



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	February 27, 2018
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA
Duration:	35 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.
- Tina Cote, representing Lance Fritz, Franklin Regional Transit Authority, Chair
- Linda Dunlavy representing Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative
- Robert Dean, Western County Representative

Guests:

- Ken Miller, FHWA
- Mark Moore, MassDOT – District 1
- Peter Frieri, MassDOT – District 1
- Richard Masse, MassDOT – District 2
- Paula Simmons, MassDOT–District 2
- Gabe Sherman, MassDOT – OTP
- Cassandra Gascon, MassDOT

Staff:

- Maureen Mullaney, Transportation & GIS Program Manager II
- Laurie Scarbrough, Transportation Planning Engineer
- 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 January 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Bob Dean MOVED to approve the January 23, 2018 minutes. Tina Cote SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

3 – Review and vote to endorse Amendment # 2 to the 2018-2022 TIP: Laurie Scarbrough, FRCOG.

Laurie asked the members to vote to endorse Amendment # 2 to the 2018-2022 TIP. Amendment # 2 was released for a 21-day public review and comment period, after the January 23, 2018 meeting. No comments were received. The amendment represents a cost increase to the Greenfield - Bridge Replacement project.

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).

Bob Dean made a motion to endorse Amendment #2 to the 2018-2022 TIP. Tina Cote SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

4 – Discussion of 2019-2023 TIP Development: Laurie Scarbrough, FRCOG

Laurie presented the 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program for further discussion. The regional targets remain the same for 2019, with slight increases for the remaining years. As part of the process, Laurie participated in the TIP Readiness Day, with the Office of Transportation Planning (OTP), and District 1 and District 2. They reviewed all of the projects including the 2018 TIP projects. The OTP concluded that both of the projects as listed below will not be ready for advertising in 2018, due to unresolved right-of-way issues, and suggested moving both to the 2019 TIP.

- Charlemont – Roadway Reconstruction and village center traffic calming on Route 2, from MM 29.9 to MM 31.0.
- Erving- Streetscape & pedestrian improvements on Route 63, from River Street to 1,200 FT. North of Lillian Way (1 mile).

The Orange project will be moved from 2019 to 2023.

- Orange- Reconstruction of North Main Street, from School Street to Lincoln Avenue(0.4 miles), incl. relocation of Fall Hill Brook culvert.

The Orange project will not be ready for advertising in 2019 due to a delay in the design completion process. The 2020 projects will stay in the 2020 TIP.

Laurie reported that MassDOT District 1 initiated a new project to substitute in 2018:

- The resurfacing of Route 2 from the Greenfield Town Line to Route 112. It is ready to be advertised in 2018, with a cost estimate of \$ 5,300,000.

A draft 2019-2023 TIP will be released in April for review, and endorsed in May 2018. Laurie will request an amendment to the 2018 TIP to add this new project.

Maureen Mullaney expressed concerns regarding the Erving and Charlemont projects delays due to unresolved State right-of-way issues, and with priority now given to a project that does appear on the TIP list of projects. Linda Dunlavy expressed similar concerns, and would like to explore an advocacy avenue to act on resolving the issue for both the Erving and Charlemont projects. Steve suggested writing a letter to the State requesting an answer, and he will speak to the State Highway Administrator to determine the status.

Ken Miller noted that the State could possibly redistribute the 2018 funds elsewhere in the State, leaving no funds programmed in Franklin County for 2018, but increase funding in Franklin County in subsequent years to make up the amount.

Mark Moore explained that the pavement section of Route 2 is very distressed and in need of repair, and does not have funding secured from other sources.

Laurie noted the regional targets are no longer broken down into sub categories like HSIP and CMAQ. Regions will program their projects according to the type of project they are, and the State will look at the amount of money programmed per category on a statewide basis to be sure that adequate amounts are being devoted to special categories like safety and air quality improvement.

5 – Review and vote on a UPWP Budget Adjustment: Maureen Mullaney

Maureen presented a UPWP budget adjustment to shift funds between tasks. Task 2.4 (State Data Center), and Task 4.2 (Safety Improvements) will need more funds than originally expected for the following reasons.

Task 2.4 (State Data Center)

Staff has been participating in Socioeconomic Projections committee that is developing figures for our Regional Transportation Plan Updates. This has added time to the task that was not originally anticipated.

Task 4.2 (Route 2 Safety Improvements)

Staff provides support to the Route 2 Task Force. There is renewed activity on behalf of the Task Force related to projects in Erving under design. Therefore, additional staff time is required.

Maureen would like to reallocate funds from other tasks, within the same categories, to provide funding to continue working on the above-mentioned tasks.

Details of the proposed reallocation:

Task/sub-task number and description	Existing amount	Proposed amount	Amount changed
2.4 State Data	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	+\$ 4,000.00
4.2 Route 2 Safety	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	+\$ 5,000.00
2.1 ENF/EIR	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	(\$ 1,000.00)
2.2 GIS	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
2.6 Pavement Mgmt	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	(\$ 2,000.00)

4.3 Transit and Rail	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	(\$ 2,000.00)
4.4 Bike and Ped	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	(\$ 2,000.00)
4.6 Scenic Byway	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	(\$ 1,000.00)

*Linda Dunlavy made a motion to approve the UPWP budget adjustment. Bob Dean **SECONDED**. The motion was **UNANIMOUSLY** approved.*

6 – Update from MassDOT District 1 & District 2

Peter Frieri: District 1

Peter reviewed the status of the TIP Projects.

FFY2017 Projects

- Buckland Bridge Maintenance Route 112 over Route 2 and PAN AM RR. The notice to proceed was issued to JH Maxymillian on 2/15/2018.
- Shelburne BR replacement at Bardwells Ferry Road over Dragon Brook. JH Maxymillian was awarded the contract on 2/21/18.

FFY2018 Projects

- 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 by April 2018.

Paula Simmons: District 2

Paula reviewed the status of the TIP Projects.

FFY2018 Projects

- Deerfield - Bernardston- Greenfield- resurfacing on I-91. The contract was awarded to Warner Brothers, LLC on 01/23/2018. They intend to start work in the spring.
- Orange - Bridge Replacement, Holtshire Road over Millers River. The contract was awarded to S&R Corp on 2/21/18.
- The Deerfield-Bridge (Preservation) Replacement Project on McClellan Farm Road.

The construction company completed the installation of a high-density polyethylene pipe system under the track, and will connect it to the existing water main.

The Erving Project delay is due to unresolved State right of way issues on private properties.

7 – Update from FRCOG: Linda Dunlavy

The FRCOG continues to work with Windham Regional Planning in Vermont, and Southwest Regional Planning in New Hampshire to improve transportation linkages between the three regions, and to encourage participation in rail usage during our pilot program.

FRCOG staff are assisting several Towns in preparing ADA plans.

Amtrak requested assistance from the Homeland Security Program, to collaborate in providing a safety training drill for emergency personnel.

FRCOG staff are developing performance measures to be used in the passenger rail expansion pilot program, and it will be presented to MassDOT in the coming weeks.

8 – Update from FRTA: Tina Cote

Tina reported that several agencies have registered for the upcoming orientation training, designed to encourage a continued increase in ridership. Tina noted that some service reductions may be required to balance the budget.

Linda asked about the reaction of the MPOs to the level funding of the RTAs. Steve noted that the members are just processing the information at this stage.

9 – Update from FRPB:

None

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 the month - March 27, 2018 at 12 pm.

Linda Dunlavy MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Tina Cote SECONDED. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.