



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/826418421">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/826418421</a> or +1 (877) 309-2073 or +1 (571) 317-3129 Access code: 826-418-421
Duration:	50 minutes
Facilitator:	Steven Woelfel, MassDOT OTP

**FCTPO Members in Attendance:**

- Steven Woelfel, MassDOT OTP (representing MassDOT Secretary Jamey L. Tesler)
- Paula Simmons, MassDOT District 2 (representing MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver)
- Heather Butler, Western County Representative
- Steve Ellis, Eastern County Representative
- Gabrielle Voelker, Eastern County Representative
- Kevin Fox, FRCOG Executive Committee
- Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative
- Michael Perreault, FRTA (representing FRTA Chair Bill Stathis)
- Roxann Wedegartner, Mayor, City of Greenfield, present beginning with agenda item 4 and through adjournment of the meeting.
- Marlo Warner II, DPW Director, City of Greenfield (representing Mayor Roxann Wedegartner), present for agenda items 1-3.

**Guests:**

- Derek Krevat, MassDOT OTP
- Bryan Pounds, MassDOT OTP
- Peter Frieri, MassDOT District 1
- Francesca Hemming, MassDOT District 1
- Mark Moore, MassDOT District 1
- Laura Hanson, MassDOT District 2
- Brian Domina, Town of Whately
- Geoff Kravitz, Town of Sunderland
- Fred Orloski, Select Board, Town of Whately
- Christopher Parker, Planning Board, Town of Wendell
- Diana Szynal, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
- Michael Fisher, BL Companies
- Michelle Ho
- Cassandra Ostrander

**Staff:**

Linda Dunlavy, 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

**1 – Welcome and Introductions: Steven Woelfel**

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 September 22 , 2020 Meeting Minutes: Steven Woelfel**

*B. Perlman moved to approve the September 22, 2020 minutes, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**3 – Review and vote to accept an adjustment to the 2021 Transit TIP: Laurie Scarbrough**

Scarborough explained that the FRTA proposed an adjustment to the transit element of the FY 2021 TIP. The adjustment involves non-federal money and does not require a public review. The adjustment will increase the funding for Project Number RTD0006664 to buy a replacement < 30-foot buses by \$122,501 from \$300,000 to \$422,501, and decrease the project amount for Project Number RTD0008486 engineering/design for the maintenance facility by \$122,501 from \$500,000 to \$377,499. There is no change to the FFY 2021 Transit Project List total cost of \$912,500.

*B. Perlman moved to approve the adjustment to the 2021 Transit TIP, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**4 – Review and vote to Approve PM-1 Safety Performance Measures CY21: Derek Krevat**

Krevat presented MassDOT’s PM1 safety performance measure targets for the calendar year 2021 (CY21). The safety targets are set using a process provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and a trend line projection based on the most recent available data from 2018. Krevat presented the performance measure targets for total fatalities, total serious injuries, and total combined non-motorized injuries and fatalities.

*B. Perlman moved to adopt the state PM1 targets, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. R. Wedegartner replaced M. Warner in this vote.*

**5 – Update on TIP Readiness Day and FY 22 TIP Schedule: Laurie Scarborough**

Scarborough provided an update on TIP readiness day and the development schedule for the FY22-26 TIP. The projects were evaluated and ranked using the transportation evaluation criteria (TEC) scoring and discussed at readiness day in February. The TIP development schedule moving forward was presented. In March the draft greenhouse gas analysis will be completed. At the March TPO meeting, the development scenarios will be presented and preferred projects selected. Virtual public outreach will take place in April and a draft TIP will be presented at the April TPO meeting for a vote to release for a 21-day public review. The final TIP will be presented for endorsement at the May TPO meeting. Scarborough discussed the projects on the current TIP and the universe of unfunded projects.

Attendees asked and answered clarifying questions. Ellis asked what the TEC is; Scarborough explained

that it stands for transportation evaluation criteria and is a ranking of the projects based on metrics as defined by the regional transportation plan and MassDOT goals. Dunlavy mentioned that the TPO is usually not asked to use regional target money on bridge projects. Simmons explained that these bridges are being proposed for consideration and recognized that it is not usually the case. Dunlavy asked why three bridge projects were being put together into one project; Simmons explained that it is because all three are bridge preservation projects. Ellis asked what are the impacts for other projects of including the bridge projects in the TIP; Pounds explained that it is up to the TPO to make the final decision. The district is just offering these projects as options if all target money is not programmed.

#### **6 – Updates from FRCOG: Linda Dunlavy**

Dunlavy stated that there was a problem last summer with a large number of people coming to Charlemont for tubing on the Deerfield River, which extensively strained the local resources. A meeting was held last week and a working group is being formed to come up with ways to address this issue before the summer.

#### **7 – Updates from FRTA: Michael Perrault**

Perreault said that FRTA had just begun a new extension of the micro-transit pilot project to provide service on weekends. Interest and ridership for this new service are strong. Also, the FRTA is working with FRCOG to develop an application to the Shared Winter Streets and Spaces Program to complete improvements at the bus stop on Elm Street at Elm Terrace.

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

For District 1, Frieri reported:

- FFY21 project in Buckland to reconstruct State Street the 100% plans are anticipated in April. Right-of-way and permitting are being completed.
- FFY22 project in Charlemont East Oxbow Road over Oxbow Brook 25% design plans are being revised.

For District 2, Hanson reported:

- Greenfield – Reconstruction of Wisdom Way, from 480' East of Petty Plain Road to Mill Street (0.43 MILES) (608724); 100% submission was received on 6/25/2020; PS&E is due this week; the current ad date is 7/10/2021.
- Northfield – Bike/Ped bridge construction to replace N-22-002, Schell Bridge over the Connecticut River (#607588) (25% Design was submitted 12/13/2019; MassDOT Design Consultant is WSP; Public Information Meeting was held on 5/13/2019; A Design Public Hearing was held on 9/17/2020 where the design choice for a steel-tied arch was presented. The 75% package was submitted on 11/13/2020, and all comments are due in Boston by the end of this week (2/26/2021); the current ad date is 8/21/2021.

#### **9 – Public Comments**

Orloski asked if the PM1 Safety Performance Measures covered under agenda item 4 are comparable around the state; Krevat responded that they are. Orloski also inquired as to when the FRCOG Hazardous Intersection report will be updated; Scarbrough responded that it is included in the UPWP Planning Work Program to begin on October 1, 2021.

**10 – Additional business not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours**

None.

**11 – Next Meeting / Adjourn**

The next scheduled meeting of the TPO is Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at noon.

*B. Perlman moved to adjourn the meeting, R. Wedegartner seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.*

**Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:**

- Agenda
- FCTPO Minutes, September 22, 2020 – DRAFT
- 2021 TIP Transit Adjustment 1 Summary
- 2021-2025 TIP Transit Project List ADJUSTMENT 1
- FINAL Franklin 2021-2025 TIP Highway List
- 2021 PM1 Safety Performance Measures CY21 - Regional Partner Handout
- FCTPO Project Universe DRAFT
- District 1 - 02-23-21 Franklin TPO Update