



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

## Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Date:	Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/95874652140?pwd=R0ZRRXVQRGNWVlqVk9Dak1qUGlpQT09">https://zoom.us/j/95874652140?pwd=R0ZRRXVQRGNWVlqVk9Dak1qUGlpQT09</a> Meeting ID: 958 7465 2140      Passcode: +d0aL1jjTM
Duration:	1 hour, 13 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
- Eric Twarog, FRTA Chair
- Michael Perreault, FRTA (representing FRTA Chair Eric Twarog)
- Heather Butler, Western County Representative
- Steve Ellis, Central County Representative
- Gabrielle Voelker, Eastern County Representative
- Marlo Warner II, DPW Director, City of Greenfield (representing Mayor Roxann Wedegartner)
- Andrew Reovan, FHWA non-voting member

**Guests:**

- Chris Klem, MassDOT OTP
- Andrew Wang, MassDOT OTP
- Mark Moore, MassDOT District 1
- Peter Frieri, MassDOT District 1
- Daryl Amaral, MassDOT District 2
- Tom Ruta, MassDOT District 2
- Paula Simmons, MassDOT District 2
- Hannah Davis, Town of Whately
- Mariah Kurtz, Town of Erving
- Bryan Smith, Town of Erving
- Jeff Santacruce, Weston & Sampson

**Staff:**

- Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
- Laurie Scarbrough, Transportation Planning Engineer
- Beth Giannini, Senior Transportation Planner II

Liz Jacobson-Carroll, Assistant Planner

**1 – Welcome and Introductions**

**-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 May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes:**

*E. Twarog moved to approve the May 26, 2022 minutes, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by roll call with no abstentions.*

**3 – Review and vote to release the Amendment #3 to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a 21-day public review:**

**-Scarborough**

Scarborough explained the proposed Transportation Improvement Plan amendment and the processes by which an amendment is made. Scarborough described two *amendments* to FTA (federal) programs and three proposed *adjustments* to the Other Non-Federal (state).

*B. Perlman motioned to release the **amendments portion** of Adjustment/Amendment #3 to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a 21-day public review, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call with no abstentions.*

*B. Perlman motioned to release the **adjustments portion** of Adjustment/Amendment #3 to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a 21-day public review, M. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call with no abstentions.*

**4 – Discussion, selection, and vote on projects for programming in pending FY 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment:**

**-Scarborough**

Scarborough reminded attendees of the \$4.7 million un-programmed balance in the FY 23 TIP Highway Project List, under the Regional Target Project category. Having heard from several municipalities and both MassDOT districts with suggestions of projects that could utilize the balance, staff and MassDOT vetted each and determined that 5 have the potential to complete the MassDOT review process and be advertised for construction in FY 23. While the TIP cannot be officially amended to add project(s) until October 2023, the selection of one or more projects by the FCTPO will assist the town/district to make the decision to commit their own funds to completing the work necessary to complete the design in time for the FY 23 advertising deadline. The project representatives described the regional importance and readiness of their project:

- Town of Buckland – Reconstruction of Upper North Street - \$3,844,575
- MassDOT District 1 – Cleaning and Painting of Steel on a Route 2 bridge over the Deerfield River in Charlemont-- \$4,000,000
- Town of Erving – Reconstruction of the Church Street bridge over Keyup Brook - \$1,700,000
- Town of Montague – Culvert replacement on South Ferry Road over the Sawmill River - \$800,000
- MassDOT District 2 – Preservation of Route 10 bridge over Connecticut River in Northfield - \$4,400,000

*Butler motioned to approve the project to reconstruct upper North Street in Buckland for programming in the pending FY 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment, and the project to replace the South Ferry Road culvert in Montague; Twarog seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call, with two abstentions (Fox, Perlman) and without M. Warner, who had previously left the meeting.*

Scarborough, on behalf of Erving and Montague, requested letters in support of their projects. Dunlavy indicated that FRCOG will submit these letters on behalf of the TPO to the MassDOT PRC.

**5 – Updates from MassDOT District 1**

**-Frieri**

Frieri noted FY 23 projects including the preservation of 4 bridges (2 in Colrain on Route 112 over the North River) slated for design submittal late summer 2022, and FY 24 projects including bridge replacements in Charlemont, Conway, Heath, and Rowe -- all at or approaching the 25% design stage.

**6 – Updates from MassDOT District 2**

**-Amaral**

Amaral announced the awarding of the FY22 project to install protective screening on Rt. 2 over the CT River in Gill and Erving to Northern Construction for \$5.5 million (and a notice to proceed on April 6), and of the project to resurface the related section of Route 2 for \$3.5 million to Eurovia Atlantic Coast LLC (and a notice to proceed May 16). For FY23 projects, he indicated that the 75% design on the project to improve two intersections on Route 2 in Greenfield is due June 30, and the current ad date falls in July '23.

**7 – Update from FRCOG:**

**-Dunlavy**

Giannini noted that work funded by recent grant of \$100,000 to continue marketing of The Valley Flyer has begun, and then announced that FRCOG and MAPC were that morning awarded a Mass Trails Grant to create a statewide trail map.

**8 – Update from FRTA:**

**-Perrault**

Regarding the construction of the maintenance facility, Twarog said that the laying of steel and roof decking and the installation of wall panels have begun, the start of siding is imminent, related road work continues, and both the sewer line and water main will be completed soon.

**9 – Update from FRPB:** None

**10 – Public Comments:** None

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

Klem said that the BMO mobility survey, the next statewide long range transportation study, has been extended to the end of July; he encouraged attendees to complete it themselves and distribute it to others. The Northern Tier Passenger Rail Working Group is hosting a public information meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>; registration is available via the project website.

**12 – Next Meeting/Adjourn**

The next scheduled meeting of the TPO is Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at noon. A quorum will be needed to endorse a transit amendment in order for FRTA to move forward on grant-funded programs.

*Perlman moved to adjourn the meeting, Twarog seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.*

**Documents Distributed / Presentations Viewed:**

- Agenda
- TPO Minutes, May 26, 2022 – DRAFT
- 2022 TIP Highway Amendment 3 Summary
- FCTPO 2022-2026 TIP Transit Project List DRAFT AMENDMENT JUNE 2022
- Franklin 2023 TIP Highway Projects Under Consideration