

**Minutes of the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2012 4:00 PM**

At the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission office  
1 Fenn Street, Suite 201, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

MPO Representatives and Alternates Voting:

Clinton Bench, MassDOT (Representing Secretary Davey)  
Mark Moore, MassDOT District 1 (representing Administrator DePaola)  
Jim Lovejoy, Town of Mt. Washington (Southwest Berkshire Delegate)  
Ron Turbin, Town of Williamstown (North Berkshire Alternate)  
Bruce Collingwood, City of Pittsfield  
John Boyle, Town of Dalton (North Central Berkshire Delegate)  
Bob Malnati, BRTA  
James Mullen, BRPC  
Mike Nuvallie, City of North Adams

Others Present:

Clete Kus, BRPC  
Anuja Koirala, BRPC  
Nat Karns, BRPC  
William Palmer, MassDOT

**1. CALL TO ORDER-INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00

**2. MINUTES OF July 10, 2012**

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lovejoy, supported by Mr. Boyle, to approve the July 10, 2012 minutes, as presented.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

**3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. DISCUSSION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FFY 2012 -2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN (TIP) AND AUTHORIZATION OF A 15 DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE TCSP GRANT-PASSENGER RAIL STATION LOCATION AND DESIGN ANALYSIS**

Mr. Bench described the need for beginning this project as soon as possible. Mr. Kus explained the purpose of the project and the general locations. He is working on the project scope to submit to MassDOT and FHWA. The 15 day comment would expedite the delivery of funds. Mr. Kus described how each community would be engaged to answer a question from Mr. Mullen.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lovejoy, supported by Mr. Mullen, to approve the 2013-2016 TIP as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**5. STATUS REPORTS FROM MEMBER AGENCIES**

Mr. Frieri provided an update on the status of all projects MassDOT was reviewing, including all of the projects scheduled for Federal Fiscal Year 2013.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

The MPO did not discuss other business

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE**

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Materials Distributed:

- Agenda
- July meeting minutes
- 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Materials

Respectfully submitted,

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