



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/489605469">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/489605469</a> or 1 877 309 2073 Access code: 489-605-469
Duration:	25 minutes
Facilitator:	Steven Woelfel, MassDOT OTP

### FCTPO 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, Central County Representative  
 Colin Killay, representing Gabrielle Voelker, Eastern County Representative  
 Kevin Fox, FRCOG Executive Committee  
 Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative  
 Michael Perreault, FRTA (representing FRTA Chair Bill Stathis)  
 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  
 Peter Frieri, MassDOT District 1  
 Mark Moore, MassDOT District 1  
 Laura Hanson, MassDOT District 2  
 Diana Szynal, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce  
 Heather Butler, Town of Buckland  
 Geoff Kravitz, Town of Sunderland  
 Mike Fisher

### Staff:

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

<b>1 – Welcome and Introductions: Steve Woelfel</b>
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The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

<b>2 – Review and Approval of the July 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Steve Woelfel</b>
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*B. Perlman moved to approve the July 28, 2020 minutes, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**3 – FFY 2021 – 2025 TIP Self-Certification Compliance for Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements (60.05)  
– TPO Endorsement: Derek Krevat**

Krevat explained that the FRCOG and other MPO/TPOs are critical partners of the state in quantifying and documenting air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, and that doing so is part of every Transportation Improvement Plan project.

*B. Perlman moved to approve the FFY 2021-2025 Self-Certification Compliance for the Global Warming Solutions Act Requirements (60.05); Marlo Warner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

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

For District 1, Frieri reported:

- The FFY 2019 project to calm traffic in Charlemont is proceeding in FFY 2021, and is scheduled for completion in FFY2022.
- All FFY 2020 projects have been advertised. Bids on the Colrain intersection project are due to be opened 12/1/20. A Notice to Proceed on the Charlemont West Oxbow Road bridge replacement was issued to Clayton Davenport on 8/3/20. A contract was awarded to New England Infrastructure for the Charlemont Tower Road bridge replacement on 8/24/20.
- The 75% design of the FFY 2021 project to reconstruct four roads in Buckland is under review by MassDOT, needs revised ROW plans, and is currently 15% under budget; a July virtual public hearing went well.

For District 2, Hanson reported:

- All FFY 2020 projects have gone out to bid & projects are in various phases of construction.
  - A virtual pre-construction meeting for the Bernardston, Bridge Replacement project was held with Kodiak on 9/18/20.
  - A virtual pre-construction meeting for the Deerfield-Whately, Resurfacing & Related Work on Routes 5&10 project was held with Warner Bros. on 9/8/2020.
  - A virtual pre-construction meeting for the General Pierce Bridge on 9/3/2020.
  - A virtual pre-construction meeting for the Orange Bridge Replacement project was held with ET&L Corporation on 8/6/20.
  - The Sunderland North Main Street project was advertised on 9/12/20 and the bid will be opened on 11/3/2020.
- For FFY 2021 projects:
  - The Greenfield Wisdom Way project was reviewed by District 2, current advertising date is 7/10/21.
  - The Northfield Schell Bridge public design hearing was held 9/17/20 where the design for a steel-tied arch bridge was presented.
- There are No FFY 2022 projects
- For FFY 2023 Projects:  
Deerfield – Bridge Rehabilitation for Upper Road over Deerfield River: District 2 was recently invited to review the Bridge Type Selection Worksheet

#### **5 – Updates from FRCOG: Maureen Mullaney**

Transportation planners are finishing the fiscal year strong, despite delays and difficulties due to COVID-19 pandemic, and work planning for the new year is underway, Mullaney said.

#### **6 – Updates from FRTA: Michael Perreault**

The maintenance facility construction project will be re-bid soon, as FRTA was unable to re-negotiate the existing contract after the 30% design estimate came back from the contractor with a price tag far over budget, Perreault said. He reported that the bus stop sign project in Greenfield is going well, and thanked Marlo Warner and Alan Twarog for the successful partnership. Bill Stathis, Chief of Staff for the Mayor of Greenfield, has been appointed the new chair of the FRTA board (following the resignation of Lance Fritz), Perreault announced.

#### **7 – Updates from FRPB:**

None.

#### **8 – Public Comments**

None.

#### **9 – Additional business not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours**

Ken Miller announced the recent hiring of Andrew Reovan at FHWA, who will be attending TPO meetings in the future.

#### **10 – Next Meeting / Adjourn**

The next scheduled meeting of the TPO is Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM, if needed.

*B. Perlman moved to adjourn the meeting, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.*

#### **Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:**

- Agenda
- FRPB Minutes, July 28, 2020 – DRAFT
- FRCOG GWSA Self-Certification 2021-2025 TIP
- FRCOG GWSA Self-Certification 2021-2025 TIP Endorsement Sheet
- 09-22-20 Franklin TPO Update - District 1