



# Franklin County Regional Transportation Plan 2016



Providing a vision for the county's transportation systems in a context that is suitable for the rural nature of the region.

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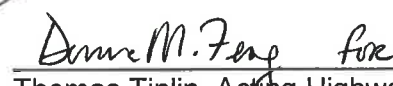

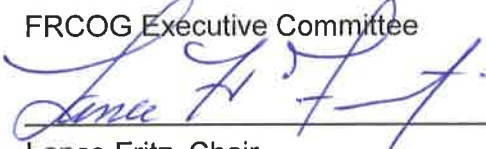
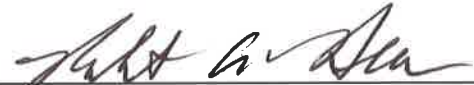
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## Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization Committee of Signatories Endorsement of the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan

 _____ Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO MassDOT	<u>7/28/15</u> Date
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 _____ Bill Perlman, Chair FRCOG Executive Committee	<u>7/28/15</u> Date
 _____ Lance Fritz, Chair Franklin Regional Transit Authority	<u>7/28/15</u> Date
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