



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	July 25, 2016
Time:	12:30 p.m.
Location:	12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA
Duration:	45 minutes
Facilitator:	Stephen Woelfel, Chair

FCTPO Members in Attendance:

Stephen Woelfel, MassDOT and representing Secretary Stephanie Pollack

Patrick J. Paul, MassDOT District 2 Highway Director and representing Highway Administrator Thomas Tinlin

Linda Dunlavy, Representing John Paciorek, Regionally Elected Representative

Robert Dean, Western County Representative

Michael Perreault, Franklin Regional Transit Authority

Tom Miner, FRPB NVM Member

Guests:

Mark Moore, MassDOT – District 1

Peter Frieri, MassDOT – District 1

Richard Masse, MassDOT – District 2

Jeff Hoynoski, MassDOT – District 2

Laura Hanson, MassDOT – District 2

Bryan Pounds, MassDOT – OTP

Sherry Patch, Town of Sunderland

Dianne Schindler, Town of Orange

Joshua Knechtel, Town of Orange

Staff:

Maureen Mullaney, Transportation and GIS Program Manager II

Laurie Scarbrough, Transportation Planning Engineer

Megan Rhodes, Senior Transportation/Land Use Planner

Jessica McMillin, Public Health Planner/Transportation Planner

Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning and Development

1 – Welcome and Introductions: Stephen Woelfel (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Chair, Stephen Woelfel. A round of introductions followed.

2 – Review and Approval of June 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Linda Dunlavy MOVED to approve the June 22, 2016 minutes. Bob Dean SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

3 – Review and vote to endorse Amendment #3 to the 2016-2019 TIP: Maureen Mullaney, FRCOG

Maureen Mullaney stated that Amendment #3 to the 2016-2019 TIP was released for a 30 day public review and comment period at the end of June, and closed on July 24, 2016.

In the Highway element of the TIP the Route 2/ Colrain-Shelburne road intersection improvement project cost was proposed to be increased:

- The project cost will be increased from \$520,000 to \$1,338,190. Statewide HSIP funding will cover the cost of the increase.

In the Transit element of the TIP the following amendment was proposed:

- Community transit grant funds available to the FRTA will provide additional money to buy four (4) replacement vans, bringing the total cost of the project to \$130,938.

Bob stated that the bottom line total for the highway project appears to be over-programmed. How are we balancing this?

Bryan stated that they are using remaining target funds in HSIP, and adding statewide funds to cover the remaining cost.

Linda Dunlavy MOVED to approve the amendment as presented. Bob Dean SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

6 – Review and vote to endorse the 2017-2021 TIP: Maureen Mullaney, FRCOG

Maureen Mullaney stated that there are a few changes to the draft since it was released on June 27th.

The primary change for year 2017 is the Route 2 project in Charlemont can now be completed in 2017, and will not need to span 2017 and 2018. MassDOT is providing funding beyond the target, with a contribution of close to \$4 million to allow us to complete the project in one year. Heath bridge replacement over Mill Brook was added.

We expect to start the Route 2 Village Center project in 2018. We can use the full target in 2018 for the Village Center improvements, as MassDOT has provided statewide CMAQ funds to complete the project in its entirety in one year.

We are able to fully fund the reconstruction of North Main Street in Orange for 2019, rather than having it phased over 2019 and 2020.

For 2020, the Colrain project did not advance in timeframe (it was originally scheduled for 2020), but it is fully funded. Target funds are freed up for Sunderland resurfacing in preliminary design. The Route 5 project in Whately can move forward as well.

In 2021 the Buckland reconstruction project on Conway Road will take more than the whole target. The bulk of the project will go to 2021, and it may carry over into 2022. A change was also made in the description to the Colrain Route 112 project – it has been changed from “bridge” to “deck preservation.”

Maureen stated that these are all positive changes from the last meeting. We only received comments from MassDOT with comments from D1 and D2. We will be open to additional comments through late Thursday afternoon. It will be updated on Friday and will be fully updated to incorporate the comments. Once it is ready to be posted, we will notify the FCTPO members.

Linda Dunlavy MOVED to accept the 2017-2021 TIP with the changes suggested (move Erving from 2017 to 2018; remove Deerfield Whately from 2020 and wait for MassDOT D2 to amend it so it can be put back on the TIP at the next meeting; and incorporate MassDOT comments). Bob Dean SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Laurie Scarborough passed around the endorsement sheets to be signed.

5 – Review and Vote to endorse the 2017 UPWP: Megan Rhodes, FRCOG

Megan Rhodes presented the proposed 2017 UPWP that was released for public review at the last meeting. We received comments from MassDOT OTP. A subtask under the Bike and Ped task was added to coordinate with the state as they update their Bike and Ped plans. The comments were incorporated. The 2017 UPWP is ready to endorse.

Bob Dean MOVED to endorse the 2017 UPWP as presented. Linda Dunlavy SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Laurie Scarborough passed around the endorsement sheet to be signed.

6 – Update from MassDOT District 1 & District 2

Peter Frieri gave the update from District 1. The FY16 intersection improvements on Route 2 Colrain Shelburne Road hearing has been extended to August 2nd. The bridge replacement in Heath is at 100% design and under review. For FY17, the Buckland Charlemont resurfacing

design is at PS&E. They anticipate first quarter advertising. FY18 Charlemont resurfacing and traffic calming 25% design public hearing anticipated for late summer or early fall.

Laura Hanson gave the update for District 2. The Deerfield McClellan Farm Road project will be advertised on July 30th and is on track. The Erving intersection improvements at Route 2 and 2A preconstruction meeting was held on June 10th. The contractor has been making submittals. The physical work will start in July. Curb setting and drainage work for the Greenfield intersection improvements at Cheapside Street and Route 5/10 have been completed. The guardrail, loam & seed, top course pavement, pavement markings, and punch list have been completed for the Montague-Reconstruction on Greenfield Road. The reclamation of Hatchery Road was just completed and paving is to occur next for the Montague rehabilitation of Hatcher Road and Greenfield Road pedestrian bridge. They are setting the curb and sidewalk construction for the Montague Canalside Bike Path and Pedestrian crossing improvements.

Laurie Scarborough stated that the Cheapside Street project looks like it's coming along well. She noted that the new concrete sidewalks and sliplane going towards Deerfield Street have utility poles in the sidewalk. Is there enough room to meet ADA compliance or is there a plan to move them?

Laura: We will talk to about construction.

Linda: The project looks good and is proceeding smoothly.

7 – Update from FRCOG

Linda Dunlavy stated that MassDOT offered to use statewide funding to finish the Route 2 project and statewide CMAQ for traffic calming. She thanked MassDOT, as this made a big difference for our TIP. Linda met with MassDOT staff to discuss increasing rail service in our region. It was a successful meeting. We are trying to provide more train service between Greenfield and Springfield to 2 trips in the morning and 2 in the evening to coordinate with people going to NYC while also providing commuter service for Greenfield and Springfield. We will be looking to work with PVPC and our respective MPOs to use CMAQ funds to fund a pilot service. We are working with MassDOT to determine how we can get train sets to test the pilot service. The goal is to start pilot service close to the CT expansion, whose announced start is January 2018. MassDOT recognizes that the MBTA procurement process is slow, so we will have to move quickly to meet this deadline.

8 – Update from FRTA

Michael Perreault reported that next Monday, August 1st the new fixed route service changes will go into effect.

9 – Update from Franklin Regional Planning Board: Tom Miner, FRPB

Tom Miner stated that there is nothing new to report.

11 – Additional business not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours

No additional business was discussed.

11 – *Next Meeting/Adjourn*

If necessary, the next FCTPO meeting will convene in October. We will be in touch with PVPC to determine a date.

Bob MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Linda Dunlavy SECONDED. The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.