

PVPC Planning Acronyms and Abbreviations

A

AADT	Average Annual Daily Traffic
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
AFT	American Farmland Trust
AFV	Alternative Fuel Vehicles
AHRI	American Heritage Rivers Initiative
AIC	American International College
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
ANR	Approval Not Required
APA	American Planning Association
APD	Aquifer Protection District
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (of 2009)
ATR	Automatic Traffic Recorder
AQI	Air Quality Index
AVR	Average Vehicle Ridership

B

BAPAC	Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee
BRPC	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
BID	Business Improvement District
BLOS	Bicycle Level of Service
BMP	Best Management Practice
BMS	Bridge Management System
BOA	Board of Appeals (or Adjustment)
BTS	Bureau of Transportation Statistics

C

CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
CARD	Commercial Area Revitalization District
CAS	Community Action Statement
CBD	Central Business District
CCC	Cape Cod Commission
3C	Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative Planning Process
CCGS	Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield
CD	Community Development
CDAG	Community Development Action Grant
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CDC	Community Development Corporation
CDF	Community Development Fund
CDP	Community Development Plan
CEDAC	Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
CEED	Community Enterprise Economic Development
CHAPA	Citizen Housing and Planning Association
CHDOs	Community Housing Development Organizations
CIIS	Capital Improvement Inventory System
CIP	Capital Improvements Plan (or Program)
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
CMP	Congestion Management Process
CMRPC	Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

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
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow

D

DCR	Department of Conservation and Recreation
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DET	Division of Employment and Training
DHCD	Department of Housing and Community Development
DLTA	Direct Local Technical Assistance
DOER	Department of Energy Resources
DOR	Department of Revenue
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPW	Department of Public Works
DRI	Developments of Regional Impact

E

EACC	Economic Assistance Coordinating Council
EDA	Economic Development Administration
EDC	Economic Development Council
EDD	Economic Development District
EDIC	Economic Development and Industrial Corporation
EDDI	Economic Development Data and Information System
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 Economic Affairs
EOEA	Executive Office of Elder Affairs
EOEEA	Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
EOLWD	Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ETA	Economic Target Area

F

FA	Federal Aid
FC	Functional Classification (of roadways)
FHA	Federal Housing Administration
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FRCOG	Franklin Regional Council of Governments
FTA	Federal Transit Administration

G

GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPS	Global Positioning System

H

HAC	Housing Appeal Committee
HAP	HAPHousing (formerly Housing Allowance Project—Hampden/Hampshire Housing Partnership)
HCC	Holyoke Community College
HDSP	Housing Development Support Program
HIF	Housing Innovation Fund
HMDL	Home Modification for Individuals with Disabilities Loan
HOD	Highway Overlay District
HOD	Historic Overlay District
HOP	Homeownership Opportunities Program
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HPG	Housing Preservation Grant
HPP	Housing Production Plan
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

I

IFB	Invitation for Bid
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991

J

JARC	Job Access and Reverse Commute
JLSB	Jacob's Ladder Scenic Byway
JLT	Jacob's Ladder Trail
JTC	Joint Transportation Committee

L

LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LHA	Local Housing Authority
LIHEAP	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
LIHTC	Low Income Housing Tax Credit
LOS	Level of Service
LPMS	Local Pavement Management System
LRV	Light Rail Vehicle
LTA	Local Technical Assistance

M

MA	Metropolitan Area
MAPC	Metropolitan Area Planning Council
MARPA	Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies
MassDOT	Massachusetts Department of Transportation
MassGIS	Massachusetts Geographic Information System
MBE	Minority Business Enterprises
MEPA	Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act
MGIC	Massachusetts Geographic Information Council
M.G.L.	Massachusetts General Laws
MHC	Massachusetts Historical Commission
MHP	Massachusetts Housing Partnership
MIFA	Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency
MIG	Municipal Incentive Grant
MMA	Massachusetts Municipal Association
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOBD	Massachusetts Office of Business Development

MOD	Massachusetts Office on Disability
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MRPC	Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MVC	Martha's Vineyard Commission
MVPC	Merrimack Valley Planning Commission
MWRA	Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

N

NARC	National Association of Regional Councils
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NFA	Non-Federal Aid
NHS	National Highway System
NHS	Neighborhood Housing Services program
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NMCOG	Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
NOx	Nitrogen Oxide
NP&EDC	Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NTHP	National Trust for Historic Preservation
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board

O

OCPI	Overall Condition Index (Pavement)
OCPC	Old Colony Planning Council
OSRP	Open Space and Recreation Plan

P

PCI	Pavement Condition Index
PDF	Priority Development Fund
PDR	Purchase of Development Rights
PHT	Peak Hour Traffic (or Trips)
PILOT	Payment in Lieu of Taxes
PL	[Metropolitan] Planning Funds
PMS	Pavement Management System
PMSA	Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
PMUG	Pavement Management Users Group
POAD	Planner on a Disc
PPP	Public Participation Process
PURD	Planned Unit Residential Development
PVRBCRLF	Pioneer Valley Regional Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund
PVTA	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority
PWED	Public Works/Economic Development

Q

QVDC	Quaboag Valley Community Development Corp.
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R

RDAL	Rental Development Action Loan
REB	Regional Employment Board
REBA	Regional Education and Business Alliance
REMI	Regional Economic Models, Inc.

RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
RFR	Request for Response
RGGI	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
RIF	Roadway Inventory Files
RLF	Revolving Loan Fund
RPA	Regional Planning Agency
RPMS	Regional Pavement Management System
RTA	Regional Transit Authority
RTC	Regional Technology Corporation
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan

S

SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SBA	Small Business Administration
SIP	State Implementation Plan (for air quality)
SOMWBA	State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance
SOV	Single Occupancy Vehicle
SP	Special Permit
SPP	Special Permit Planning
SPR	Site Plan Review
SRPEDD	Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District
SPR	Statewide Planning and Research Funds
SRO	Single Room Occupancy
STCC	Springfield Technical Community College
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
STP	Surface Transportation Program

T

TCSP	Transportation and Community System Preservation [Pilot Program]
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TDR	Transfer of Development Rights
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
TIF	Tax Increment Financing
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TLP	The Literacy Project
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TMC	Turning Movement Count
TND	Traditional Neighborhood District
TOD	Transit Oriented Design (or Development)
TRO	Trip Reduction Ordinance
TRB	Transportation Research Board
TSM	Transportation Systems Management

U

UGB	Urban Growth Boundary
ULI	Urban Land Institute
UMass	University of Massachusetts
UMDI	University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
URDG	Urban Revitalization Development Grant
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USDI	U.S. Department of the Interior
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
USPLS	U.S. Public Land Survey
UST	Underground Storage Tanks

V

VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
VOR	Vehicle Occupancy Rate

W

WALC	Ware Adult Learning Center
WAP	Weatherization Assistance Program
WBE	Women-owned Business Enterprises
WHPA	Wellhead Protection Area
WNEC	Western New England College
WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan
WRWA	Westfield River Watershed Association
WRWSAC	Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee
WSU	Westfield State University
WSP	Water Supply Protection [District]

Z

ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment (or Appeals)
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Executive Orders and Legislative Acts

E.O. 418—production of affordable housing across a broad range of incomes
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 4I, Sections 81K-81GG—subdivision control
M.G.L. Chapter 43D—expedited permitting

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