related to highways, freight, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and transit operations. The RTP is the Berkshire's long-term planning process required by the Federal Highway Administration.

BRPC is hosting public meetings to present the concept of a Regional Transportation Plan, solicit input for regional priorities, answer questions, and accept comments. The meeting format will include a short presentation from BRPC staff; a group discussion to evaluate and prioritize regional goals and objectives, and a meeting wrap-up to discuss the next steps in the RTP process. Input received at these meetings will be summarized in the RTP document. The RTP schedule calls for a draft plan to be developed by the spring of 2015. BRPC will have more public comment opportunities when the draft RTP is complete. The first two meetings are:

Tuesday, November 18, 2014  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
The Lee Public Library  
100 Main Street  
Lee, Massachusetts

Tuesday, November 25, 2014  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Adams Visitor Center  
3 Hoosac Street  
Adams, Massachusetts

More information and draft documents will be posted throughout the development of the RTP on the Commission's website: [www.berkshireplanning.org](http://www.berkshireplanning.org). We anticipate presenting the complete draft plan to the Metropolitan Planning Commission in March, 2015.

Please direct questions and comments to Douglas Plachcinski, Senior Transportation Planner at (413) 442-1521, X16 or [dplachcinski@berkshireplanning.org](mailto:dplachcinski@berkshireplanning.org).

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