



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Time:	12:00 noon
Location:	12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA
Duration:	44 minutes
Facilitator:	Steve Woelfel, Chair,

## **FCTPO Members in Attendance:**

Steve Woelfel, MassDOT and representing Secretary Stephanie Pollack  
Richard Masse, MassDOT–District 2 and representing Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver  
Tina Cote, representing Lance Fritz, Franklin Regional Transit Authority, Chair  
Bob Dean, Western County Representative  
Wendy Foxmyn, Central County Representative  
Kevin Fox, FRCOG Executive Committee  
Linda Dunlavy, representing FRCOG regionally elected representative Bill Perlman  
Paul Raskevitz, DPW-Representing the Mayor of Greenfield  
Tom Miner, FRPB non-voting

## Guests:

Sonja Gray, MassDOT – District 1  
Peter Frieri, MassDOT – District 1  
Laura Hanson, MassDOT–District 2  
Gabe Sherman, MassDOT – OTP  
Erica Roper, Windham Regional Commission, VT

## Staff:

Maureen Mullaney, Transportation & GIS Program Manager II  
Jessica Atwood, Economic Development Program Manager  
Beth Giannini, Senior Transportation Planner 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 12:00pm. A round of introductions followed.

## **2 – Review and Approval of the May 22 , 2018 Meeting Minutes**

*Bob Dean MOVED to approve the May 22,2018 minutes. Tina Cote seconded.*

*The motion was unanimously approved.*

## **3 – Review and vote to release for a 21-day public review and comment period an amendment to the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan Air Quality Conformity Determination: Megan Rhodes, FRCOG**

Megan reviewed the amendment to the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan Air Quality Conformity Determination, and presented the Statewide ozone precursor analysis.

*Bob Dean MOVED to vote to release for a 21-day public review and comment period an amendment to the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan Air Quality Conformity Determination: Linda Dunlavy seconded. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.*

## **4 - Review and endorse a 2018 Transit TIP Adjustment : Laurie Scarbrough, FRCOG**

Laurie presented the 2018 Transit TIP Adjustment for review and endorsement.

### **FFY 2018, Transit, Other Non-Federal**

- Maintenance Facility-Equipment /Support - Decrease project cost from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000.
- Acquire- ADP Software- Decrease project cost from \$30,000 to \$0 (remove project).
- Buy Associated Capital Maintenance Items- Add project. Total project cost \$6,330.
- Rehab/Rebuild <30-FT BUS- Add project. Total project cost \$3,380.

*Bob Dean MOVED to endorse the 2018 Transit TIP Adjustment. Linda Dunlavy seconded. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved.*

## **5 – Presentation on a study to promote tourism to Franklin County by passenger rail: Jessica Atwood, FRCOG**

Jessica presented the 2017 study to promote tourism to Franklin County by passenger rail.

Jessica noted the trends in tourism, and the efforts by agencies and Amtrak to promote Franklin County as a destination using passenger rail. The new parking garage will provide overnight parking on Olive Street. The pilot expanded passenger rail service slated for June 2019 must meet certain ridership thresholds to achieve long term expanded rail service.

**6 – Slideshow presentation on 25 years of Transportation improvements in Franklin County:  
Maureen Mullaney, FRCOG**

Maureen recently presented a slideshow of Transportation improvements in Franklin County over the last 25 years. The presentation highlighted many successful completed projects from improved roads and bridges, bikeways and trails, and tourism and economic development.

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

**Peter Frieri: District 1**

Peter reviewed the status of the TIP Projects.

**FFY2018 Projects**

- Shelburne – Resurfacing and related work on Route 2 – the District is submitted 25-75% design on 6/21/18 and the review have been received. The District is currently preparing the final design submission, and expects a 100% PSE by early August.

**FFY2019 Projects**

- Charlemont resurface and Traffic Calming at Route 2 (Main St), the culvert rehabilitation over Rice Brook. The revised Right-of-Way plans have been submitted, and anticipates a submittal of 75% design by early August.

**Laura Hanson: District 2**

Laura reviewed the status of the TIP Projects.

**FFY2018 TIP Projects:**

- Erving — Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvements on Route 63 - District 2 finished the PS&E comments on 6/21/2018, and has a current advertising date of 9/1/2018.

**Construction Projects:**

- Greenfield — Nash Mill Road over the Green River- The bid opening date was 6/12/2018, and the lowest bidder was New England Infrastructure. The next step is to award the bidder.

- Deerfield-Bernardston - Greenfield-Interstate Maintenance & Related Work on Route 91. The construction has begun with barrier installation for Phase 1. The berm removal and drainage structure adjustments continues.
- Orange - Bridge Replacement on Holtshire Road over Millers River. The notice to proceed was issued on 4/19/2018; and the physical start in the field should be happening soon.
- Deerfield — Bridge Preservation - McClellan Farm Road over the B&M Railroad. — Construction is at 40% complete, the update from the resident Engineer shows Phase 1 north abutment, and the wingwall are complete, and the forming and reinforcement installation for south abutment & wingwall is underway.
- Greenfield-Montague –Bridge Rehabilitation – Montague City Road over the Connecticut River (General Pierce Bridge) – the current advertising date is 12/7/2019.

Laurie asked for some crash report details as a follow up to the recent accidents on I-91N in Whately.

Repairs to the White Bridge in Turners Falls will continue into August 2018.

#### **8 – Update from FRCOG: Linda Dunlavy**

- No updates

#### **9 – Update from FRTA: Tina Cote**

- Tina noted the new fare increase when into effect on 7/1/2018, and some route services will change on 9/4/2018. Tina noted an increase of 3% in ridership.

#### **10 – Update from FRPB: Tom Miner**

- Tom noted that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Report is a great resources for the Towns.

#### **11 – Public Comments**

- None

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

- None

#### **13 – Next meeting/Adjourn**

The next scheduled meeting of the TPO is Tuesday, August 28,2018 at 12:00pm (noon).

Bob Dean MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Linda Dunlavy SECONDED. The meeting adjourned at 12:44pm.