



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	January 23, 2018, 12:00 noon
Time:	12:00 noon
Location:	12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA
Duration:	37 minutes
Facilitator:	Steve Woelfel, Chair,

FCTPO Members in Attendance:

- Steve Woelfel, MassDOT and representing Secretary Stephanie Pollack
- Patrick J. Paul, MassDOT District 2 Highway Director and representing Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver.
- Lance Fritz, Franklin Regional Transit Authority, Chair
- Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative
- Linda Dunlavy representing Kevin Fox, FRCOG Executive Committee
- Robert Dean, Western County Representative

Guests:

- Mark Moore, MassDOT – District 1
- Peter Frieri, MassDOT – District 1
- Richard Masse, MassDOT – District 2
- Laura Hanson, MassDOT–District 2
- Gabe Sherman, MassDOT – OTP
- Michael Perreault, Franklin Regional Transit Authority
- Rawley Caine, FRTA

Staff:

- Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning & Development
- Maureen Mullaney, Transportation & GIS Program Manager II
- Beth Giannini, Transportation Planner II
- Megan Rhodes, Senior Transportation/Land Use Planner Ann Dunne, Assistant Planner

1 – Welcome and Introductions: Steve Woelfel (Chair)

The Chair, Steve Woelfel called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. A round of introductions followed.

2 – Review and Approval of November 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Linda Dunlavy MOVED to approve the November 28, 2017 minutes. Bill Perlman SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

3 – Review and vote to release for a 21-day public review and comment period; Amendment # 2 to the 2018-2022 TIP: Maureen Mullaney, FRCOG.

Maureen presented the summary of the amendment, and requested that members vote to release Amendment # 2 to the 2018-2022 TIP for a 21-day public review and comment period.

FFY 2018, Highway Section 2A – State Prioritized Reliability Projects, Bridge Program

Amendment

- Greenfield - Bridge Replacement, G-12-006, Nash's Mill Road Over the Green River - Increase total project cost from \$2,452,650 to \$2,971,341, an increase of \$518,691 (NHPP-Off).

Laura Hanson noted the design phase costs increased over time.

Bill Perlman made a motion to approve the release of Amendment #2 to the 2018-2022 TIP for a 21-day public review and comment period. Linda Dunlavy SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

FFY 2018, Transit – Other Non-Federal

- Adjustment
 - Rehab/Renovate Administrative Facility – Add new project to upgrade HVAC system, lighting, and light controls at existing administrative facility, total cost \$70,000 (state funds).
 - Rehab/Renovation: Shop Equipment –Decrease cost from \$37,500 to \$17,794, a decrease of \$19,706 (state funds), to be applied to Rehab/Renovate Administrative Facility.
 - Buy Replacement 30 FT Bus –Decrease cost from \$870,000 to \$855,826, a decrease of \$14,174 (state funds), to be applied to Rehab/Renovate Administrative Facility.
 - Eng. /Design – Misc. Bus Station Equipment – Decrease cost from \$45,000 to \$8,880, a decrease of \$36,120 (state funds), to be applied to Rehab/Renovate Administrative Facility.

Michael Perreault outlined the reasons for the adjustments.

Lance Fritz made a motion to approve the Adjustments to the 2018-2022 TIP. Linda Dunlavy **SECONDED**. The motion was **UNANIMOUSLY** approved.

4 – Adoption of MassDOT Safety Performance Measures: Gabe Sherman, MassDOT

Gabe Sherman presented the summary of the MassDOT Safety Performance Measures.

MPOs may choose to set their own 5 quantifiable safety targets, or adopt MassDOT’s targets.

The daily activities of the FRCOG will remain unchanged, and Maureen is comfortable adopting the MassDOT standards. The performance measures will inform and provide guidance for developing future TIP projects and safety work plans.

*Bill Perlman made a motion to adopt the MassDOT Safety Performance Measures as presented. Linda Dunlavy **SECONDED**. The motion was **UNANIMOUSLY** approved.*

5 – Presentation of the State Rail Plan: Gabe Sherman, MassDOT.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is expected to release a draft of the 2018 State Rail Plan on Jan 26, 2018. The plan outlines the Commonwealth's long-term plan for the statewide rail system.

To meet Federal Railroad Administration requirements, the 2018 State Rail Plan provides an overview of.

- The existing rail system
- The system’s overall role in the transportation network
- How the system is financed
- Near term priorities
- A long-term investment strategy

Public comments will be accepted until 02/16/18.

6 – Update from MassDOT District 1 & District 2

Laura Hanson: District 2

2018 TIP Projects

- Erving - Streetscape & Pedestrian Improvements on Route 63. Project is at 25% submittal with a current adv. date of 9/1/2018
- Greenfield - Nash's Mill Road over the Green River. The project is at 100% submission, with and adv. date of 3/3/2018.

Construction Projects:

- Deerfield - Bernardston- Greenfield- resurfacing on I-91. The bid was opened on 12/17/2017, and Warner Brothers, LLC was awarded the contract.
- Orange - Bridge Replacement, Holtshire Road over Millers River. The bid opening is today 1/23/2018.

Peter Frieri: District 1

FY17 Projects:

- Buckland Bridge Maintenance Route 112 over Route 2 and PAN AM RR. The contract was awarded to JH Maxymillian on 1/12/2018.
- Shelburne BR replacement at Bardwell Ferry Road over Drageon Brook. The bid opening was postponed until 1/30/18.

FFY 2018

- Charlemont resurface and Traffic Calming at Rte.2 (Main St), the culvert rehabilitation over Rice Brook. The revised Right-of-Way plan was submitted in Sept. 2017, and anticipates a submittal of 75% design in April 2018.

7 – Update from FRCOG: Maureen Mullaney

Maureen Mullaney reported on the success of the Bike Rack Program. Linda noted that the regional CMAQ funds cannot be used to cover the cost of the rail expansion even during the pilot program stages. However, MassDOT has agreed to cover the costs of the expansion of the existing rail during the pilot program period. Two afternoon trains and, two night trains are proposed as part of the expansion to services, as well as an additional weekend roundtrip.

8 – Update from FRTA: Michael Perreault

Michael Perreault noted the FRTA is celebrating 40 years in 2018. Michael has noticed increases in the ridership over the last fiscal year.

9 – Update from FRPB: Peggy Sloan, FRCOG

Peggy noted the FRPB continues to work on the Northfield Mountain Facility relicensing permit.

10 – Public Comments

None

11 – Additional business not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours.

None

12 – Next meeting/Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TPO is the 4th Tuesday of February 27, 2018 at 12 noon.

Lance Fritz MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Bob Dean SECONDED. The meeting adjourned at 12:37pm.