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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, August 1, 2024 at **4:00 p.m.**

This will be a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

To participate virtually join the Zoom meeting at

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AGENDA

(all times approximate)

- I. Call to Order & Open Meeting Law Statement (4:00)
- II. Roll Call of Executive Committee Members Attending the Meeting
- III. Vote to Approve Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of July 2, 2024* (4:05)
- IV. Financial Reports (4:10)
 - A. Vote to Approve the June 28 – July 25, 2024, Expenditures Report*
 - B. Report on the Aged Receivables / Assessments – July 2024
 - C. Report on the Line of Credit
- V. Comments from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternate Delegates (4:15)
- VI. Items Requiring Action* (4:20)
 - A. Vote to Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into Intergovernmental Agreements and Contracts with Municipalities*
 - B. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association Wellness Program. The application is for various wellness items for BRPC staff*.
 - C. Vote to Approve Changes to the BRPC Personnel Pay Plan to Remove an Offsite Senior Planner Position and Add 3 Offsite Positions; a Public Health Subject Matter Expert, Public Health Community Coordinator, and Group Purchasing Coordinator*.
- VII. Committee Reports and Discussion (4:30)
 - A. Commission Development Committee – postponed to September 12, 2024
 - B. Berkshire Brownfields Committee
 - C. Metropolitan Planning Organization

City and Town Clerks: Please post this notice pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A, §§ 18-25.

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- VIII. Executive Director's Report (4:35)
 - A. Report on New Contracts / Agreements
 - B. Berkshires Tomorrow Inc. (BTI) Update
 - C. Staff Updates
 - D. Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) Update
 - E. Passenger Rail
 - F. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Success Story – Berkshire Innovation Center (BIC)
 - G. Conference Committee FY 2025 State Budget
- IX. Old Business (4:45)
 - A. Discussion and Vote to Select the Kusik Award Winner for 2024*
 - B. Discussion about the Annual Meeting
 - C. Update of the Proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC)
- X. New Business (4:55)
 - A. No new business
- XI. Adjournment* (4:55)

BRPC has adopted the BRPC website www.berkshireplanning.org as its official posting method as allowed by 940 CMR29.00 section 29.03 (3) (b) since November 2010. The Meeting Notice, Agenda and meeting materials are on BRPC's website: www.berkshireplanning.org. Click the calendar of events, then the meeting name, and follow the link to materials.

* Items Requiring Action



DRAFT Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

I. Call to Order & Open Meeting Law Statement

Chair Malcolm Fick called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. as a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025. He stated that BRPC was not recording the meeting, and anyone else who wanted to record it needed to inform him. Joshua Bloom indicated that he would be recording the meeting.

II. Roll Call:

Assistant Director Laura Brennan read the roll call:

Malcolm Fick, Chair, Gt Barrington Alternate

John Duval, Vice Chair, Adams Alternate (attempted to call in and left due to technical difficulties)

Buck Donovan, Treasurer, Lee Delegate

Sheila Irvin, Clerk, Pittsfield Delegate (not present)

Douglas McNally, Commission Development Committee, Chair, Windsor Delegate

Roger Bolton, Environmental Review Committee Chair, Williamstown Alternate

Christine Rasmussen, Regional Issues Committee Chair, Stockbridge Alternate

Kyle Hanlon, At-Large, North Adams Delegate (arrived late)

Sam Haupt, At-Large, Peru Delegate

Staff Present: Thomas Matuszko, Executive Director; Marianne Sniezek, Office Manager; Laura Brennan, Assistant Director and Economic Development Program Manager; Patricia Mullins, Project Specialist

Others present: Joshua Bloom, Caroline Young, Donna Brewer, Julie Thomas, Marie (no last name evident), Debbie (no last name evident).

III. Vote to Approve the June 20, 2024 Minutes

Doug McNally moved to approve the June 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Sam Haupt seconded the motion. Roger Bolton offered an update or correction to Section VI, paragraph four: that the Environmental Review Committee's discussion informed the Commission's discussion and preparation of comments about the NIETC designation. It was approved by a roll call vote from Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

IV. Financial Reports

A. Vote to Approve the May 31, 2024 – June 27, 2024, Expenditures Report

Doug McNally moved to approve the May 31, 2024 – June 27, 2024 Expenditures Report. The motion was seconded by Sam Haupt and approved by a roll call vote from Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

Christine had questions about how the report is compiled but it was determined that those questions were in regard to the Receivables report.

B. Report on the Accounts Receivable/ Assessments – June 2024

Malcolm stated that this item generally includes invoices 90 days past due. Tom Matuszko provided explanations regarding the items Christine Rasmussen had asked about previously.

C. Report on the Line of Credit

There has been no need to use the line of credit, which still stands at zero.

V. Comments from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternate Delegates

No comments were offered from Delegates or Alternates. At his discretion, the Chair allowed a nonmember to comment. Joshua Bloom stated his displeasure with BRPC's involvement and recommendations for the Rest of River study and resolution. He alleged that Executive Director Tom Matuszko had lied to the public and conspired with BRPC attorneys to withhold information from the public. Mr. Bloom displayed messages to this effect via his Zoom screen throughout the remainder of the meeting.

VI. Items Requiring Action

A. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Planning Assistance Grant Program with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). The application is for Berkshire County Priority Sites for Redevelopment Strategy Planning Project - estimated amount \$50,000.

The Executive Committee was requested to authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application and sign any resulting contracts and agreements to the MA EEA Planning Assistance Grant program.

The Berkshire County Priority Sites for Redevelopment Strategy will update and expand upon a Sites Strategy created by BRPC in 2014. Locations will be identified using thresholds such as buildable acreage and square footage of extant buildings, then analyzed for a wide range of factors pertinent to redevelopment potential, including proximity to water/sewer, major roadways and/or rail access, current zoning, and quality of utilities including

broadband. While the 2014 version of this study focused on industrial/manufacturing sites and imposed a large acreage and square footage requirement for sites to be included, this update will also scrutinize locations for potential mixed-use and housing potential at smaller locations. This project will also identify and remove locations successfully redeveloped or where redevelopment has been underway since the previous iteration.

The total estimated amount requested is \$50,000.00. A 25% match is required. The staff lead will be Laura Brennan, Assistant Director & Economic Development Program Manager, lbrennan@berkshireplanning.org, x14.

Roger Bolton made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application and sign any resulting contracts and agreements to the Planning Assistance Grant Program with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) for Berkshire County Priority Sites for Redevelopment Strategy Planning Project for an estimated \$50,000.

Christine Rasmussen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote: Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

VII. Committee Report and Discussion

A. Commission Development Committee

Doug McNally reported that the Commission Development Committee met on June 6, 2024, and discussed the success of the 5th Thursday Microtransit event, the formation of a government relations working group, and plans for a combined Commission and Annual Meetings in September. The committee agreed that a breakfast format would probably not work but is exploring a combined Commission Meeting and Annual Meeting. Congressman Neal will be invited as a guest speaker. The committee also briefly touched on the potential formation of a government relations working group. Draft minutes were included in the meeting materials.

B. Environmental Review Committee

The Environmental Review Committee met on June 17, 2024, to discuss the Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for the City of North Adams Mount Williams Reservoir Dam and Notch Reservoir Dam Improvements and agree on comments. They also discussed the US Department of Energy (DOE) process for "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor" (NIETC) designation. Draft minutes were not yet available. Roger Bolton did not have anything to add to the Executive Director's report. Tom Matuszko shared that Eversource informed BRPC that they are not in favor of expanding the corridor.

C. Metropolitan Planning Organization

Malcolm Fick reported that the MPO met on June 25, 2024. Amendments were made to the 2025 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was approved. The Chair was authorized to sign certification documents for the MPO members. There was

an update about Safe Streets for All (SS4A) activities. Draft unapproved minutes were in the meeting materials.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

A. Report on New Contracts / Agreements

New Grants and Contracts received/initiated 05/30/2024 to 06/27/2024:

- Sheffield - EOHLC - \$216,000
- Mass Tech Collaborative – Muni. Digital Equity Planning – New Marlborough - \$28,701.92
- Adams – Brownfields Assessment Services - \$53,412
- Adams – Economic Development Planning - \$10,000
- Lanesborough – Pavement Management - \$5,432
- Berkshire Benchmarks – BUW - \$10,000
- Berkshires Tomorrow Inc – Berkshire Benchmarks - \$14,700
- Berkshire Public Health Alliance – Inspection Services FY25:
Dalton - \$3,000; Savoy - \$7,500; Windsor - \$9,482

Grants and Contracts not received:

- Contract for the MassCEC Empower capacity-building project
- RAISE grant application for the Adventure To Ashuwillticook project

B. Berkshires Tomorrow Inc. (BTI) Update

The B.T.I. Board of Directors authorized the submission of a \$50,000 grant application to the Blue Cross Blue Shield MA Foundation Special Initiatives grant. BRPC's Public Health Department will use this to develop and pilot a sustainable infrastructure to provide field services to rural residents of Southern Berkshire County, MA, which will better connect them to medical and behavioral health services while reducing the need for emergency care.

C. Staff Updates

Tom highlighted the work of Patricia Mullins and Nancy Slattery who are both retiring. Both will still be working part-time for BRPC.

- Retirements:
 - Patricia Mullins
 - Nancy Slattery
- Open Positions:
 - Public Health Community Social Worker
 - Public Health Trainer

D. Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) Update

The Rural Policy Advisory Commission did not meet in June 2024.

E. Passenger Rail

- West-East Rail – No known activity over the past month.

- Berkshire Flyer – The Berkshire Flyer had its inaugural run of the season on June 21st. Ridership was similar to last year's first weekend. The train again was late getting into Pittsfield. We secured a last-mile shuttle service option thanks to the funding that Representative Farley Bouvier secured.
- Northern Tier Passenger Rail – No known activity over the past month.

F. BEAD Challenge

BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) is a federal funding program for internet infrastructure to ensure residents and businesses get the high-speed internet connection needed for today's world. Between June 20th and July 20th, 2024, residents and businesses are asked to test their internet speed by taking the following steps:

- VISIT [HowsYourInternet.org](https://www.howsyourinternet.org) and click on the Broadband Map to search for your home address.
- SELECT Take a Speed Test under the Service Challenges window in the bottom left corner of the screen to complete the speed test.
- COMPLETE the speed test and enter your personal information if prompted. Check your inbox for reminders to take two additional required speed tests

This test is necessary to be eligible for BEAD funding to improve internet speeds. Email digital@berkshireplanning.org for more information or assistance.

Malcolm Fick highlighted the BEAD Challenge, inviting as many people as possible to participate. Doug McNally stated that we should warn our communities that MBI's information is significantly inaccurate and gave examples from Windsor. Sam agreed with Doug's assessment of the condition of the information published through MBI.

G. Transportation Funding Task Force Comments

The mission of the Transportation Funding Task Force is to explore "how we can create a long-term, sustainable transportation finance plan that will ensure a safe, reliable, equitable, and efficient transportation system." The meeting material contained comments sent to two Western Mass representatives of the Task Force.

H. Reduction of Notice Period – Noel and Paule Weihl Realty Trust APR

Following the actions of the Sheffield Select Board, Tom consented to reduce the notice period on a proposed purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on farmland in Sheffield, the 32.4 acres Noel and Paul Wiehl Realty Trust, at Hewins Street.

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion about the Annual Meeting

Tom Matuszko provided a brief update about the Annual Meeting planning. We are looking at a similar format as was used for 5th Thursday in May. Several venues are under consideration. The date is tentatively set for September 25th.

B. Review of and Discussion about National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) Comments submitted on June 24, 2024

Included in this meeting's material was a copy of the comments submitted on June 24, 2024 to the Department of Energy about the Proposed New York – New England Review of and Discussion about National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC). Malcolm commented that the submission was a huge undertaking on the part of BRPC staff. Tom confirmed that the comments have been received. It was learned late in the process that Eversource felt their current right of way could accommodate any future transmission needs, and they were not in favor of widening the corridor. Eversource submitted comments to that effect. It is possible they still wanted the designation but not an expansion of the corridor. Doug thanked Tom on behalf of Windsor for the thorough comments compiled by the staff and described thirdhand interaction between Eversource and a local resident that indicated upgrades to capacity are already being installed. Roger reinforced that submitting the information was not wasteful, as now it is gathered and available for future use. Buck Donovan asked whether Tom had heard from any other communities. Tom Matuszko confirmed that he heard thankful comments from several communities, but not Hancock. Roger asked whether FRCOG submitted comments, and Tom confirmed that they did and he has a copy available if anyone is interested.

C. Discussion about a Potential Policy to Delete Recordings of Meetings Once Minutes have been Approved

At the June 6th Executive Committee meeting we initially discussed codifying and standardizing a practice we had done more consistently prior to virtual meetings with a policy of deleting recordings of meetings once minutes, which become the official record of the meeting, have been adopted. On June 25, 2024, BRPC received a public records request for "all video or audio recordings of meetings of any and all BRPC meetings, BRPC executive committee meetings, and Housatonic Rest of River meetings from 2018 till today, June 25, 2025". We have paused action on this item until the public records request is resolved.

D. Vote to Approve the FY 25 BRPC Meeting Schedule

At a previous meeting, the Executive Committee only set the meeting date for the July 2, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee was requested to vote to set the FY meeting schedule for Executive Committee and Full Commission meetings for the rest of FY25.

Doug McNally made a motion to approve the FY25 BRPC Meeting Schedule. Sam Haupt seconded it.

Doug indicated that we would need to make special reminders due to holiday schedules that the meeting schedule has some inconsistencies, and the group agreed.

Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt approved the meeting schedule by roll vote.

X. New Business

A. Discussion of August 1, 2024 Commission Meeting

Tom indicated that a potential topic for consideration is the Berkshire Brownfields Program. This date may be at the end of the legislative session, and if that is the case, there could be a review of legislation that has passed. Roger also suggested a brief overview of the transmission corridors and what has occurred in that regard. Tom confirmed that the recently submitted comments will be provided to the Full Commission. Doug also suggested a recap of the BEAD Challenge Process and related funding that may be available or soon to be available at that time. Doug encouraged Tom to ask Wylie to provide information related to BEAD. Christine Rasmussen suggested asking Senator Paul Mark to provide the legislative update, including a highlight on the Seasonal Designation situation. Tom agreed to investigate that possibility. There was also discussion about IT and info on underserved communities. Doug MacNally gave multiple examples of inaccurate data from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute.

XI. Adjournment

Doug McNally made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m., seconded by Sam Haupt, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote: Malcolm Fick, Buck Donovan, Doug McNally, Roger Bolton, Christine Rasmussen, Kyle Hanlon, and Sam Haupt.

Documents and Exhibits Used:

- 2024.06.20 Unapproved Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
- June 2024 Expenditures Report
- June 2024 Aged Receivables Report
- 2024.06.24 Line of Credit Report
- 2024.07.02 Executive Director Memorandum
- 2024.06.06 Unapproved Commission Development Committee Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
- 2024.06.25 Unapproved Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
- 2024.06.24 Memorandum to Transportation Funding Task Force members
- Hewins APR Waiver Request
- Proposed BRPC Meeting Schedule FY2025
- New York-New England NIETC Phase 2 comments

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18205	6/27/24	18 DEGREES INC	4,721.67	652 DPH/SORPEC	Department of Public Health - Bureau of Substance Addiction	Subcontractor
18206	6/27/24	ARTEFFECTS INC	49,999.00	749 EOEEA/OCE	Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs - Outdoor Center Exhibit	Subcontractor
18207	6/27/24	BBE OFFICE INTERIORS	119.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Labor
18208	6/27/24	TD CARD SERVICES	9,592.56	---	---	<i>June 2024 Credit Card Payment #3 Support</i>
18209	6/27/24	VALLEY GREEN SHREDDING, LLC	42.50	040 ADMIN	Admin	Recycling
18210	6/30/24	BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	5,475.00	652 DPH/SORPEC	Department of Public Health - Bureau of Substance Addiction	Subrecipient
18211	6/30/24	BETA GROUP INC	24,925.29	733 USDOT/CSAP	USDOT - Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Subcontractor
18212	6/30/24	VALERIE BIRD	375.87	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18213	6/30/24	MARIE BRADY	21.44	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Expense Form
18214	6/30/24	LAURA BRENNAN	12.80	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18215	6/30/24	THE BRIEN CENTER	12,792.20	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18216	6/30/24	MATTHEW BRYAN	191.62	516 FRCOG/EPP24	FRCOG Emergency Preparedness Planning 2024	Expense Form
18217	6/30/24	SOPHIE CARNES JANNEN	651.58	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18218	6/30/24	MONASIA CEASAR	74.67	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18219	6/30/24	COURIER PRINTING INC	226.60	040 ADMIN	Admin	Printing
18220	6/30/24	BRITNEY DANIALS	76.16	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18221	6/30/24	LESLIE DRAGER	67.42	284 BPHA/PHN	Berkshire Public Health Alliance - Regional Public Health Nursing Program	Expense Form
18222	6/30/24	EDWARD FAHEY	214.82	283 BPHA/INSP	Berkshire Public Health Alliance - Regional Public Health Inspections	Expense Form
18223	6/30/24	FASTENAL COMPANY	725.50	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Inspection Kit Supplies
18224	6/30/24	SHARRON FRAZIER-MCCLAIN	288.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18225	6/30/24	SIOGA CLUB OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY INC	412.50	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18226	6/30/24	WYLIE GOODMAN	169.71	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form

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18227	6/30/24	DANIEL HASSETT	320.48	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18228	6/30/24	JUSTIN HERVIEUX	256.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18229	6/30/24	KATHRYN HEEDER HOCKER	1,890.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Subcontractor
18230	6/30/24	CORNELIUS HOSS	26.75	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18231	6/30/24	SETH JENKINS	146.06	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18232	6/30/24	DAVID KELLEY	1,150.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Cleaning Services
18233	6/30/24	KIDZONE CHILD CARE EDUCATIONAL CTR	215.00	652 DPH/SORPEC	Department of Public Health - Bureau of Substance Addiction	Travel Expense
18234	6/30/24	LAURA KITROSS	14.07	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18235	6/30/24	CHRISTOPHER KOWALSKI	192.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18236	6/30/24	CLETUS KUS	26.53	440 MassDOT/TPL24	MA Department of Transportation Planning	Expense Form
18237	6/30/24	LANDLAW SPECIALTY PUBLISHERS	540.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Printing
18238	6/30/24	PETER LAROCHELLE	85.76	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18239	6/30/24	JOCELYN LATVALLA	112.18	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18240	6/30/24	CHRISTIE LEWIS	344.22	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18241	6/30/24	NIKKI LEWIS	134.00	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18242	6/30/24	ANDREW MCKEEVER	116.85	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18243	6/30/24	RAYNIER MEDINA OLIVO	80.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18244	6/30/24	KELLIE MEISL	640.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18245	6/30/24	MHOA	2,280.00	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Membership & Conference
18246	6/30/24	PATRICIA MULLINS	204.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Expense Form
18247	6/30/24	MULTICULTURAL BRIDGE	720.00	652 DPH/SORPEC	Department of Public Health - Bureau of Substance Addiction	Subcontractor
18248	6/30/24	ANN MARIE MUTZ	1,000.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Subcontractor
18249	6/30/24	DWAYNE MYERS	336.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18250	6/30/24	NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPERS, INC	552.00	---	Varied Projects	Communications
18251	6/30/24	ANDREW OTTOSON	225.99	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form

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18252	6/30/24	KAREN PELTO	455.44	708 BFF	Berkshire Funding Focus	Expense Form
18253	6/30/24	LUKE PELOWSKI	131.32	690 DCR/OUTRECWEB	Department of Conservation and Recreation - Outdoor Recreation Website	Expense Form
18254	6/30/24	QUALPRINT	589.98	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Printing
18255	6/30/24	REGENERATIVE DESIGN GROUP CO-OP INC	6,000.00	664 CLK/MVPA	Clarksburg - Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness	Subcontractor
18256	6/30/24	RITES OF PASSAGE AND EMPOWERMENT	5,300.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Subcontractor
18257	6/30/24	BRETT ROBERTS	381.31	---	Varied Projects	Expense Form
18258	6/30/24	JOHN ROUGHLEY	139.50	745 SHF/EOHLC/CDBG	Sheffield EOHLC - Housing Rehabilitation	Expense Form
18259	6/30/24	REBECCA ROUGHLEY	400.51	560 COMVEN/GPUR	Communities/Vendors - FY24 Group Purchasing	Expense Form
18260	6/30/24	LYDIA SHULMAN	50.00	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18261	6/30/24	ALEESHA SIDDIQUI	7.10	725.04 MassTech/DE-NMB	MA Technology Collaborative - Municipal Digital Equity Planning Services - New Marlborough	Expense Form
18262	6/30/24	NANCY SLATTERY	128.19	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18263	6/30/24	SOURCEPASS	7,040.57	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Software Maintenance
18264	6/30/24	JAZU STINE	236.38	681 NEHA-FDA/FSPA	NEHA - Alliance Food Safety Program Advancement	Expense Form
18265	6/30/24	COLIN SYKES	374.28	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Expense Form
18266	6/30/24	JAYMIE ZAPATA	28.54	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Expense Form
18267	6/30/24	HEARTHWAY INC	18,749.97	672 DHCD/HOUSE	DHCD - Housing in Berkshire County	Subcontractor
18268	7/2/24	BADIE DESIGNS LLC	5,765.00	743 BTI/BB	Berkshire Benchmarks	Website Maintenance
18269	7/2/24	BLUE 20/20	219.92	040 ADMIN	Admin	Vision Insurance
18270	7/2/24	HARRINGTON HEEP LLP	330.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Legal Services
18271	7/2/24	ANUJA KOIRALA	500.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Expense Form
18272	7/2/24	MASS STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT	13,041.31	---	---	Retirement
18273	7/2/24	MIIA PROPERTY & CASUALTY GROUP, INC	7,338.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Property Insurance
18274	7/2/24	CITY OF PITTSFIELD	425.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Parking

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18275	7/2/24	THE COOPER CENTER, LLC	8,895.18	040 ADMIN	Admin	Rent
18276	7/2/24	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	420.00	684 MON/DEP319	Monterey - DEP 319 Hupi Road Drainage Improvements	Order of Conditions Fees
18277	7/2/24	STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE	988.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Subscription
18278	7/10/24	TIFFANY BROUILLETTE	144.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18279	7/10/24	DANIELLE COOMES	256.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18280	7/10/24	BRITNEY DANIALS	500.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Expense Form
18281	7/10/24	JILL DAUGHERTY	320.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18282	7/10/24	REBECCA DODGE	480.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18283	7/10/24	FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL	12,241.10	518 FRCOG/BMRC	FRCOG Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps	Subcontractor
18284	7/10/24	FILE OF LIFE FOUNDATION INC	1,419.87	518 FRCOG/BMRC	FRCOG Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps	Supplies
18285	7/10/24	KAMARA FLASCHER	640.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Subcontractor
18286	7/10/24	FORESIGHT LAND SERVICES INC	2,353.60	685 HVA/BCCCP	Housatonic Valley Association - Berkshire Clean Cold Connected Partnership	Subcontractor
18287	7/10/24	CHARLES KANIECKI	1,000.00	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Subcontractor
18288	7/10/24	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	3,348.62	040 ADMIN	Admin	Life; STD; LTD
18289	7/10/24	QUALPRINT	718.10	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Printing
18290	7/10/24	RAINBOW DISTRIBUTING COMPANY INC	117.91	040 ADMIN	Admin	Water
18291	7/10/24	ROUX ASSOCIATES INC	19,685.65	702 EPA/ASSESS	Environmental Protection Agency Assessment	Subcontractor
18292	7/10/24	SOURCEPASS	1,748.75	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Maintenance
18293	7/10/24	STAT TECHNOLOGIES INC	2,765.13	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Subcontractor
18294	7/10/24	TD CARD SERVICES	2,359.42	---	---	June 2024 Credit Card Payment #4 Support
18295	7/10/24	THE BURNSTEAD	924.00	753 PTS/MVPA	Pittsfield Francis Ave Parklet and Routing Study	Subcontractor
18296	7/10/24	SO BERKHIRE PUBLIC HEALTH COLLAB	10,000.00	609 HRIA/CHIP	Health Resources in Action County Health Initiative - Community Health Improvement Planning	Subcontractor

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18297	7/10/24	WATERSTONE ENGINEERING PLLC	16,747.50	753 PTS/MVPA	Pittsfield Francis Ave Parklet and Routing Study	Subcontractor
18298	7/10/24	ZONES LLC	13,118.00	560 COMVEN/GPUR	Communities/Vendors - FY24 Group Purchasing	Computer Software
18299	7/10/24	NBCC	10,000.00	609 HRIA/CHIP	Health Resources in Action County Health Initiative - Community Health Improvement Planning	Subcontractor
18300	7/17/24	18 DEGREES INC	315.68	652 DPH/SORPEC	Department of Public Health - Bureau of Substance Addiction	Subcontractor
18301	7/17/24	1BERKSHIRE	350.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Artweek Membership
18302	7/17/24	AAIM EA TRAINING & CONSULTING LLC	157.40	040 ADMIN	Admin	Background Checks
18303	7/17/24	BECKS PRINTING	369.00	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Printing
18304	7/17/24	LAMAR COMPANIES	375.00	737 COMM/ARTBERK24	Communities/Organizations - Cultural Districts - ArtWeek	Communications
18305	7/17/24	MASS STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT	13,122.85	---	---	Retirement
18306	7/17/24	MIIA HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST	2,647.65	040 ADMIN	Admin	Dental Insurance
18307	7/17/24	MIIA HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST	70,323.13	040 ADMIN	Admin	Health Insurance
18308	7/17/24	SOURCEPASS	2,140.92	040 ADMIN	Admin	Computer Maintenance
18309	7/17/24	TPX COMMUNICATIONS	1,497.88	040 ADMIN	Admin	Telephone
18310	7/17/24	TRANSPORT THE PEOPLE, INC	2,000.00	774 MassDOTRT/BFLM	MA Department of Transportation, Rail & Transit Division - Berkshire Flyer Last Mile Transportation	Subcontractor
18311	7/17/24	THE COOPER CENTER, LLC	1,842.76	040 ADMIN	Admin	Utilities
18312	7/17/24	VALLEY GREEN SHREDDING, LLC	42.50	040 ADMIN	Admin	Recycling
18313	7/17/24	VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE INC	10,000.00	609 HRIA/CHIP	Health Resources in Action County Health Initiative - Community Health Improvement Planning	Subcontractor
18314	7/17/24	WB MASON COMPANY INC	886.63	040 ADMIN	Admin	Supplies
18315	7/17/24	BERKSHIRE BOUNTY INC	13,204.36	715 USDA/RFSP	USDA - Regional Food System Partnerships Program	Subrecipient
18316	7/24/24	BERKSHIRE WINERY LLC	500.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Annual Meeting Venue Deposit
18317	7/24/24	BERKSHIRE GROWN INC	41,878.47	715 USDA/RFSP	USDA - Regional Food System Partnerships Program	Subrecipient
18318	7/24/24	MA MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCES INC	250.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Membership
18319	7/24/24	MACFARLANE OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC.	707.77	040 ADMIN	Admin	Copying
18320	7/24/24	MEADOW FARM LLC	220.00	684 MON/DEP319	Monterey - DEP 319 Hupi Road Drainage Improvements	Supplies

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18321	7/24/24	MILLIMAN INC	3,150.00	040 ADMIN	Admin	Subscription
18322	7/24/24	SO BERKSHIRE RURAL HEALTH NETWORK	1,134.37	715 USDA/RFSP	USDA - Regional Food System Partnerships Program	Subrecipient
18323	7/24/24	VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE INC	60,000.00	659 DPH/LHSCT	Department of Public Health - Local Health Support Covid-19 Contact Tracing	Subcontractor
18324	7/24/24	MASSENERGIZE INC	1,500.00	679 BGNGEVS/MassSave/WMSLAN	Berkshire Gas / National Grid / Eversource - Mass Save Community First Partnership	Training Software
18072V	7/16/24	LAMAR COMPANIES	-375.00	---	---	Voided & Reissued
1309	6/27/24	CMV CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC	16,770.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor
1310	6/27/24	EMERALD LEAD TESTING	335.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor
1311	7/10/24	FEDEX	8.45	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Postage
1312	7/24/24	ALEX KOMLEV	9,820.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor
1313	7/24/24	ALEX KOMLEV	12,860.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor
1314	7/24/24	ALEX KOMLEV	8,600.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor
1315	7/24/24	ALEX KOMLEV	4,670.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor
1316	7/24/24	ALEX KOMLEV	3,860.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor
1317	7/24/24	ALEX KOMLEV	8,885.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Subcontractor
1318	7/24/24	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	105.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Lien
1319	7/24/24	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	105.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Lien
1320	7/24/24	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	105.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Lien
1321	7/24/24	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	105.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Lien
1322	7/24/24	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	105.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Lien

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1323	7/24/24	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	105.00	631 DAL/CDBG	Dalton - Community Development Block Grant	Lien
1016	7/10/24	MORRISONS HOME IMPROVEMENT	14,650.12	710 CEDAC/HMLP	CEDAC Home Modification Loan Program	Subcontractor
1204	7/17/24	BHDC-RLD LEE LLC	129,012.00	716 EPA/RLF2	Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund 2022	Requisition #04

Total 675,474.16

June 2024 Credit Card Payment #3 Support

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Department Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>
CCARD	6/24/24	CREDIT - AED SUPERSTORES	-280.35	518 FRCOG/BMRC	FRCOG Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps	Sales Tax Refund
CCARD	6/25/24	NEW ENGLAND WETLAND PLANTS	232.50	713 MON/MVPA	Monterey - Municipal Vulnerability Action Grant Program	Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	AMAZON	1,042.20	518 FRCOG/BMRC	FRCOG Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps	Computer Equipment
CCARD	6/26/24	AMAZON	369.96	646 DPH/MASSCALL3	Department of Public Health MASS CALL 3B - Substance Misuse Prevention	Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	AMAZON	556.00	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	AMAZON	158.97	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	AMAZON	127.99	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	AMAZON	37.54	754 DOJ/BPOP	Department of Justice - Berkshire Post Overdose Program	Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	PERFECTGIFT	493.06	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	Gift Cards
CCARD	6/26/24	GRAINGER	175.01	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Inspection Kit Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	HOME DEPOT	106.70	684 MON/DEP319	Monterey - DEP 319 Hupi Road Drainage Improvements	Event Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	STAPLES	465.38	518 FRCOG/BMRC	FRCOG Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps	Supplies
CCARD	6/26/24	LIBERTY PIZZA	105.69	610 HRIA/G2G	Health Resources in Action - Gray to Green	G2G Event Meals
CCARD	6/27/24	BADGE & WALLET	846.00	---	Varied Projects	Inspector Badges & Wallets

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CCARD	6/27/24	AMAZON	1,975.94	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Computer Equipment
CCARD	6/27/24	AMAZON	472.98	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Inspection Kit Supplies
CCARD	6/27/24	NSO INSURANCE	2,460.00	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	CAN Insurance - Carnes-Jannen, S
CCARD	6/27/24	COLE PARMER	246.99	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Inspection Kit Supplies

9,592.56

June 2024 Credit Card Payment #4 Support

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Department Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>
CCARD	6/28/24	AMAZON.COM	485.43	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Inspection Kit Supplies
CCARD	6/29/24	SUNSTATION USA	1,901.37	650 DPH/SS	Public Health Excellence for Shared Services	Sunscreen Stations & Cartridges
CCARD	6/30/24	CREDIT - STAPLES	-27.38	518 FRCOG/BMRC	FRCOG Berkshire Medical Reserve Corps	Sales Tax Refund

Total **2,359.42**

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<u>Customer ID</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Over 90 days</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
166/EPA/RLF	EPA: EPA/RLF		10,386.67	
284 BPHA/PHN/RIV	RIVER RUN APARTMENTS	200.00	200.00	Alecia H left voicemail at complex
326/BURN/OTS	TOWN OF OTIS	115.00	115.00	Per Chris, to be paid as soon as possible
350/BCBOHA	BERKSHIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF HEALTH ASSOC		88.39	
427 ADM/BFASSESS	TOWN OF ADAMS		1,346.60	
440/TPL	MASSDOT#75425 - TPL		101,084.95	
518-519 FRCOG/BRMC	FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVT		42,406.49	
560 CORE & MAIN LP	CORE & MAIN LP	147.78	543.95	Per Rebecca, to be paid with Q3 & Q4
560 GUARDRAIL SOLUTI	GUARDRAIL SOLUTIONS		393.05	
560 INNOVATIVE	INNOVATIVE MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS		127.04	
560 NORTHEAST PAVING	NORTHEAST PAVING		39.85	
560 PALMER PAVING	PALMER PAVING		10,744.00	
560 SEALCOATING	SEALCOATING INC		2,895.02	
560 TREW STONE	TREW STONE		47.57	
569 DOER/REPA	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS		1,923.00	
592 DEP/319REGC	DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION		24,658.52	
640 NEATC/CRI/HCV	COMMUNITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE		9,146.96	
646 DPH/MASSCALLS	DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - MASSCALLS		27,232.62	
652 DPH/SORPEC	DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH		22,212.47	
657 EPA/HC	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY		333.50	
664 CLK/MVP	TOWN OF CLARKSBURG		52,131.67	
669 CHS/SW	TOWN OF CHESHIRE		305.28	
672 DHCD/HOUSE	DHCD		26,568.84	
679 BG/MASSSAVE/CFP	BERKSHIRE GAS		7,291.66	
679 EV/MASSSAVE/CFP	EVERSOURCE	8,333.34	16,666.66	Sherdyl F followed up
679 NG/MASSSAVE/CFP	NATIONAL GRID		7,291.66	
684 MON/DEP319	TOWN OF MONTEREY		2,178.37	
685 HVA/BCCCP	HOUSATONIC VALLEY ASSOCIATION		25,537.14	
702 EPA/ASSESS	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY		94,161.13	
712 MAPC/WRHSAC/EEMC	WESTERN REGION HOMELAND SECURITY	2,524.88	4,286.36	Per FRCOG, payment to be processed in upcoming weeks
713 MON/MVPA	TOWN OF MONTEREY		10,414.10	
714 LEE/HMMVP	TOWN OF LEE	3,569.43	3,569.43	Courteny M followed up
715 USDA/RFSP	USDA REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM		53,596.33	
716 EPA/RLF	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY		7,674.57	
724 HAN/MVP	TOWN OF HANCOCK		706.08	
725.00 MASSTECH/PTS	725.00 MASSTECH/PTS		9,042.00	

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725.01 MASSTECH/DAL	MASSTECH DIGITAL EQ DALTON		25,718.00	
728 MAPC/MCSP	METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL		12,656.64	
732 EPA/AIRQ	732 EPA/AIRQ		6,337.03	
733.00 USDOT	USDOT EQUITY CONCERNS		47,615.82	
733.01 SS4A	OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		11,826.27	
735 MASSCEC/EMPOWER	MA CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTER		30,000.00	
741 BMC/MBI/DEBERK	BAYSTATE MEDICAL CENTER		7,517.43	
742 MON/OSRP	TOWN OF MONTEREY	11,188.31	15,000.00	CJ followed up
749 EOEEA/OCD	EOEEA		74,999.00	
752 BWD/MVP	BRIGGSVILLE WATER DISTRICT		5,408.40	
753 PTS/MVPA	CITY OF PITTSFIELD		60,056.94	
756 EOHLC/SS	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS		24,102.95	
758 UBALT/COCLI/BPOP	UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE		39,310.56	
759 FRCOG	FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVT		3,358.40	
760 PHIWM/413CARES	PARTNERS FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY		2,500.00	
766 SAV/CUL	TOWN OF SAVOY		1,919.64	
CITY OF NORTH ADAMS	CITY OF NORTH ADAMS		11,310.00	FY25 Assessment
CITY OF PITTSFIELD	CITY OF PITTSFIELD		38,331.46	FY25 Assessment
COOK INSURANCE	CHARLES COOK		191.12	
MIIA GRANT	MIIA		80.61	
MULLINS, PATRICIA	PATRICIA MULLINS		95.14	
TOWN OF ADAMS	TOWN OF ADAMS		7,125.79	FY25 Assessment
TOWN OF BECKET	TOWN OF BECKET		1,685.03	FY25 Assessment
TOWN OF CLARKSBURG	TOWN OF CLARKSBURG		1,445.93	FY25 Assessment
TOWN OF G BARRINGTON	TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON		6,258.41	FY25 Assessment
TOWN OF LEE	TOWN OF LEE		36,825.18	FY25 Assessment & ADA Project
TOWN OF MONTEREY	TOWN OF MONTEREY		18,689.04	FY25 Assessment & ADA Project
TOWN OF SANDISFIELD	TOWN OF SANDISFIELD		863.02	FY25 Assessment
TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN	TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN		6,555.97	FY25 Assessment

Report Total

26,078.74 1,075,130.71

Current Balance
\$0.00

Available Credit
Amount Due
Payment Due Date

\$500,000.00
\$0.00
Aug 5, 2024



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FROM: Thomas Matuszko, Executive Director

DATE: July 25, 2024

SUBJ: Agenda Items – August 1, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting

VI. Items Requiring Action

A. Vote to Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into Intergovernmental Agreements and Contracts with Municipalities*

The Executive Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director to enter into intergovernmental agreements and contracts for services with municipalities in FY 25.

B. Vote to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) Wellness Program*

The Executive Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application to the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) Wellness Grant "A Great Place to Work" program and approve any resulting contracts and agreements. This MIIA grant provides an opportunity to establish and sustain an excellent work environment. BRPC is seeking the full \$5,000 allotment. A portion (approximately 14%) of the funds will be used to purchase a Soda Stream system and flavor enhancers, branded tumblers for onsite staff, an air purifier for each suite, and a privacy screen for the massage chair. Remaining funds will be used to continue providing healthy snacks for the office. The staff lead on this application is Marianne Sniezek, msniezek@berkshireplanning.org, 413-442-1521 x13.

C. Vote to Approve Changes to the BRPC Personnel Pay Plan to remove an Offsite Senior Planner position and add 3 Offsite positions; a Public Health Subject Matter Expert, Public Health Community Coordinator, and Group Purchasing Coordinator*.

The Executive Committee is requested to approve changes to the BRPC Personnel Pay Plan to remove an Offsite Senior Planner Position and add 3 Offsite positions; a Public Health Subject Matter Expert, Public Health Community Coordinator, and Group Purchasing Coordinator. These changes

would more accurately reflect the nature of the work of the employees working in these areas. The Public Health Subject Matter Expert and Group Purchasing Coordinators are reclassifications of positions for employees currently working. The Public Health Community Coordinator position would potentially be a new position, but we need to establish the position and associated Position Description to obtain the funding for the position.

VII. Committee Reports and Discussion

A. Commission Development Committee

The Commission Development Committee July 2, 2024 meeting was postponed until September 12 due to a lack of a quorum.

B. Berkshire Brownfields Committee

The Brownfield Committee met on July 8, 2024. Several sites previously approved for assessment, including Hide Hill/Former Tannery Dump, North Adams, Carpenter's Variety, Great Barrington, Rising Pond Parcel, Great Barrington, JB Paper Factory, Pittsfield, 370 Wahconah (former Bel Air Mill), Pittsfield, 100 Woodlawn, Pittsfield, Tyler Street, Pittsfield (3 parcels), Stetson Cleaners, Pittsfield, Windsor Mill, North Adams, Niagara Mill, Lenox were discussed and voted on for additional assessment. One site, Heritage State Park, North Adam was discussed and approved for an environmental site assessment. Draft minutes have not yet been prepared.

C. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

The MPO met on July 23, 2024. Amendments were approved to the 2024 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for changes to the highway and transit sections. An amendment to the 2024 – 2028 TIP related to the increase in costs for the Pittsfield East Street project was authorized for public comment. Draft unapproved minutes are in the meeting materials.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

A. Report on New Contracts/Agreements

New Grants and Contracts received/initiated from 06/27/2024 to 07/25/2024.

- Lanesborough – Economic Development Planning - \$11,000
- Franklin Regional Council of Governments– Emergency Preparedness Planning - \$169,656
- Environmental Protection Agency - Revolving Loan Fund 2022 – Additional \$2,350,000
- Massachusetts Technology Collaborative - Municipal Digital Equity Planning Services – Monterey - \$32,621.41
- Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee - After Action Report - \$4,212.50

Grants and Contracts not received.

We did not receive the following:

- HRIA (MCHAAF) CHIP Plan
- HRIA (MCHAAF) Healthy Aging (Senior. Exercise Parks)
- HRIA (MCHAAF) PSE Grant (Gray to Green expansion/continuation)

B. Berkshires Tomorrow Inc. (B.T.I.) Update

- The B.T.I. Board of Directors authorized the President to sign an agreement between Berkshires Tomorrow and BRPC's Software Lease for 67 Subscriptions for Microsoft Office 365 and Microsoft Defender for FY2025. Tom Matuszko will sign for BRPC. Total \$17,160.00.
- The B.T.I. Board of Directors authorized the President to sign an agreement between BPRC and Berkshires Tomorrow for Consulting Services to set up the Federal Fund Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) and sub-award grant compliance. This agreement will be up to \$10,000. Tom Matuszko will sign for BRPC.

C. Staff Update

- Open Positions:
 - Public Health Community Social Worker
 - Public Health Trainer
 - Public Health Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) Assistant Coordinator

Reclassifications:

- Pat Mullins – PT Project Specialist
- Nancy Slattery – PT Public Health Nurse

D. Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) Update

The Rural Policy Advisory Commission did not meet in July, 2024.

E. Passenger Rail

- West-East Rail – No known activity over the past month.
- Berkshire Flyer – Ridership of the Berkshire Flyer has been slightly lower, but generally similar to last year. It appears on-time performance has improved. Last mile transportation has been sparingly used.
- Northern Tier Passenger Rail – No known activity over the past month.

F. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Success Story – Berkshire Innovation Center (BIC)

EDA promoted the BIC's EDA award of \$900,000 as a success story on the main EDA website, highlighting the Berkshire Innovation Center Manufacturing Academy. BIC established the Berkshire Innovation Center Manufacturing Academy, to help foster growth in the advanced manufacturing sector. Assistant Director Laura Brennan was instrumental in obtaining this award. For more information, see

<https://www.eda.gov/impact/success-stories/workforce-development/eda-funded-manufacturing-revival-underway-new-england>

G. Conference Committee FY 2025 State Budget

On July 18th, the FY25 Budget Conference Committee released their budget for the Governor's approval. The Governor has until 7/29/24 to review the budget. The Legislature would still have an opportunity until 7/31/24 override any vetos. Attached is a summary prepared by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Some key items for BRPC:

- The DLTA program was level-funded at \$3 million
- The Grant Assistance Program (GAP) was level-funded at \$2 million
- The Efficiency & Regionalization Program was level funded at \$600,000
- The SAPHE (State Action for Public Health Excellence) was funded as \$10.1 million
- A technical fix was made to the GAP program to allow RPAs to use FY24 GAP for both state and federal grants instead of just federal

Specific to BRPC:

- \$75,000 was obtained to support the work of Berkshire Funding Focus
- \$200,00 for the Berkshire County Opioid Education and Awareness Task Force

I thank the Berkshire County legislators for their support of the larger statewide budget items and especially Senator Mark for his strong support for the Berkshire Funding Focus and Opioid Education and Awareness Task Force.

IX. Old Business

A. Vote to Select the Kusik Award Winner for 2024*

We received one nomination for the Kusik Award Winner. Representative Smitty Pignatelli for his service to the communities in south Berkshire County.

B. Discussion about the Annual Meeting

Staff will provide an update about the Annual Meeting planning.

C. Update of the Proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC)

As I prepare this memo, I am not aware of any action by the U.S. Department of Energy's proposed New York – New England NIETC designation. However, if something should happen in the next week, I will update the Committee.

X. New Business

A. No new business

XI. Adjournment

Additional Meeting Material:

- 2024.07.02 Unapproved Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
- June 28 - July 25 2024 Expenditures Report
- July 2024 Aged Receivables Report
- 2024.07.24 Line of Report

- 2024.07.25 Executive Director Memorandum
- FY25 Personnel Pay Plan Ranges
- 2024.07.23 Unapproved Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes
- DRAFT
- FY25 Conference Committee Budget Summary

PERSONNEL PAY PLAN Berkshire Regional Planning Commission FY 2025							
					Exec Comm request for approval 8.1.2024		
SALARY Positions		2024 revised 12.7.2023	2024 revised 12.7.2023	2024 revised 12.7.2023	2025	2025	2025
Position	Qualifications	Starting Salary As established by the Commission	Mid-Range As established by the Commission	Maximum Salary As established by the Commission	Starting Salary As established by the Commission	Mid-Range As established by the Commission	Maximum Salary As established by the Commission
Executive Director (effective 5/24/2018)	MA/MS + 5 years = 11 years						
Assistant Director	MA/MS + 5 years = 11 years	\$90,464	\$103,040	\$115,615	\$92,726	\$105,615	\$118,505
Program Manager II Directly supervise 2+ employees	MA/MS + 5 years = 11 years	\$82,601	\$96,094	\$109,587	\$84,666	\$98,496	\$112,327
Program Manager I Directly supervise <2 employees	MA/MS + 5 years = 11 years or BA/BS + 6 years = 10 years	\$75,097	\$87,441	\$99,784	\$76,974	\$89,627	\$102,279
Assistant Program Manager (Only for Programs with greater than 7 staff)	MA/MS + 4 yrs = 10 years	\$73,780	\$86,111	\$98,441	\$75,625	\$88,263	\$100,902
Principal Planner	MA/MS + 4 yrs = 10 years	\$61,930	\$74,142	\$86,354	\$63,478	\$75,996	\$88,513
Senior Planner	MA/MS + 2 yrs = 8 years	\$61,697	\$71,805	\$81,913	\$63,239	\$73,600	\$83,961
Planner/Grant & Procurement Specialist /Housing Specialist	MA/MS = 6 years or BA/BS + 2 years = 6 years	\$58,643	\$65,224	\$71,805	\$60,109	\$66,855	\$73,600
HOURLY Positions		2024 revised	2024 revised	2024 revised	2025	2025	2025
Associate Planner	BA/BS = 4 years	\$23.64	\$27.00	\$30.36	\$24.23	\$27.68	\$31.12
Program Associate (f/t)	AA = 2 years	\$19.50	\$22.18	\$24.85	\$19.99	\$22.73	\$25.47
Principal Finance Administrator	MA/MS = 4 yrs = 10 years	\$34.03	\$40.74	\$47.45	\$34.88	\$41.76	\$48.63
Finance Administrator	BA/BS + 2 years = 6 years	\$27.81	\$31.91	\$36.00	\$28.51	\$32.70	\$36.90
Finance Office Assistant	BA/BS + 1 years = 5 years	\$25.81	\$29.41	\$33.00	\$26.46	\$30.14	\$33.83
Office Administrator	BA/BS = 4 years	\$25.40	\$29.15	\$32.90	\$26.04	\$29.88	\$33.72
Intern (Pay TBD based on Qualifications)	Undergrad Student	\$15.90	\$16.52	\$17.14	\$16.30	\$16.93	\$17.57
Intern (Pay TBD based on Qualifications)	BA/BS/in 1 st yr of Grad School	\$16.67	\$16.94	\$17.21	\$17.09	\$17.36	\$17.64
Intern (Pay TBD based on Qualifications)	2 nd yr of Grad Sch/MA/MS	\$17.39	\$21.17	\$24.94	\$17.82	\$21.69	\$25.56
OFFSITE - HOURLY Positions		2024 revised	2024 revised	2024 revised	2025	2025	2025
Senior Planner (offsite)	MA/MS + 2 yrs = 8 years	\$40.58	\$44.92	\$49.25	\$41.59	\$46.04	\$50.48
Public Health Subject Matter Expert (offsite)	MA/MS + 2 yrs = 8 years				\$41.59	\$46.04	\$50.48
Public Health Community Coordinator (offsite)	MA/MS + 2 yrs = 8 years				\$34.75	\$40.44	\$46.13
Group Purchasing Coordinator (offsite)	MA/MS + 2 yrs = 8 years				\$41.59	\$46.04	\$50.48
Inspector - (offsite)	BA/BS = 4 years and/or special certifications	\$33.02	\$39.74	\$46.46	\$33.85	\$40.73	\$47.62
Housing Specialist - (offsite)	BA/BS = 4 years and/or special certifications	\$33.02	\$39.74	\$46.46	\$33.85	\$40.73	\$47.62
Project Specialist	Pay TBD based on Qualifications				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Senior Public Health Nurse	MSN or BSN + 4 years	\$40.65	\$42.65	\$44.65	\$41.67	\$43.72	\$45.77
Public Health Nurse (increase)	BSN + 2 years	\$35.00	\$38.83	\$42.65	\$35.88	\$39.80	\$43.72
Social Services/Social Worker (new)	LCSW or LICSW	\$33.90	\$39.45	\$45.01	\$34.75	\$40.44	\$46.13
Effective January 1, 2023, the Massachusetts minimum wage is \$15.00 per hour							



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MINUTES OF THE Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Meeting Held Via Zoom Video Communications

Meeting Materials: <https://berkshireplanning.org/event/berkshire-mpo-meeting-3/>

MPO Representatives/Alternates Present:

Derek Krevat	MassDOT (Representing Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt)
Mark Moore	MassDOT District 1 (Representing Highway Administrator Gulliver)
Malcolm Fick	BRPC
Sarah Vallieres	BRTA
Ricardo Morales	City of Pittsfield
Tim Lescarbeau	City of North Adams
Christine Hoyt	North Subregion Delegate
John Boyle	North Central Subregion Delegate
Gordon Bailey	Southeast Subregion Delegate

Others Present:

Tom Matuszko	BRPC
Clete Kus	BRPC
Anuja Koirala	BRPC
Nick Russo	BRPC
Ryan Griffis	BRPC
Chris Klem	MassDOT
Peter Frieri	MassDOT
Derek Shooster	MassDOT
Joshua Barber	FHWA

I. Call to Order – Introductions

Mr. Mohler called the meeting to order at 4:04 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 Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2024

ACTION: Mr. Boyle introduced a motion, seconded by Mr. Fick, to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 MPO meeting.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

Mr. Krevat:	Yea
Ms. Hemming:	Yea
Ms. Hoyt	
Mr. Fick:	Yea
Ms. Vallieres:	Yea
Mr. Morales	Abstain

Mr. Lescarbeau	Yea
Ms. Hoyt	Yea
Mr. Boyle	Yea
Mr. Bailey	Yea

IV. Approval of an amendment (4th amendment) to the 2024-2028 TIP for changes to the Highway and Transit sections identified below and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification documents on behalf of the MPO members

HIGHWAY: 1) Increase Increase funding for Project 609078 New Marlborough Keyes Hill Road bridge and change funding source. 2) Remove Lee, Meadow Street bridge replacement project (607597) and reprogram in FFY 2025, increase cost to \$3,653,679 with On-System non-NHS NGBP funds.

TRANSIT: 1) Add 5311 Operating Assistance funds (BRTA011862), 2) add 5310 funds (BRTA011844) and local funds for vehicle purchase, 3) add \$364,104 GOBOND funding for 3 Type E2A Vans in FFY 2025 and 4) add \$970,611 GOBOND funding in FFY 2026 for 5 low floor vans (BRTA011845).

Ms. Koirala proposed a fourth amendment for highway and transit. For highway, the cost of bridge replacement in New Marlborough cost had increased to \$5,395,160; and for bridge replacement in Lee is required to be moved from 2024 to 2025, and increased costs amount to \$3,653,679. Mr. Klem asked the reason for the cost increase and delay for the project, which Mr. Moore explained a new requirement in type of construction items and materials was behind the cost increase for the New Marlborough bridge. For the Lee bridge replacement, he was informed MassDOT determined it would not be able to deliver in its originally given timeframe for a multitude of reasons and would need to return to the design process before moving forward.

Ms. Koirala moved onto the transit amendment: for 2024 BRTA received funding for operations from state and local funds, totaling \$448,646 each. The town of Great Barrington received funds from the state and is using local funds to purchase an electric vehicle, totaling \$87,941 and \$21,985 respectively. BRTA is receiving funding from GOBOND for the purchase of three E2A vans with total value of \$364,104 to be included in the 2025 TIP. In 2026, BRTA will use vehicle replacement GOBOND funds to purchase five low-floor vans totaling \$970,611.

ACTION: Mr. Bailey introduced a motion, seconded by Mr. malnati, to approve the amendment to the 2024-2028 TIP and authorize a 21-day public comment period.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

Mr. Krevat:	Yea
Ms. Hemming:	Yea
Mr. Haupt:	Yea
Mr. Mulnati:	Yea
Mr. Morales	Yea
Ms. Hoyt	Yea
Mr. Boyle	Abstain
Mr. Bailey	Yea

V. Consideration of an amendment (5th amendment) to the 2024-2028 TIP to address the cost increase to Pittsfield East Street project (604003) and authorize a 21-day public comment period

Mr. Kus indicated that following the MPOs authorization to proceed with a 21 day comment period at the previous MPO meeting, the steps outlined in the organizations public participation plan were followed including advertisement in the Berkshire Eagle. The only comments received were from MassDOT. A request to reference the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was requested and has been addressed. In the document MPO membership has been updated, as well as the addition of links to similar documents referenced in the plan, and a narrative linking to UPWP plan to the RTP.

ACTION: Mr. Boyle introduced a motion, seconded by Ms. Vallieres, to approve the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and authorize the Chairman to sign the certification documents on behalf of the MPO members.

Mr. Kus conducted a roll call:

Mr. Krevat:	Yea
Ms. Hemming:	Yea
Mr. Haupt:	Yea
Mr. Mulnati:	Yea
Mr. Morales	Yea
Ms. Hoyt	Yea
Mr. Boyle	Abstain
Mr. Bailey	Yea

VI. Status reports from Member Agencies

Mr. Frieri provided an update on District 1 improvements currently scheduled. The bridge replacement in Alford is currently being advertised, and the final design on East Street (Route 9) in Pittsfield is due by the end of the month – however the cost is approximately over-budget by three million and will need to be addressed. The final design for a bridge replacement in New Marlborough has been submitted on June 14 and is under review by MassDOT. Mr. Frieri anticipates the project will be available for advertising later this year.

Ms. Vallieres noted that BRTA is celebrating its 50th anniversary of operation, and thanks to a grant from MassDOT, is now temporarily offering fare-free for fixed route and ADA customers for June and July, then Thanksgiving until the New Year. Ms. Vallieres notes that BRTA has seen a major increase in customers since implementation and expects to have served at least half a million customers this year soon.

Mr. Kus noted that BRPC is currently preparing contract documents with MassDOT for traffic counts in the region. Member communities interested in utilizing this service should have staff reach out to Mr. Kus or Ms. Koirala if funds are available – and seek funds elsewhere if not. This Thursday Ms. Koirala and Mr. Frieri will be attending a seminar for supervisors on the MassDOT TIP process. North Adams Reconnecting Communities grant program has completed its RFP process and received eleven proposals from consultants; the design and review committee will be evaluating submission before providing a recommendation to the mayor in the near future.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Next Meeting date – August 27, 2024

The next MPO meeting is scheduled to be held on August 27th, 2024.

ACTION: Mr. Boyle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. mALNATI. Mr. kREVAT adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Documents and Exhibits Used:

- [Agenda](#)
- [BMPO Meeting Minutes June 25, 2024 DRAFT](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2024-2028 Highway TIP 4th Amendment](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2024-2028 Transit TIP 4th Amendment](#)
- [BMPO FFY 2024-2028 Highway TIP 5th Amendment](#)
- [MassDOT District 1 TIP Projects Update](#)

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FY25 Conference Committee Budget Summary

For questions, please contact: [Leah Robins](#), [Norman Abbott](#), [Georgia Barlow](#), [Matt Walsh](#)

On July 18th, the FY25 Budget Conference Committee released their budget. This comes 18 days into the new fiscal year. The \$58 billion budget is a 1.97 billion, (3.5%), increase over last year’s final budget. The Conference Committee’s budget includes level funding for the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) program, Senator Charles Shannon Community Safety Initiative, and Grant Assistance Program (GAP). It also includes a crucial technical fix to the FY24 budget, which would allow RPAs to use FY24 GAP funding for state and federal grants.

This is the second year that Fair Share surtax revenue is available, which is again split between education and transportation. However, Fare Share revenue is even more weighted towards education than previous budgets. The bill provides \$762 million (58.5%) for education initiatives and \$538 million (41.5%) for transportation programs and policies.

What comes next: The House and Senate are expected to take up the Conference Committee budget on Friday, July 19. They will vote for or against the budget before it goes to the Governor’s desk. The Governor’s team will then have 10 days to review the budget and make line-item vetoes. The House and Senate will then have until July 31st to override any of the Governor’s vetoes.

Key MAPC Line Items

line item		FY 24 Final Budget	MAPC's FY25 Request	Governor H.2 Governor Budget	H.4601 House Budget	Senate Budget	Conference Budget
8100-0111	Senator Charles Shannon Community Safety Initiative	\$12.8 million	\$13.4 million	\$12.8 million	\$12.8 million	\$12.8 million	\$13.3 million
1599-0026	District Local Technical Assistance	\$3 million	\$3.4 million	\$3 million	\$3 million	\$3 million	\$3 million
	Community Compact Grants	\$0	\$2 million	\$6 million	\$0	\$0	0
	Efficiency and Regionalization Grant	\$600,000	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
	Grant Assistance Program	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$0	\$0	\$2 million	\$2 million

A summary of other some of our other key priorities is below. [The full text of the Conference Committee's FY25 budget can be found here.](#)

LOCAL AID

UGGA

Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) (1233-2350) is proposed at \$1.3 billion. This is in line with the Senate and Governor's proposal and \$25 million more than the House's proposed budget. UGGA is a crucial tool for cities and towns that funds non-education portions of municipal budgets.

Chapter 70

The Senate proposal continues to move towards implementation of the Student Opportunity Act obligations with \$6.86 billion for Chapter 70 (7061-0008). The Conference Committee budget set per pupil minimum aid at \$104 per student in line with the Senate and House budgets. Amendment adopted in the Senate to raise the minimum aid to \$110 per student in the Senate's proposal and to create a Chapter 70 task force to study and make recommendations for updating the calculation of required local contributions were not included in the Conference Committee's recommendations.

Universal School Meals

Universal School meals are included in the Conference Committee budget and are split between two-line items. The first is \$170 million in Fair Share funding for reimbursement to schools. This is \$1 million more than the Governor's budget but \$20 million less than the House's budget. The second is \$5 million for the School Breakfast program (7053-1925). This is \$500,000 more than the Governor's proposal and in line with the Legislature's proposal.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation

In alignment with the Legislature's and Governor's budget, the Conference Committee included \$28.6 million for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation program (7035-0008).

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Healthy Incentives Program (HIP)

The Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) (4400-1004) is proposed at \$15 million in line with the House's budget and a 33% decrease from the Senate's budget.

SAPHE

The Conference Committee recommended that \$10.1 million be allocated for this program. Both the Governor and the House's proposal include \$9 million for the State Action for Public Health Excellence (SAPHE) grant program, while the Senate's budget increased this funding to \$12.5 million. The SAPHE Grant Program strengthens local public health services and protections to residents in 91% of Massachusetts' cities and towns through cross-jurisdictional sharing.

HOUSING

Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)

The MA Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) (7004-9024) is proposed at an increased level of \$219 million, an increase of \$40 million (22%) over FY24 and in line with the Governor, House and Senate's FY25 proposal. Through a combination of project-based vouchers and mobile vouchers, MRVP helps to move homeless families and individuals out of motels, off waiting lists, and into decent homes they can afford.

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)

The Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program (7004-9316) is proposed at \$197 million, a 4% increase over FY24 and in line with the Governor and Legislature's FY25 proposal. This program provides rental, mortgage, utility, and relocation assistance for those at risk of losing their home to prevent and address displacement and foster housing stability among housing insecure households.

Emergency Assistance Family Shelters and Services

It is no secret that Emergency Assistance Family Shelters and Services (7004-0101) has become a pressing and contentious issue in the last few months. The Senate's budget proposes funding at \$326 million; \$800,000 more than FY24.

TRANSPORTATION

MBTA & Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs)

The MBTA (1595-6369) is proposed at \$314 million, a 68% increase over FY24 and \$1 million less than the House proposed. RTA funding (1595-6370) was proposed at \$94 million, this is in line with the Legislature and the Governor's proposal.

Low Income Fare

The Conference Committee proposed \$20 million for a low-income fare program. This would not fully fund the low-income fare program as proposed by the MBTA and there is not included language to make the program permanent. This is also \$3 million less than the Senate proposed and \$25 million less than the Governor proposed.

ENVIRONMENT

Department of Environmental Protection

The Governor, Senate, and House proposed roughly the same budget for DEP (2200-0100). The House and Senate proposed a budget of \$54 million, while the Governor proposed a budget of \$54.5 million. Ultimately, the Conference Committee allocated \$54 million.

Department of Public Utilities

The Governor and Legislature both proposed roughly the same budget for DPU (2100-0012). The House and Senate proposed a budget of \$20.5 million, which is where the Conference Committee landed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Childcare Grants to Providers

The Conference budget includes \$170 million for Childcare Grants to Providers (1596-2410). This is in line with the House and \$25 million more than the Governor's and Senate's budget. The funding is provided by Fair Share surtax funding and a Senate amendment was included that would allow Head Start and Early Head Start programs to be recipients of this funding.

MassReconnect

The Conference budget proposes \$117.5 million for the MassReconnect program (1596-2501 and 1596-2418) in line with the Senate's recommendation while both the Governor and the HWM budgets propose funding the MassReconnect program (1596-2418) at \$24 million. This program provides free community college to students over 25 years of age.

Rate Increase for Early Education and Care

The Conference Committee and all three budget proposals include \$65 million in Fare Share funding for a rate increase for early education and care (1596-2434). Funding is used to subsidize salaries, benefits and stipends for professional development of early educators.

NEW REVENUE

FY25 is the second year that the **Fair Share Amendment**, which establishes a 4% surtax on annual personal incomes over \$1 million, is available to support education and transportation. The surtax is expected to

generate \$1.3 billion in funding that will be allocated to the Education and Transportation Fund where transportation proposals receive \$538 million (41.5%) and education proposals receive \$762 million (58.5%) for education initiative and. This is a more uneven split than any of the three previous proposals.

Fare Share Transportation Funding (\$538 Million):

- \$50 million for MBTA physical infrastructure
- \$10 million for MBTA climate adaptation and resiliency projects
- \$20 million for a MBTA low-income fare program
- \$66 million for RTA operational enhancements
- \$30 million for grants to RTAs for fare free programs
- \$10 million for grants for RTAs to increase connectivity
- \$4 million for grants to support expanded mobility for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income riders.
- \$7.5 million to support ferry grants
- \$36 million to address safety and workforce issues
- \$45 million for municipal roadway reconstructing
- \$10 million to establish a pipeline of skilled MBTA workers
- \$250 transfer to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund

Fare Share Education Funding (\$762 Million):

- \$175 million for the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) grant program
- \$15 million to reduce the waitlist for income-eligible early education and care programs
- \$5 million to expand Pre-K
- \$65 million to increase early education and care providers salaries and benefits
- \$18 million to expand eligibility to childcare financial assistance to families with incomes that are 85 per cent of the state median income
- \$2.5 million expansion of early college, workforce, technical and innovation pathway programs
- \$20 million for an early literacy program called Literacy Launch
- \$170 million to reimburse schools for universal free meals
- \$10 million for a grant program for schools to install clean energy infrastructure
- \$5 million to develop a statewide birth through higher ed mental health and behavioral health framework.
- \$37 million to increase per pupil minimum aid by \$74 to \$104 per student.
- \$80 million to provide financial aid to students in public higher education
- \$117 million for MassReconnect
- \$10 million for a scholarship program for student pursuing in-demand profession
- \$15 million to assist private fundraising by public higher ed institutions-\$10 million is specifically for the UMass system.
- \$14 million to provide wraparound supports and services to improve outcomes for state universities' most vulnerable population
- \$2.5 million to help students at public and community colleges address transportation, food security, short-term housing, and childcare costs that may keep them from attending school.

Surtax Revenue Trust Fund Clarification:

The budget creates an annual transfer of \$250 million of Fair Share surtax revenue directly to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund. But unlike the House budget, it does not stipulate where the funding should go. The House budget allocated the same amount but required that the funding go into 3

accounts, \$127 million for MBTA operating expenses, \$63 million for debt service on bonds, and \$60 million for MassDOT operating expenses.

Outside Sections of Note

Disaster Relief and Resilience Fund (Section 58): Creates a fund to provide emergency disaster relief after a natural or other catastrophic event.

Environmental Justice Fund (Section 58): Creates a fund for the restoration of any natural resource or the remediation of environmental pollution or harm. These projects must benefit the community health or well-being. The fund will be seeded primarily from settlement received by the Attorney General's Office

GAP "And State" Technical Fix (Section 174): This technical fix to the FY24 budget would allow RPAs to use Grant Assistance Program funding for state and federal grants instead of just federal grants.

FY25 Gaming Fund Distributions (Section 194): All three budgets made changes to outlays by the Gaming Mitigation Fund. While the Governor reduced the percentage of revenue that fund would receive, the House reduced that amount to zero in FY25 and the Senate reduced that amount to zero permanently. Ultimately, the Conference Committee sided with the House, which will allow for contributions to the fund again next fiscal year.

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