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MINUTES OF THE Berkshire Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Meeting Held Via Zoom Video Communications

Meeting Materials: <https://berkshireplanning.org/event/berkshire-transportation-advisory-committee-tac-virtual-meeting/>

TAC Representatives/Alternates:

Sam Haupt, Chair	Town of Peru
Bill Elovirta	Town of Becket
Daniel Filliault	Town of Dalton
Kyle Hanlon	BRPC Chair
Ricardo Morales	City of Pittsfield

Others Present:

Peter Frieri	MassDOT District 1
Justin Gilmore	BRPC
Anuja Koirala	BRPC
Derek Krevat	MassDOT OTP
Clete Kus	BRPC
Steve Savaria	Fuss & O'Neill

I. Introductions

Mr. Haupt called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2021 (Action Item)

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Hanlon, seconded by Mr. Elovirta, to approve the meeting minutes from the March 16th, 2021 TAC meeting.

All those in favor:

Sam Haupt – Yea
Bill Elovirta – Yea
Dan Filliault – Yea
Kyle Hanlon – Yea
Ricardo Morales – Yea

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Discussion on draft project listing for the 2022 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program and recommendation to the MPO (Action Item)

Ms. Koirala stated that at the last TAC meeting, she presented 3 different TIP scenarios for the TAC to review. The TAC recommended the MPO move forward with scenario #3. The MPO concurred, and recommended scenario #3. Ms. Koirala then developed the full draft TIP project listings based on

scenario #3. Ms. Koirala proceeded to review the draft project listing contained in the [2022-2026 TIP document](#) along with corresponding funding source. These include all highway, bridge, bike and pedestrian projects. Ms. Koirala then proceeded to review draft TIP Transit projects.

Mr. Haupt inquired about the Dalton intersection improvements project (**Project I.D. 608754**) listed for 2024. Mr. Haupt asked if that intersection would be turned into a rotary?

Mr. Filliault mentioned that there were two proposals for that project that came forward to the Dalton Select Board. One was a roundabout (smaller than rotary), and the other is just improvements to the timing of the lights and simple complete streets interventions at the intersection. Right now, the highway division as MassDOT is looking at these options and developing 25% design plans for both. In the late fall, the Town of Dalton will most likely receive DOT's proposal.

Ms. Koirala proceeded to review the draft [Transit project listings](#).

After the next MPO meeting, the draft 2022-2026 TIP document will be posted on BRPC's website for a 21-day comment period. TAC members are encouraged to submit any comments they may have.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Filliault, seconded by Mr. Hanlon, to recommend the MPO adopt the 2022-2026 TIP project listing.

All those in favor:
Sam Haupt – Yea
Bill Elovirta – Yea
Dan Filliault – Yea
Kyle Hanlon – Yea
Ricardo Morales – Yea

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

V. Status Reports from Member Agencies

Mr. Kus proceeded to update TAC 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.

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](#)).

VI. Other Business

There was no other business.

VII. Next Meeting Date – May 18, 2021

The next Berkshire TAC meeting date is May 18, 2021.

ACTION: Mr. Hanlon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Filliault. Mr. Haupt adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Materials Distributed:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Draft March 16, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Draft BMPO FFY 2022-2026 TIP Projects](#)
- [Draft BMPO FFY 2022-2026 TIP Projects – Transit](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2022-2026 TIP Development Schedule](#)
- [MassDOT District One TIP Project Update](#)

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