

# 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PLAN



**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

# 2027 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

# 2027 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

# 2027 UPWP Focus Areas

## 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

# 2027 UPWP Focus Areas

## 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

# 2027 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

# 2027 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

# Funding Profile

BERKSHIRE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM  
PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Management & Certification		FHWA	20% Match
1.1 Management of the 3C Process	185,000	148,000	37,000
1.2 UPWP	25,000	20,000	5,000
1.3 Public Outreach	29,000	23,200	5,800
1.4 Title VI	16,000	12,800	3,200
1.5 TIP Development	38,000	30,400	7,600
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>293,000</b>	<b>234,400</b>	<b>58,600</b>
<b>Technical Support</b>			
2.1 GIS, Mapping & Graphics	16,000	12,800	3,200
2.2 Regional Data & Analysis	20,000	16,000	4,000
2.3 Traffic and Travel Data	22,000	17,600	4,400
2.4 Travel Forecasting	17,000	13,600	3,400
2.5 Pavement & Asset Management	20,000	16,000	4,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>95,000</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>
<b>Planning Studies</b>			
3.1 Special Studies	53,000	42,400	10,600
3.2 Active Transportation Planning	60,000	48,000	12,000
3.3 Regional Transit Planning	58,000	46,400	11,600
3.4 Safety Initiatives	35,000	28,000	7,000
3.5 Transp. Infrastructure Protection Planning	44,000	35,200	8,800
3.6 Freight & Freight Rail	25,000	20,000	5,000
3.7 Regional Performance Measures	24,000	19,200	4,800
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>299,000</b>	<b>239,200</b>	<b>59,800</b>
<b>Other Activities</b>			
4.1 Transportation/ Land Use Planning	18,000	14,400	3,600
4.2 Local Technical Assistance	24,000	19,200	4,800
4.3 Scenic Byway Projects	20,000	16,000	4,000
4.4 Rail and Transit Service Enhancement	30,000	24,000	6,000
4.5 Outreach & Intergovernmental Coordination	19,000	15,200	3,800
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>111,000</b>	<b>88,800</b>	<b>22,200</b>
<b>Direct Expenses</b>			
Traffic Counts	9,000	7,200	1,800
Transit Route Evaluation Study	155,000	124,000	31,000
Benchmarks website update	5,000	4,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	10,252	8,202	2,050
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>179,252</b>	<b>143,402</b>	<b>35,850</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>977,252</b>	<b>781,802</b>	<b>195,450</b>

# Thank You

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