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MINUTES OF THE Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Meeting Held Via Zoom Video Communications

Meeting Materials: <https://berkshireplanning.org/?s=MPO>

MPO Representatives/Alternates Present:

David Mohler	MassDOT (Representing Secretary Jamey Tesler)
Michael Nuvallie	City of North Adams
Kyle Hanlon	BRPC Chair
Andy Hogeland	North Towns Representative
John Boyle	North Central Towns Representative
Sarah Vallieres	Chair of BRTA
Francisca Heming	MassDOT District 1 (Representing Highway Administrator Gulliver)
Jim Lovejoy	Southwest Towns Representative
Ricardo Morales	City of Pittsfield

Others Present:

Peter Frieri	MassDOT District 1
Mark Moore	MassDOT District 1
Anuja Koirala	BRPC
Derek Krevat	MassDOT OTP
Clete Kus	BRPC
Tom Matuszko	BRPC
Andrew Reovan	FHWA
Steve Savaria	Fuss & O'Neill

I. Introductions

Mr. Mohler called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Meeting attendees introduced themselves via a roll call conducted by Mr. Kus.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2021 (Action Item)

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Hanlon, seconded by Mr. Lovejoy to approve the meeting minutes from the May 25th, 2021 MPO meeting.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

David Mohler – Yea
Francisca Heming – Yea
Kyle Hanlon – Yea
Sarah Vallieres – Yea
Ricardo Morales – Yea
Mike Nuvallie – Abstain
Andy Hogeland – Yea
John Boyle – Yea

Jim Lovejoy – Yea

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nuvallie abstained from voting.

IV. Approval of the FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program and authorize chair to sign certification documents on behalf of the MPO members (Action Item)

Mr. Kus explained that following the last MPO meeting, the UPWP document was released for a 21-day public comment period. To date, comments received have been from FHWA and from MassDOT and only a single comment was received from a member of the public. The comment from Mr. Traub questioned by the Executive Director only had >1% of time allocated to work on the UPWP. Mr. Kus went on to explain the comments received from MassDOT and FHWA were seeking more clarification and that additional clarification was added to the document in response to the comments; other minor edits were also made in response to their comments. All comments received were included at the back of the final document. The final version of the UPWP is available for review [here](#).

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lovejoy, seconded by Mr. Hanlon to approve the 2022 UPWP.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

David Mohler – Yea
Francisca Heming – Yea
Kyle Hanlon – Yea
Sarah Vallieres – Yea
Ricardo Morales – Yea
Mike Nuvallie – Yea
Andy Hogeland – Yea
John Boyle – Yea
Jim Lovejoy – Yea

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

V. Consideration of an Amendment (4th Amendment) to the 2021-2025 TIP and authorize staff to initiate a 21-day public comment period (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Koirala explained that the purpose for the amendment was to reflect changes in the project cost for two bridge projects. The first bridge project, Center Road over Center Brook (608647) in Savoy has increased by \$540,432. The second bridge project, Mill Street over W Branch of the Housatonic River (608854) in Pittsfield, has increased by \$1,948,736. Staff is recommending that the MPO authorize a 21 day public comment period for this amendment.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lovejoy, seconded by Mr. Hogeland to release the 4th TIP amendment for a 21-day public comment period.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

David Mohler – Yea
Francisca Heming – Yea
Kyle Hanlon – Yea
Sarah Vallieres – Yea
Ricardo Morales – Yea
Mike Nuvallie – Yea
Andy Hogeland – Yea
John Boyle – Yea
Jim Lovejoy – Yea

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Receive a presentation on the Berkshire County Electric Vehicle Charging Plan

The presentation was not given and will be reschedule for the next meeting.

VII. Status reports from member agencies

Mr. Frieri provided MPO members a status report of District One project updates. All updates are outlined in the District One Project Update handout sheet ([here](#)).

Mr. Kus mention that Eammon Coughlin and his wife recently had their second child a baby girl. It was also noted that Eammon is leaving BRPC at the end of this month to become the Community Development Director for the Town of Adams. His efforts and contributions were acknowledged with members extending wishes of good luck.

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business.

IX. Next meeting date – July 27, 2021

The next Berkshire MPO meeting date is July 27nd, 2021.

ACTION: Mr. Lovejoy motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hogeland. Mr. Mohler adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Materials Distributed:

- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- [BMPO May 25, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
- [FFY 2021-2025 TIP Amendment](#)
- [BMPO 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Document](#)
- [MassDOT District I TIP Projects Update](#)