

FFY2023 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #2 – Summary

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This amendment proposes additional support in the amount of \$65,000 for Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 3 Subtask 3.2 – Transit Planning. Merrimack Valley Transit (MeVa) is providing these resources to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC), via contract amendment, to support additional automatic passenger counter and bus stop planning work. The \$65,000 is comprised of \$52,000 in Section 5307 Federal Aid and \$13,000 of Regional Transit Authority Capital Assistance from the state.

Since shifting to a fare free system, MeVa has used automatic passenger counters to determine how many passengers ride particular bus routes. These counters must be validated through real-world observation and cross reference.

MeVa is also in the process of positioning bus route/stop signage along its routes. Today's buses run on the flag system, but the signage is intended to help riders and potential riders identify where buses run and ideal boarding/alighting locations.

MVPC is providing planning assistance for both efforts.