



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181977780?pwd=OWxjYjBUVU9lQ3pBZVZGalpYRkhDQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181977780?pwd=OWxjYjBUVU9lQ3pBZVZGalpYRkhDQT09</a> Meeting ID: 821 8197 7780 Passcode: 471827
Duration:	25 minutes
Facilitator:	Steven Woelfel, MassDOT OTP

**FCTPO Members in Attendance:**

- Steven Woelfel, MassDOT (representing MassDOT Secretary Jamey L. Tesler)
- Paula Simmons, MassDOT District 2 (representing MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver)
- Bill Perlman, FRCOG Regionally Elected Representative
- Kevin Fox, FRCOG Executive Committee
- Heather Butler, Western County Representative
- Steve Ellis, Central County Representative
- Gabrielle Voelker, Eastern County Representative
- Eric Twarog, FRTA Chair
- Marlo Warner II, DPW Director, City of Greenfield (representing Mayor Roxann Wedegartner)
- David Travers, non-voting FRPB representative

**Guests:**

- Derek Krevat, MassDOT OTP
- Wesley Lickus, MassDOT OTP
- Gus Norrbom, MassDOT OTP
- Mark Moore, MassDOT District 1
- Laura Hanson, MassDOT District 2
- Andrew Reovan FHWA
- Geoff Kravitz, Town of Sunderland
- Michael Perreault, FRTA

**Staff:**

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

<b>1 – Welcome and Introductions:</b>	<b>Steven Woelfel</b>
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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 May 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Steven Woelfel**

*B. Perlman moved to approve the May 25, 2021 minutes, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by roll call.*

**3 – Review and vote to release for a 21-day public comment period Draft Amendment #1 to the Highway Listing of the FY2021-25 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Laurie Scarbrough**

Scarbrough indicated that a cost estimate based on the 75% design had increased the cost of Project 607588, the Schell Bridge in Northfield, by \$7,999,516 to \$30,003,431. **B. Perlman moved to release the Draft FFY 2021 Highway Amendment #1 for a 21-day public review and comment period, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call.**

**4 – Review and vote to accept an Adjustment to the FY2021-25 Transit Listing of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Laurie Scarbrough**

Scarbrough described two transit-related cost adjustments. The first removes project RTD0010493 from the 2022 Project List and adds it to the 2021 Project List with a cost of \$9,500,00 (\$6,000,000 federal, \$3,500,00 state funds). The second adds Project RTD0010423, operating assistance to the FRTA Access (micro-transit) program, with \$246,122 in state funds. **S. Ellis moved to accept Transit Adjustment #2, H. Butler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call.**

**5 – Updates from MassDOT District 1 Mark Moore**

Moore noted that the PS&E for the reconstruction of Conway St./Summer St./South St./Conway Rd. (Buckland) is complete, that the ROW and Environmental Clearance documents have been re-issued, and that the anticipated advertisement date is September 11, 2021. Moore also announced that the East Oxbow Road Bridge in Charlemont is back on track to be delivered in FY22.

**6 – Updates from MassDOT District Laura Hanson**

Hanson noted that the project to reconstruct part of Wisdom Way (Greenfield) was advertised on July 10<sup>th</sup>, and that the bid opening will be August 31, 2021. Also, the Schell Bridge project (Northfield) PS&E is due August 25<sup>th</sup>, and the anticipated advertisement date is September 11<sup>th</sup>. In response to a question from Ellis, Hanson indicated that she had not received information from John Donahue regarding the possible addition of lights or, more generally, the progress of work on the General Pierce Bridge project.

**7 – Updates from FRCOG: Maureen Mullaney, Linda Dunlavy**

Mullaney said that difficulty finding Uber and Lyft drivers has hampered the launch of the program to transport individuals to and from social service organizations, and asked attendees to promote the opportunity within their own networks. Dunlavy reported that Scarbrough and District 1 had successfully arranged for, located and delivered portable outhouses to the Shunpike facility in Charlemont; that staff, local officials and residents celebrated the return of the Vermonter and the Valley Flyer last week; and that thanks to the advocacy of our legislators, the Northern Tier Rail Study is getting ready to launch.

**8 – Updates from FRTA: Eric Twarog**

Twarog announced that the site plan for the new maintenance facility has been approved by the Town of Montague, and that the project will go out to bid, on time, in late August. The construction of a bus stop at Elm Terrace will also go out to bid this summer, he added.

**9 – Updates from FRPB:**

None.

**10 – Public Comments**

None.

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

None.

**12 – Next Meeting / Adjourn**

The next scheduled meeting of the TPO is Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at noon. *M. Warner moved to adjourn the meeting, G. Voelker seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.*

**Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:**

- Agenda
- FRPB Minutes, May 25 2021 – DRAFT
- FCTPO FFY 2021 TIP Highway Amendment #1 & Transit Adjustment #2
- 2021 Franklin Region Transportation Improvement Program (page with Amendment #1)
- 2021 Franklin Region Transportation Improvement Program Project List (page with Adjustment #2)