

2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PLAN

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BRPC
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

Management and Certification

- Management of 3C Process
- Unified Planning Work Program
- Public Participation
- Title VI
- TIP Development

Regional Planning Studies

- Special Studies
- Active Transportation Planning
- Regional Transit Planning
- Safety Initiatives
- Transportation Infrastructure Protection
- Freight Planning
- Regional Performance Measure Assessment

Other Activities

- Land Use/Transportation Planning
- Local Technical Assistance
- Scenic Byways
- Rail & Transit Service Enhancement
- Outreach & Interregional Coordination

Technical Support and Data Collection

- GIS Mapping and Graphics
- Regional Data and Analysis
- Traffic and Travel Data
- Travel Forecasting and Analysis
- Pavement and Asset Management

2026 UPWP Focus Areas

Active Transportation Planning

- Assist communities with
 - Shared Streets and Spaces
 - Complete Streets
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All
 - **Micro-mobility**
- Support local and regional bicycle/pedestrian planning
 - **A2A Adventure 2 Ashuwillticook – BUILD Grant**
 - Southern Berkshire Bike Path Study

Active Transportation Planning (Continued)

- Promote bicycle usage
 - National Bike Month planning and events
- Participation in MA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board meetings
- Assist and participate in local and regional bicycle initiatives
 - Berkshire Bike Path Council
 - Western New England Greenway
- Bike and pedestrian network assessment-identify gaps in connectivity
- **Active Transportation Critical Gap Analysis**
- **Mass Central Rail Trail Extension**
- Bike and pedestrian counts

2026 UPWP Focus Areas

- Regional Transit Planning
- **Micro-Transit Implementation**
- BRTA Micro-transit Subcommittee
- Monitor evolving transit technologies
 - Rideshare software
 - Alternative fuel technology
- Regional Coordination Council on Transportation
- Update Countywide HST equipment inventory and service providers
- **Micro-mobility Amenities**
- Transit Route Evaluation Study

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Special Studies

- Analyses of site-specific congestion, safety and mobility
- issues as needed
- Regional Bottleneck Analysis
 - Location TBD
- Age Friendly Transportation Plan
- Micro-mobility Best Practices Plan

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Safety Initiatives

- Safe Streets and Roads for All - SS4A
 - Corridor Safety Study
 - Vision Zero (STEPS)
- Support Distract Driving awareness outreach
- Road Safety Audit
 - Location(s) to be determined
- Safe Routes To School initiatives

2026 UPWP Focus Areas

Infrastructure Protection and Planning

- Efforts to improve the resiliency and reliability of transportation system and
- reduce/mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation
- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness planning
- Culvert Project Development

Scenic Byways

- Skyline Trail

2026 UPWP Focus Areas

Freight Planning

- Implement State Freight Plan recommendations

Expansion of Rail Service

- East/West Rail
 - Corridor ID initiative
 - Service Development Plan
- Berkshire Flyer seasonal service
- Northern Tier Rail

Thank You

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