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MINUTES OF THE Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Tuesday, May 25, 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)
Zac Feury	City of North Adams
Kyle Hanlon	BRPC Chair
Andy Hogeland	North Towns Representative
Vivian Mason	North Central Towns Representative
Jim Huebner	Southeast Towns Representative
Sheila Irving	Chair of BRTA
Francisca Heming	MassDOT District 1 (Representing Highway Administrator Gulliver)
Jim Lovejoy	Southwest Towns Representative
Ricardo Morales	City of Pittsfield

Others Present:

Alice Bojanowski	Public
Eammon Coughlin	BRPC
Peter Frieri	MassDOT District 1
Justin Gilmore	BRPC
Anuja Koirala	BRPC
Derek Krevat	MassDOT OTP
Clete Kus	BRPC
Tom Matuszko	BRPC
Andrew Reovan	FHWA
Steve Savaria	Fuss & O'Neill
Sarah Vallieres	BRTA

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 April 27, 2021 (Action Item)

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Huebner, seconded by Mr. Lovejoy to approve the meeting minutes from the April 27th, 2021 MPO meeting.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

David Mohler – Yea
Francisca Heming – Yea
Kyle Hanlon – Abstain
Sheila Irving – Abstain

Ricardo Morales – Yea
Zac Feury – Yea
Andy Hogeland – Yea
Vivian Mason – Abstain
Jim Huebner – Yea
Jim Lovejoy – Yea

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hanlon, Ms. Mason, and Ms. Irving all abstained from voting.

IV. Approval of the FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and authorize chair to sign certification documents on behalf of the MPO members (Action Item)

Ms. Koirala explained that after the last MPO meeting, the full TIP document was released for a 21-day public comment period. To date, the only comments received have been from FHWA and from MassDOT. No comments have been received by the public. The draft TIP is available for review [here](#).

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lovejoy, seconded by Mr. Huebner to approve the 2022-2026 TIP.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:
David Mohler – Yea
Francisca Heming – Yea
Kyle Hanlon – Yea
Sheila Irving – Yea
Ricardo Morales – Yea
Zac Feury – Yea
Andy Hogeland – Yea
Vivian Mason – Yea
Jim Huebner – Yea
Jim Lovejoy – Yea

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

V. Receive the draft FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program and authorize staff to initiate a 21-day public comment period (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Kus proceeded to update MPO members on new areas/areas of focus within the upcoming [Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#). These include updating BRPC's Public Participation Plan, education outreach to communities concerning involvement in the TIP process, bike and pedestrian safety plan, a scoping study related to bike planning from Hodges Cross Road to downtown North Adams, a countywide bike and pedestrian advisory board, updating demographic databases based on 2020 census, pavement management system and ratings, finalization of EV charging station plan and implementing recommendations, implementation plan for shared micro-mobility feasibility study, Housatonic Line intercounty service feasibility study, involvement in TCI-P, implementation of a TMA initiative, and Northern Tier rail study.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lovejoy, seconded by Mr. Huebner to release the FY 22 UPWP for a 21-day public comment period.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:
David Mohler – Yea
Francisca Heming – Yea
Kyle Hanlon – Yea
Sheila Irving – Yea

Ricardo Morales – Yea
Zac Feury – Yea
Andy Hogeland – Yea
Vivian Mason – Yea
Jim Huebner – Yea
Jim Lovejoy – Yea

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

VI. 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](#)).

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Next meeting date – June 22, 2021

The next Berkshire MPO meeting date is June 22nd, 2021.

ACTION: Mr. Huebner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lovejoy. Mr. Mohler adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Materials Distributed:

- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- [BMPO April 27, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Final BMPO FFY 2022-2026 TIP Document](#)
- [BMPO Draft 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Document](#)
- [MassDOT District I TIP Projects Update](#)