



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	Tuesday, June 23, 2020
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89202556584?pwd=V00zTmtsOWVnc0hNWDNCcjRjZG85QT09 Meeting ID: 892 0255 6584 Password: 264861
Duration:	26 minutes
Facilitator:	Steven Woelfel, MassDOT OTP

FACTPO Members in Attendance:

Steven Woelfel, MassDOT OTP (representing MassDOT Secretary Stephanie Pollack)
 Paula Simmons, MassDOT District 2 (representing MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver)
 Steve Ellis, Eastern County Representative
 Kevin Fox, FRCOG Executive Committee
 Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative
 Marlo Warner II, DPW Director, City of Greenfield (representing Mayor Roxann Wedegartner)
 Ken Miller, Federal Highway Administration (non-voting member)

Guests:

Derek Krevat, MassDOT OTP
 Bryan Pounds, MassDOT OTP
 Peter Frieri, MassDOT District 1
 Mark Moore, MassDOT District 1
 Laura Hanson, MassDOT District 2
 Fred Orloski, Town of Whately (Select Board)
 Diana Szynal, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
 Omar Mejia, Safe Routes to Schools

Staff:

Maureen Mullaney, Transportation & GIS Program Manager II
 Beth Giannini, Senior Transportation Planner II
 Laurie Scarbrough, Transportation Planning Engineer
 Liz Jacobson-Carroll, Assistant Planner

1 – Welcome and Introductions: Steven Woelfel

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., and was followed by an announcement of participants.

2 – Review and Approval of the May 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Steven Woelfel

Perlman moved to approve the May 26, 2020 minutes, with the remediation of a clerical error; Warner

seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously (Woelfel, Simmons, Ellis, Fox, Perlman, Warner).

3 – Review and vote to release for 21-day public review and comment period a DRAFT Amendment to the FY2020 UPWP and a UPWP budget reallocation: Maureen Mullaney

Mullaney presented the draft amendment and corresponding budget reallocations pertaining to four tasks to be adjusted. First, Task 3.3 culvert assessments is being amended. It has been determined that it is not possible to complete this work at this time because it is not possible to conduct the field work in a way that maintains the CDC recommended distance between staff people. Some of the work was completed last Fall, and that work will continue to be valuable as there is a task in the 2021 UPWP to continue the culvert work. Instead, task 3.3 will be changed to “An Inventory of Recreational Assets. Such a plan is currently underway for the western Franklin County subregion through a collaboration of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (MTWP), Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), and other local stakeholders. This work is being funded by a state grant. This UPWP task will extend that inventory to the rest of Franklin County. The inventory will document recreational assets in a database and GIS mapping. The inventory will be used to support tourism, promote recreational activities, and be used for the creation of a future Outdoor Recreation Plan for Franklin County. To support this change the following budgets were proposed to be adjusted. Task 3.5 (Develop tourism Itineraries) would move \$6,000 to the new task 3.3. It is possible to still complete the tourism itinerary task but reduce the number of itineraries, thus freeing up some funding to help make the adjustment to the new task 3.3.

Second, \$3000 will be shifted from Implementation of the Route 2 East Safety Improvement Study (task 4.2) to Education, Outreach and Interregional Coordination (task 4.5). The Route 2 safety improvement projects are not advancing as quickly as had been anticipated, resulting in the need to postpone the public outreach until next fiscal year, Mullaney said. The staff time and funding will, instead, be directed toward work on the Community Health Improvement Program (CHIP) – specifically to improve the built environment to encourage people to be more physically active as they enjoy and navigate their communities.

Perlman moved to release for a 21-day public review and comment period the DRAFT Amendment to the FY2020 UPWP and a UPWP budget reallocation as presented; Ellis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (Woelfel, Simmons, Ellis, Fox, Perlman, Warner).

4 – Updates from MassDOT District 1 & District 2: Peter Frieri, Laura Hanson

Frieri reported for District 1:

- Comments on the 100% design were sent to the designer of the Intersection improvements at Main Rd/Jacksonville Rd/Greenfield Rd in Colrain on 6/8/20; ENV and ROW clearances are progressing.
- Clayton Davenport is the apparent low bidder (5/19/20) on the project to replace the bridge over the Wilder Brook on West Oxbow Road in Charlemont; awarding of the contract is anticipated.
- On June 12, the final PS&E was sent to FAPRO for replacement of the bridge over the Chickley River on Tower Road in Charlemont.
- The public hearing on the 25% design of the project reconstructing and widening Conway St/Summer St/South S/Conway Rd – cancelled in March – has been rescheduled as a virtual public hearing webinar on July 10. (<https://www.mass.gov/event/buckland-design-public-hearing-webinar-2020-07->

Hanson reported for District 2:

- The 25% design of the intersection improvements at Route 2 & Colrain Road and Route 2 & the Big Y entrance submitted 6/5/20 are under review, with a 12/10/22 advertisement date planned.
- Bids opened on June 16 for the project to renovate the General Pierce Bridge over the CT River in Greenfield and Montague ranged from \$13,787,742.60 to \$14,227,361.75. Hanson agreed to follow-up with Mass DOT for a response to Ellis' concerns regarding the cost relative to expectations, and what flexibility remains for adding additional features.

5 – Updates from FRCOG: Linda Dunlavy

None.

6 – Updates from FRTA: Michael Perrault

None.

7 – Updates from FRPB: Tom Miner

None.

8 – Public Comments

None.

9 – Additional business not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours

None.

10 – Next Meeting / Adjourn

The next scheduled meeting of the TPO is Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 12:00 PM.

Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting, Perlman seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM.

Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:

- FCTPO meeting Agenda 06 23 2020
- TPO meeting minutes 5-26-2020 DRAFT
- Franklin_2020_UPWP_draft amendment 6-15-2020
- FRCOG UPWP budget reallocation request 6-16-2020
- 06-23-20 Franklin TPO Update (District 1)