



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	November 28, 2017
Time:	12:00 noon.
Location:	12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA
Duration:	52 minutes
Facilitator:	Dave Mohler, Chair,

## **FCTPO Members in Attendance:**

Dave Mohler, MassDOT and representing Secretary Stephanie Pollack

Patrick J. Paul, MassDOT District 2 Highway Director and representing Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver.

Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative

Lance Fritz, Franklin Regional Transit Authority, Chair

Donald Ouellette, DPW-Representing the Mayor of Greenfield

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

Jeffrey Hoynoski, MassDOT-District 2

Gabe Sherman, MassDOT – OTP

Tom Miner, FRPB

Michael Perreault, Franklin Regional Transit Authority

## **Staff:**

Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning & Development

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: Dave Mohler (Chair)**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chair, David Mohler. A round of introductions followed.

## 2 – Review and Approval of October 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes

*Linda Dunlavy MOVED to approve the October 24, 2017 minutes. Patrick Paul SECONDED. The motion passed by a majority. 1 Abstention*

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

Laurie noted the Amendment to the 2018-2022 TIP was released for a 21-day public review and comment period. There were no comments, and Laurie presented the summary:

### **FFY 2020, State Prioritized Reliability Projects, Section 2A, Bridge Program / On-System (NHS)**

#### **Amendments:**

- Orange - Request to split the cost of the bridge replacement project on Route 2 over Route 202, between FFY 2020 and FFY 2021. The cost in FFY 2020 = \$8,235,744. The total project cost is \$16,471,488.

### **FFY 2021, State Prioritized Reliability Projects, Section 2A**

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- Colrain - Request to add the bridge/ deck preservation project, on Route 112 over the North River to FFY 2021. The total project cost is \$427,000.00.

### **FFY 2022, State Prioritized Reliability Projects, Section 2A**

- Greenfield- Request to move the bridge replacement project from FFY 2021 to FFY 2022. The total project cost is \$17,082,074.

*Lance Fritz made a motion to approve the Amendment to the 2018-2022 TIP. Donald Ouellette SECONDED. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.*

## 4 – Discussion of MassDOT Safety Performance Measures: Gabe Sherman, MassDOT

Gabe Sherman presented the summary of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Safety Performance Management Measures (Safety PM) Final Rules, as published by the Federal

Highway Administration (FHWA). All States must now use the FHWA's online reporting tool to submit their annual reports, and to describe in their annual reports the progress toward achieving safety outcomes and performance targets.

- An overview of general highway safety trends;
- The safety performance targets established in accordance with 23 U.S.C.150;
- A discussion of the basis of each established target and how the established target supports SHSP goals; and
- In future years, a discussion of any reasons for differences in the actual outcomes and targets.

The MPO will vote to adopt the standards as set by the State or set their own for the region in accordance with MassDOT targets.

## **5 –Presentation of the Franklin County Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Report. Megan Rhodes, FRCOG.**

Megan Rhodes presented the results of the study on the Evaluation of Demand for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Franklin County. She noted that the number of electric vehicles has been increasing in the last several years. Electric vehicles are classified into three primary categories:

- Hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs)
- Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PEVs)
- All electric vehicles (EVs)

The survey was conducted at all charging stations in Franklin County, and FRCOG staff also contacted the Town of Greenfield to understand their experience with the two charging stations they had installed at public lots in January 2015.

Megan outlined the charging levels, charging rates and the range per hour charging for each type of electric vehicle. There are currently eight publicly available charging stations with a total of 13 charging ports located in Franklin County. FRCOG staff distributed a survey at each of the charging stations, and found the survey respondents experienced difficulty at times finding an available charging station. The survey found there are charging stations located at distances that allow easy commutes between population centers along the I-91 corridor in western Massachusetts, while there are no charging facilities in the hilltowns, and east and west along Route 2. There are several funding sources for EV charging infrastructure in Massachusetts. Dealerships are also beginning to install chargers, as the rate of EV ownership in Massachusetts

has increased from 100 to 5,000 in the last five years. All the charging stations in Franklin County are free, owners pay for parking only.

## **6 – Presentation of Franklin County Towns conducting Complete Streets Assessments and Prioritization Plans. Maureen Mullaney, FRCOG**

Maureen Mullaney presented the status update of the Complete Streets work in Franklin County.

- Maureen noted that the Towns of Sunderland, Buckland, and Whately passed a Complete Streets Policy and were awarded approximately \$30,000.00 to complete a Prioritization Plan.
- The Town of Greenfield passed a Complete Streets Policy and completed a Prioritization Plan using a consultant, and the plan was approved by the State in August.
- Orange passed a Complete Streets Policy and the completion of a Prioritization Plan is underway using a consultant.
- Montague signed a letter of intent to pass a Complete Streets Policy, and submitted a request for funding to complete a Prioritization Plan in November 2017.
- Colrain passed a Complete Streets Policy and the scope of work is prepared to apply for funding to complete a Prioritization Plan.
- Deerfield attended the required MassDOT training to be eligible to participate in the program and expressed an interest in participating in the program to create a Prioritization Plan.

Eight communities out of 26 Towns are working on plans, which is a very positive number.

## **7 – Update from MassDOT District 1 & District 2**

Peter Frieri gave the update of the current TIP projects from District 1.

FY17 Projects:

- Buckland Bridge Maintenance Route 112 over Route 2 and PAN AM RR. Project advertised on May 27, 2017. Bid opening scheduled for November 28, 2017.
- Buckland-Charlemont resurfacing & related work on route 2, from MM (R.R Bridge) to MM (Buckland/Shelburne T.L). June 21, 2017 NTP granted to Lane Construction. Paving of the intermediate course was completed this fall. In the spring of 2018 all other related work will commence with the final paving to be

completed in the summer of 2018.

- Colrain BR Replacement – Heath Rd over West Branch North River. The project was awarded on 10/17/17 to Clayton Davenport Trucking Inc.
- Heath BR Replacement at Route 8A over Mill Brook. JH Maxymillian was awarded the project, and the pre-con will begin 11/21/17.
- Shelburne BR replacement at Bardswell Ferry Road over Dragon Brook. The bid opening is scheduled for 1/17/2018.

### **FFY 2018**

- Charlemont – Resurface and Traffic Calming at Rte. 2 (Main St), the culvert rehabilitation over Rice Brook. The district submitted a revised right-of-way plan, and anticipates a 75% design submittal in March/April 2018.

### **Jeff Hoynoski gave the update from District 2**

- Erving- Streetscape & Pedestrian Improvements on Route 63 is at 25% and a Design Public Hearing was held on Oct. 26, 2017.
- Greenfield- Nash's Mill Road over the Green River is at 100% submission, and is under review.
- Deerfield- Bernardston- Greenfield- resurfacing on I-91 was advertised in September, and has a bid opening date of Dec. 19, 2017.
- Orange- Bridge Replacement, Holtshire Road over Millers River was advertised in September, and has a bid opening date of June 9, 2018.

Linda asked for an update on the General Pierce Bridge.

## **8 – Update from FRCOG**

Linda Dunlavy gave an update for the FRCOG.

Linda noted that MassDOT will fund the pilot program to expand the passenger rail from Greenfield to Deerfield. The Greenfield road bike bridge ribbon cutting celebration on Nov 7, 2017 was a great success. The FRCOG will send solicitation letters to the Towns to update their Hazard Mitigation Plans. Towns are also seeking help with zoning bylaws for adult use marijuana. Maureen noted the Route 2 Task Force had a very successful meeting and will provide new ideas for TIP projects in the future.

## **9 – Update from FRTA:**

Michael Perreault gave an update for the FRTA.

The FRTA is monitoring the new bus route changes, and noted a 13% increase in ridership since

the changes. Plans are underway to add more route information signage and directions at existing bus stops.

#### **10 – Update from FRPB**

Tom Miner gave the update for the FRPB.

Tom noted that the stream crossing explorer tool provides a valuable resource for Towns to evaluate structures for resiliency, and hazard mitigation planning.

#### **11 – Public Comments**

None

#### **12 – Additional business not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours.**

Donald Ouellette gave an update on the Greenfield DPW projects.

The speed limit on Silver Street will be reduced to 30 mph, when the bike lanes are installed, and the 25% design for Wisdom Way is near completion. Donald mentioned the Waste Water Treatment Dept. is seeking to build a regional digester plant to take care of sludge, which has proven to be a difficult task. Currently sludge is hauled to Rhode Island, at increased costs.

#### **13 – Next meeting/Adjourn**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TPO is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January- 01/23/2018 at 12 noon. During a snowstorm the FROG will coordinate any cancellation and notify MassDOT.

*Lance Fritz MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Michael Perreault SECONDED. The meeting adjourned at 12:52pm.*