



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin County Transportation Planning Organization

Meeting:			
Date	February 28, 2023	Location	Franklin Virtual TPO Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (EDT)
			Join Zoom Meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043946948?pwd=OEczdmVFUXEwUjphcUpSSXFtUnBqQT09
Staff Contact	Beth Giannini		
Time	12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Room:	
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ATTENDEES:	
STAFF:	
GUESTS:	

Agenda items	Estimated Time	Key Person
1. Welcome & Introductions	5 minutes	Steve Woelfel, MassDOT
2. Review and vote to approve the January 24, 2023 Minutes	5 minutes	Steve Woelfel, MassDOT
3. Discussion and vote to endorse an amendment to the transit element of the FFY 2023 TIP to include the Community Transit Grant awards for FRTA.	10 minutes	Laurie Scarbrough, FRCOG
4. Discussion of Readiness Day and the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Process	15 minutes	Laurie Scarbrough, FRCOG
5. Update on public outreach and development of the Franklin Regional Transportation Plan.	5 minutes	Beth Giannini, FRCOG
6. Updates from MassDOT District 1	5 minutes	
7. Updates from MassDOT District 2	5 minutes	
8. Updates from FRCOG	5 minutes	
9. Updates from FRTA	5 minutes	
10. Updates from FRPB	5 minutes	
11. Public Comments	5 minutes	
12. Additional business not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours		
13. Next Meeting / Adjourn		

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