



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	Tuesday, May 25 , 2021
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775761953?pwd=anZFTDZMNWU3WEszQ2huZW1DeVFUz09 Meeting ID: 817 7576 1953
Duration:	48 minutes
Facilitator:	David Mohler, MassDOT OTP

FCTPO Members in Attendance:

Dave Mohler, MassDOT OTP (representing MassDOT Secretary Jamey Tesler)
Rich Masse, MassDOT District 2 (representing MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver)
Kevin Fox, FRCOG Executive Committee
Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative
Eric Twarog, FRTA Chair
Mayor Roxann Wedegartner, City of Greenfield
Gabrielle Voelker, Eastern County Representative
Steve Ellis, Central County Representative
Andrew Reovan, FHWA
David Travers, FRPB

Guests:

Derek Krevat, MassDOT OTP
Peter Frieri, MassDOT District 1
Mark Moore, MassDOT District 1
Paula Simmons, MassDOT District 2
Laura Hanson, MassDOT District 2
Diana Szynal, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
Michelle Ho, FHWA
Bryan Smith, Town of Erving
Heath Cummings, citizen
Bryan Pounds, MassDOT OTP
Brian Domina, Town of Whately
Elena Cohen, Sen. Comerford's Office
Michael Perreault, FRTA
Kristen Pennucci, MassDOT Communications
Patrick Nestor, MassDOT
Seth Nadeau, Rep. McGovern's Office

Staff:

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
Maureen Mullaney, Transportation & GIS Program Manager II
Beth Giannini, Senior Transportation Planner II
Laurie Scarbrough, Transportation Planning Engineer
Megan Rhodes, Senior Transportation and Land Use Planner II

1 – Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by D. Mohler. Mohler announced that MassDOT does have the funding to add the French King Bridge protective screening installation to the Fiscal Year 2022 component of the TIP. This will be added as an amendment during agenda item 3.

2 – Review and Approval of the March 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

B. Perlman moved to approve the April 27, 2021, minutes, E. Twarog seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call. Masse and Wedegartner abstained.

**3 – Review and vote to endorse the Draft FY2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
Laurie Scarbrough**

L. Scarborough explained that the draft Fiscal Year 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program has gone through the 21-day public review. It was released for a 21-day public review on Friday, April 30, 2021, and the comment period ran until Friday, May 21, 2021. Scarborough read through the list of target projects included in the 2022-2026 TIP and the un-programmed balance for each year. Scarborough reviewed the comments that were received during the public comment period. She noted that the comments received are included in the appendix of the TIP document. Comments on the TIP were received from MassDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. Scarborough mentioned that a public meeting was held on May 6th, 2021 to review the draft TIP. Representatives of the town of Montague attended the meeting and provided comments. Montague’s comments were also included in a letter that is included as part of the final TIP document. Letters were also received from the Town of Erving and nine individuals about the implementation of the project in Erving and Gill to install protective screening on the French King Bridge (608056).

B. Perlman made a motion to endorse the FY 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), R. Masse seconded the motion.

R. Masse made a motion to amend the TIP to add project 608056 in Erving and Gill the installation of protective screening on the French King Bridge to the Fiscal Year 2022 component of the TIP. The motion was seconded by B. Perlman. The amendment was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

R. Masse made a motion to approve the FY 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program as amended, B. Perlman seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

4 – Review and vote to endorse the Draft FY2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Maureen Mullaney

M. Mullaney reviewed the components of the draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). There were no significant changes from what was presented and discussed at the last meeting. M. Rhodes discussed the comments that were received. Comments were received from MassDOT and Federal Highway. All comments have been addressed.

B. Perlman moved to endorse the FY2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), R. Masse seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

5 – Review and vote to endorse an adjustment to the FY 2021 UPWP budgets.

Maureen Mullaney

M. Mullaney reviewed the proposed adjustment to the FY 2021 UPWP budget.

B. Perlman moved to endorse the adjustment to the FY2021 UPWP budget, E. Twarog seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

6 – Updates from MassDOT District 1

Peter Frieri

- FFY21 project in Buckland to reconstruct Conway Street, Summer Street, South Street, and Conway Road. The 100% design was received April 19, 2021, and the MassDOT review comments are pending. The PS and E are anticipated in early July 2021. The Right-of-Way - Needs municipal clearance for 49 permanent easements and 54 temporary easements.
- FFY22 project in Charlemont Bridge Replacement (C-05-042) East Oxbow Road over Oxbow Brook. The original 25% design plans were received January 27, 2020, but not approved. The project has been re-assigned to new designer, CHA. Currently awaiting revised schedule.
- From June 1 through June 15, 2021 the 25% design public hearing for bridge in Rowe R-10-0008 proposed replacement of Cyrus Stage Road over Potter Brook FY 2024 project is available online. The design public hearing is pre-recorded virtual design public hearing, viewers can comment electronically.

7 – Updates from MassDOT District 2

Laura Hanson

For FFY 2021 projects:

- In Greenfield the reconstruction of Wisdom Way (608724). The PS and E was received on May 13th, 2021, and the specifications are being reviewed. The current advertising date is July 10, 2021.
- In Northfield the Bike/Ped Bridge Construction to Replace N-22-002, Schell Bridge over the Connecticut River (607588). The 100% design submission is due on June 8th, 2021, and the current advertising date is August 21, 2021.

8 – Updates from FRCOG: Linda Dunlavy

L. Dunlavy thanked MassDOT for securing funding for the French King Bridge barriers.

L. Dunlavy thanked MassDOT District 1 for their assistance in getting Porta Potties at Shunpike on

Route 2 in Charlemont to address the issues related to services for the recreational users of the Deerfield River.

L. Dunlavy also stated that the last FRCOG vaccination clinic was being held today and that 2,500 vaccinations had been administered at the clinics that the FRCOG had helped to coordinate and run.

9 – Updates from FRTA: Michael Perrault

E. Twarog said that a few items related to the new maintenance facility were out to bid. The site plan review for the facility is being held with Montague on June 22, 2021. E. Twarog stated that they were out to bid for the survey and design work for the Elm Street bus stop improvements. Twarog reported that the FRTA will be installing Simme Seats at 10 bus stops along Main Street and Federal Street in Greenfield.

M. Rhodes asked when the John W. Olver Transit Center would reopen to the public. E. Twarog stated that it would reopen on June 2nd.

10 – Updates from FRPB:

None.

11 – Public Comments

D. Szynal stated that the Governor is proposing to extend the allowance of remote public meetings through September 1, 2021.

12 – Additional business not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours

R. Masse announced that he will be retiring next month after 38 years with MassDOT.

B. Perlman moved to acknowledge the service of Rich Masse over the years, S. Ellis seconded the motion, and it passed by roll call vote. Rich Masse abstained.

13 – Next Meeting / Adjourn

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, tentatively as it may not be necessary to meet.

Motion to adjourn was made by R. Masse and seconded by S. Ellis

Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:

- FCTPO meeting Agenda 05 25 2021
- TPO minutes 04-27-21 DRAFT
- DRAFT-Franklin-2022-2026-TIP-Narrative
- FCTPO 2022-2026 TIP Highway Project List DRAFT 5-25-21
- FCTPO 2022-2026 TIP Transit Project List DRAFT 5-25-21
- Franklin_2022_UPWP_draft
- FRCOG UPWP Budget reallocation request 4 16 21