

Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Berkshire MPO is seeking public comment on the following:

2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment- An amendment (2nd amendment) has been proposed to the FFY 2016 – 2019 Berkshire Region TIP. These amendments concern 1) Highway- increasing the cost of the Lee/Lenox bridge replacement, (Project 607551) Valley Street over Housatonic River, from \$1,500,612 to \$3,446,487, and 2) Transit- add the purchase of a replacement van (RTD0004395) \$79,324, remove replacement van and funding (RTD0005121) and reduce the cost of state funding to \$63,436 for the purchase of a replacement van (RTD0004344)

Public Participation Plan Amendment (PPP) - An amendment to the Public Participation Plan (PPP) to shorten the public comment period from 30 days to 21 days for amendments to and the adoption of certification documents: Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program.

Copies of these amendments can be obtained by:

1. Phone: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), 413-442-1521, ext. 20;
2. BRPC web site: www.berkshireplanning.org;
3. Walk-in: BRPC, 1 Fenn Street, Suite 201, Pittsfield MA 01201.

Comments on the TIP amendment are due by February 24, 2017 and comments on the PPP are due by March 10, 2017 and should be addressed to the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization/BRPC, 1 Fenn Street, Suite 201, Pittsfield MA 01201 or via email to info@berkshireplanning.org The Berkshire MPO is tentatively scheduled to approve the TIP amendment February 28, 2017 and the PPP amendment on March 28, 2017 . The MPO meetings are at 4 PM at the BRPC offices. This notice complies with the Berkshire Region MPO's Public Participation Plan and satisfies the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority's public participation process for the development of its Program of Projects.