

The extension of the Minuteman National Historic Park to include Barrett's Farm in Concord was celebrated, as was the 50th anniversary of the Park.

A regular feature of inviting our legislative delegation to join in a review of legislation germane to the four towns was initiated. with Rep. Tom Conroy, Sen. Ken Donnelly and Rep Tom Stanley the impact of the state budget on the towns, and proposed health care bargaining and pension changes were discussed.

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

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Established in 1963, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes smart growth and regional collaboration in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. Our work is guided by our regional plan, "MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region," which is the smart growth plan for the Metro Boston region. It includes detailed goals for development and preservation, and specific strategies to equitably distribute the benefits and burdens of growth. The MAGIC website can be found at <http://www.mapc.org/subregions/MAGIC>.

MAPC works toward sound municipal management, sustainable land use policies, protection of natural resources, efficient and affordable transportation, an affordable housing stock, economic development, public safety, and equity and opportunity among people of all backgrounds. MAPC is governed by representatives from each city and town in our region, as well as gubernatorial appointees, state agencies, and other diverse leaders.

An Executive Committee composed of 25 elected members oversees agency operations. MAPC employs more than 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each subregion is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

MINUTEMAN ADVISORY GROUP ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION (MAGIC) SUBREGION

The MAGIC subregion of MAPC includes: Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow and Sudbury

MAGIC held eight regular meetings and three special meetings in 2009. The standard meetings consisted of local officials from the thirteen communities discussing green communities, transportation reform, transportation priorities, zoning reform, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), suburban mobility (two meetings), and other inter-municipal planning issues.

For the special meetings, MAGIC hosted its annual legislative breakfast to facilitate communication between municipal officials and the MAGIC legislative delegation. MAGIC also hosted a Planners' Forum, and a full day GIS training session.

MAGIC generated several products throughout the year including a transportation priorities comment letter to the Boston MPO, a TIP comment letter, and an RTP comment letter. MAGIC also produced its annual work plan and updated its bylaws.

As part of the "MAGIC Mobility" meetings, MAGIC conducted a survey of its member communities regarding suburban mobility services and constraints in each town. MAGIC also voted to spend special assessment funds on two studies in 2010, including a suburban mobility study for the MAGIC towns and a feasibility study for a shared bicycle and bus rapid transit (BRT) path along the Mass Central Railroad right of way.

In addition to subregional activities, MAPC assisted with the following projects in the MAGIC subregion: Stormwater Bylaw and Regulation development in Sudbury, Overlay District Development in Littleton, the Battle Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan in Concord, Lincoln, and Lexington, the Route 128 Central Corridor Plan in Lexington and Lincoln, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans for all the MAGIC towns.