



Franklin Regional Council of Governments
Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	12 Olive Street, Greenfield, MA
Duration:	1 hour, 14 minutes
Facilitator:	Bryan Pounds, MassDOT OTP

FCTPO Members in Attendance:

- Bryan Pounds, MassDOT OTP (representing Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and CEO of MassDOT)**
- Mark Moore, MassDOT District 1 (representing Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Highway Administrator)**
- Bob Dean, Western County Representative**
- Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative**
- Kevin Fox, FRCOG Executive Committee**
- Michael Perreault, FRTA (representing FRTA Chair Lance Fritz)**
- Marlo Warner, DPW Director, City of Greenfield (representing Mayor William Martin)**

Guests:

- Peter Frieri, MassDOT – District 1**
- Laura Hanson, MassDOT – District 2**
- Richard Masse, MassDOT–District 2**
- Sherry Patch, Sunderland Town Administrator**
- Gabriele H. Voelker, Orange and New Salem Town Administrator**
- Brandon Wilcox, FHWA**

Staff:

- Linda Dunlavy, FRCOG Executive Director**
- Maureen Mullaney, Transportation & GIS Program Manager II**
- Beth Giannini, Senior Transportation Planner II**
- Megan Rhodes, Senior Transportation/Land Use Planner**
- Laurie Scarbrough, Transportation Planning Engineer**
- Liz Jacobson-Carroll, Assistant Planner**

1 – Welcome and Introductions: Bryan Pounds

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., and was followed by a round of introductions.

2 – Review and Approval of the January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Bryan Pounds

B. Dean moved to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes, B. Perlman seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

**3 – Review of TIP Readiness Day and the Transportation Improvement Program Universe of Projects:
Laurie Scarbrough**

L. Scarbrough reported that she and M. Mullaney recently met with MassDOT for TIP Readiness day to discuss the status of projects on the 2019-2023, and the 2020-2024 TIPs. MassDOT indicated that at this point the projects appear to be solid for the years in which they are programmed. It was discussed that it may be necessary to Advance Construct (“AC”) the Charlemont Route 2 resurfacing project (FFY 2019) because of a project cost increase that now moves the total cost beyond the 2019 target funds available.

L. Scarborough reviewed a possible slate of projects for 2020-2024. She indicated that the TPO will potentially have to decide between two Greenfield projects for 2024 – reconstruction of Wisdom Way and Resurfacing Montague City Road -- as there is insufficient funding to complete both. M. Mullaney stated that historically the TPO has prioritized Town-initiated projects over State-initiated projects when facing insufficient funding, so the Wisdom Way resurfacing will likely be the recommended project for 2024. M. Warner said that the City has approved 100% funding for the design work and it was noted that the project had recently had a 25% design public hearing.

FRCOG staff will bring 2020-2024 TIP scenarios to the next meeting for TPO members to consider, B. Pound explained, further noting that he will have a list of statewide programs available for reference.

4 – Presentation on the Performance-Based Planning Agreement, for informational purposes: Bryan Pounds

B. Pounds discussed the draft Performance-Based Planning agreement between MassDOT, the Regional Transit Authorities, and the MPOs/TPOs committing to work together to advance transportation planning and implementation. The document is being presented at monthly MPO/TPO meetings and at the MA Association of Regional Transit Authorities (MARTA) monthly meeting. Endorsement will be sought in the coming months.

5 – Presentation on the Franklin Regional Transit Authority Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan: Michael Perreault

All of the region’s RTAs were required to develop a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan to track revenue-generating vehicles, non-revenue generating vehicles, and facilities. They had the option of creating their own, or adopting one developed by MassDOT. The FRTA adopted the plan developed by MassDOT.

6 – Update on the Regional Transportation Plan: Maureen Mullaney

M. Mullaney reported that while FRCOG staff are seeking additional information from the bicycling community, they are close to wrapping up their successful public outreach phase, and continue drafting the RTP. Based largely on information gathered through community meetings and a survey, the following topic areas were raised the most often:

- increase transit (particularly expanding to provide weekend and evening service)
- increase passenger rail (more N/S runs and an E/W route)

- repair the General Pierce Bridge between Montague and Greenfield
- replace FRTA's maintenance facility
- improve safety on Route 2 (Erving center and the Farley area)
- improve pedestrian access between Leyden Woods and downtown Greenfield
- increase bicycle and pedestrian safety on Turners Falls Road between Montague and Greenfield
- create off-road (bike/hike) routes connecting towns (Orange, Athol, Wendell)
- continue implementing Complete Streets in environmental justice areas
- repair vulnerable infrastructure (small bridges and culverts)

The RTP will be released for a formal public review and comment period in June, 2019 and will be endorsed in July, 2019.

7 – Updates from MassDOT District 1 & District 2 - Peter Frieri, Laura Hanson

For District 1, P. Frieri reported that the resurfacing of Route 2 in Shelburne project (TIP FFY18) was awarded to Warner Bros. in December, and that the resurfacing/traffic-calming of Route 2 in Charlemont project (TIP FFY19), currently in the design phase, will be advertised this year.

For District 2, L. Hanson reported on current construction projects:

- The Erving Streetscape/Pedestrian Improvements on Route 63 project was awarded to C&A Construction in February. Scheduled completion - 12/19.
- The Greenfield Nash Mill Road project is underway with New England Infrastructure demolishing the superstructure. Scheduled completion - 12/19.
- The Deerfield-Bernardston-Greenfield Interstate Maintenance project is suspended for the winter. Scheduled completion - 8/19.
- The Orange Bridge Replacement/Holtshire Road project is underway with utility work to be followed by bridge demolition in March. Scheduled completion - 4/20.
- The Deerfield Bridge Preservation/McClellan Farm Road project is about 70% complete. Scheduled completion - 8/20.

Further, she has a list of projects submitted in January under the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program that includes one for Sunderland Elementary and three pertaining to schools in Turners Falls.

8 – Update from FRCOG: Linda Dunlavy

L. Dunlavy and M. Rhodes led attendees in an on-line activity to anonymously pick a potential name for the expanded north-south passenger rail due to start in the summer of 2019.

9 – Update from FRTA: Michael Perrault

M. Perrault reported that the FRTA is waiting for MassDOT to award discretionary grants. He also noted that the RTA Task Force is developing recommendations for legislators, he said.

10 – Update from FRPB: Maureen Mullaney

In T. Miner's absence, M. Mullaney indicated that she sought input from the FRPB about the Regional

Transportation Plan update at their January, 2019 meeting, and that members gave ample feedback.

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, March 26, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

B. Dean moved to adjourn the meeting, B. Perlman seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM.

Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:

- Agenda
- FRPB Minutes, January 22, 2019 – DRAFT
- 2020-2024 FCTPO Universe of Projects
- DRAFT-V2 – Performance-Based Planning and Programming Agreement
- MassDOT TAM Plan with Appendices December 2018