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The 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership is a non-profit advocacy organization serving thirty-two towns, twenty-nine legislative districts, and half a million residents by addressing regional needs through public / private collaboration, and by enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life while sustaining natural resources. Accordingly, the Partnership is very concerned about regional constraints and limitations, and has been conducting numerous initiatives on housing, transportation, brownfields, workforce, and water supply issues.

In order to advance public discussions of regional transportation needs, the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership's Transportation Committee partnered with the MetroWest Daily News and Community Newspapers to solicit nominations of regional 'transportation nightmares' from commuters, residents, and employers. After several news articles and countless nominations, the committee members - municipal officials, transportation professionals, and employers - conducted an analysis of these nominations to determine regional priorities for transportation planning and infrastructure funding.

495/METROWEST REGION'S TOP TEN TRANSPORTATION NIGHTMARES

1. Lack of Public Transportation
2. I-290 and I-495
3. I-495 and Rt. 90 / Massachusetts Turnpike
4. Rt. 135 and Rt. 126 in Framingham
5. Rt. 9 and Lyman Street in Westborough
6. Rt. 9 at Central St. and Oakhill Rd. in Southborough
7. Rt. 20 Corridor
8. System-wide maintenance / Improved signal systems and roadways
9. 'The Bookends'-
 Littleton's I-495 & Rt. 119
 Franklin's I-495 & Rt. 140
10. I-495 and Rt. 9

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